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WMC receives 8 million dollar bequest

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Over the past three years, Western Maryland College's endowment has grown almost thirty percent, from \$39 million in 1998 to \$55.5 million in 2001. A large portion of this growth is attributed to a recent \$8 million dollar bequest given by Thomas and Catherine Eaton, said Richard Kief, vice president for institutional advancement at WMC.

This is by far the largest gift in the history of the college," Kief said.

The bequest was received between June and September of 2000, after the death of Catherine Eaton in the summer of 1999. Kief said the college chose to hold the announcement of the gift until after President Joan Coley's inauguration ceremonies because "the money wasn't going anywhere, [and] we had to look at when the message would be important."

Since the money was given to the college, it has been put to work. "One hundred percent is going to the endowment," said Ethan Seidel, vice president for finance and administration at WMC. Seidel explained that the endowment is basically the college's investment



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"Money makes the world go 'round," and WMC is, as seen with the recent construction at WMC. The Eaton bequest will go into the WMC endowment, which is used to take care of school needs, such as repairs.

portfolio, which allows the college to provide better services to the students.

WMC's endowment is smaller than most other colleges in our conference," Seidel said. "For instance, Swarthmore has almost a \$1 billion endowment."

Kief commented that even Gettysburg College's endowment, at \$197 million, is almost four times as large as ours. "What that

means is that we're tuition dependant."

The Eaton bequest was unrestricted, meaning it could be used for anything by the college, Kief said. However, he believes the trustees used the gift to increase the endowment because of its importance. Kief believes WMC's endowment is so small "because historically, the college hasn't had it as a focus, and we haven't shown

our alums how they can make a difference and what difference that makes in the education we can offer."

The endowment fits in well with President Joan Coley's goal, expressed at her inaugural address, to triple the endowment funds.

Thomas Eaton was a graduate of the class of 1927 and when he

Winslow's future revamped

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Over the summer, plans for renovations of buildings and grounds on the WMC campus were completed, but one building slated to be renovated remains untouched—Winslow Hall.

According to Ethan Seidel, the vice president of administration and finance, renovations to Winslow were put on hold when the Building and Grounds Committee decided instead to demolish it and build a new facility.

"The Buildings and Grounds committee has voted that a new building would be more useful and more economical than trying to renovate Winslow," he said.

Seidel added that the plan to demolish Winslow will not be official until it is passed by the Board of Trustees this fall.

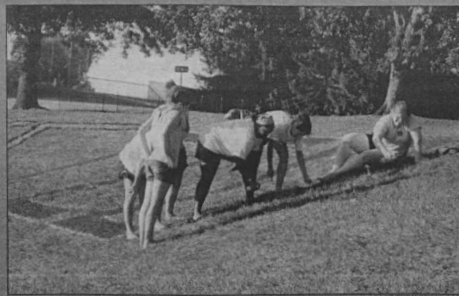
Prior to the decision, the academic departments of Winslow got new, permanent homes in Lewis Recitation Hall, and the Academic Skills Center was ready to move temporarily into the basement of Hoover Library.

Kevin Selby, the center's learning specialist, explained that the center was packed and ready to move into the basement of the library in August, but that never happened.

Because of the change in plans, the Academic Skills Center was left in the dank, mildewy confines of Winslow.

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The grass is always ... multicolored?



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Greeks show their true colors

Members of Gamma Gamma Sigma, WMC's service sorority, spray paint their letters on the hill surrounding Bair Stadium. Many of WMC's Greek organizations showed their pride by decorating the area for the first Green Terror home game.

Residence life down by two

DAN HAMVAS
Special to the Phoenix

While the semester slowly spins up to its maximum output in every aspect, residence life staff is rapidly decreasing in numbers.

Staff member Beth Rosko resigned on September 1 followed shortly after by Nicole Gallup, who resigned on September 14.

Rosko had been working at WMC since 1995 (after working at Elon College in North Carolina) as an Residence Life Coordinator first, and then later as assistant director of Residence Life. Rosko last held the position of director of housing before leaving WMC.

Gallup, who worked at WMC for five years, resigned as Residence Life coordinator for

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Rytter leaves Alumni Relations as associate director

JESSICA WATSON
News Editor

With all of the hubbub of Homecoming just around the corner, the Alumni Relations Office is working without one important factor—the Associate Director. Just this past July they lost their Associate Director Randy Rytter.

Despite this loss, the Alumni Association hasn't skipped a beat with a key player missing.

Rytter moved on to work with KPMG Consulting Firm in northern Virginia after receiving his masters in human resources here at WMC.

Director of alumni relations, Robin Adams Brenton '86 and the assistant director Katie Crowe '00 have taken their already full plates and made room for seconds by assuming Rytter's previous responsibilities.

"It's a very tight schedule of programming," Brenton comments, "and losing one makes it more challenging." Both Brenton and Crowe are fairly new to the Alumni Association; Brenton started in June 2000 and Crowe joined the team just last April.

To start, the association changed their name from Alumni Affairs to Alumni Relations, as communication tends to be the key to gaining recognition and involvement.

Alumni Relations is already in the process of preparing several on campus events. After the Homecoming game on October 20, they will be sponsoring a party on the tennis courts from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., open to both students and alumni. Instead of using your meal ticket in GLAR, you can come join the party instead. The band "Full Effect" will be there live and after 8 p.m. there will be fire works.

They are also planning a Sports Hall of Fame Banquet in November, along with Reunion Weekend in early May for any class year that ends in two or seven.

"I'm really excited," Crowe said. Her reason for wanting this position was so that she could keep in touch with the WMC community. With the associate director missing in action, "this has given me an opportunity to do things that I would not have done before." By November, they hope to have the position filled.

Having the Student Alumni Council is another way they promote the Alumni Association.

"Last year, the council met weekly to find ways to get information across to under grads," says Meg Pickett, last year's assistant manager. "We wanted them to know where their money is going," because aver-

age costs and tuition only pay for roughly 71 percent of the expenses needed to run WMC. Alumni donations aid in making up the remaining 29 percent. "This way they have a higher chance of giving back to WMC after they graduate."

The Student Alumni Council should be in full swing by spring along with the new Student Leadership Program, which will be headed by Jennifer Fisher, the assistant director of Annual Giving.

Fisher explains "this program will give senior members of the Student Alumni Association a chance to explore how the college runs." Students will be given the opportunity to pose questions to key officials on campus and receive competent responses.

Truth be told that "the more you know, the more you want to be involved," Fisher added.

Eaton's help out WMC endowment

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came back for his 50th reunion, he became very interested in the college, said Seidel. Kief explained that Eaton had been nervous about returning to campus because he hadn't seen his classmates in such a long time.

To help him out, Phil Uhrig, the then-alumni director, found a copy of Eaton's yearbook and mailed it to him. This small gesture really made Eaton realize that WMC was a place where people go out of their way to help others, and restarted the relationship between the Eatons and WMC, Kief said.

Both Thomas and Catherine Eaton served as trustees and honorary trustees, respectively, Kief said. The plant fund at the col-

lege, which takes care of the physical improvements and upkeep to the grounds, was named after the Eatons in the mid-1990s Kief said.

The lobby in the Physical Education and Learning Center is also named for the Eatons, Seidel said.

The Eatons were childless, so they left the bulk of their estate to WMC in their will, Kief said. Even though it may seem that the \$8 million is not directly benefiting students, Kief said that "the endowment is invested, and a portion provides money to help lessen our tuition dependence," therefore making WMC a more affordable place for students.



Campus safety enjoys Saturday's football festivities while keeping student safety in check.

SECURITY ALERT

On Friday, August 31, at about 1:15 a.m. a juvenile with a pellet gun shot at a group of students walking through the parking area behind Blanche Ward Hall. Two students were struck and suffered minor injuries. Due to prompt notification of the Department of Campus Safety (DoCS) by the victims officers were able to identify the juvenile in the Union Street area and detain him until police arrived and made an arrest. On Sunday, September 2, at about 9:20 p.m. a student reported someone firing a pellet gun into the area around Blanch Ward Hall. In this incident nobody could be identified although DoCS officers and Westminster Police interviewed two individuals who were present at the first incident. Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact DoCS at ext. 202.

Courtesy of Campus Safety

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Fall 2001 is
September 28, 2001

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

The grants are intended encourage special projects that complement students' major academic emphasis; they are not intended to cover the normal expenses of a course. The project may or may not be connected with a particular course. It may be a special studies outgrowth of a course. A grant may cover the cost of materials for such projects. It may cover travel expenses to libraries or special collections. These are merely examples, Dean Case would like to see what kind of creative proposals students may devise, in consultation with appropriate faculty.

Grants may range from, \$25 to \$500.

Applications are available
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Residence life

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Rouzer and Whiteford halls.

Michael Baker, a senior who has been an RA for a little over two years in Rouzer said, "I was extremely disappointed by both announcements. I think that both Beth and Nicole contribute a tremendous amount of professionalism to the staff."

Rosko will continue working with college campuses as she moves onto Montgomery College, where she will be working as Director of Campus Life.

On the other hand, Gallup hopes to pursue other non-residence life paths of interest in Virginia.

For more in-depth coverage of the Residence Life losses, read the next edition of the *Phoenix*.

Renovations

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Selby said that they simply moved into a more spacious office area, the former offices of the business department.

"We were packed up and ready to go, with nowhere to go," he said. While the change in plans may have stalled work for a day or two, Selby said that it hasn't affected services at all.

Seidel explained that the basement of Baker Memorial Chapel, which houses the foreign language, philosophy, and religion departments, will be renovated next, beginning in October.

The departments of foreign language, philosophy, and religion are temporarily housed in Hill Hall and Lewis.

Celebrating Hispanic heritage

Western Maryland College went right to the top for its first-ever campus-wide celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Latino Leader Raul Yzaguirre will present the Keynote lecture at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, September 18th, in Baker Memorial Chapel.

"I figured we might as well do it right," Director of Multicultural Services M. Grace Almandrez said of Yzaguirre, who as president of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) is recognized as the nation's number one spokesman on Latino issues.

He recently appeared on network television and National Public Radio to discuss the latest Census data, which confirms skyrocketing growth in this country's Hispanic population. At WMC, Yzaguirre will talk about La Raza's upcoming objectives and the group's work to empower Hispanics.

Yzaguirre has worked on behalf of Latino Americans for more than 35 years and has helped make La Raza the most influential and respected Hispanic organization in the country. Since joining NCLR in 1974, he has been honored numerous times for his work, including becoming the first Hispanic to receive a Rockefeller Public Service Award from Princeton University. He also earned a Common

Cause Award for Public Service in 1986 and from 1989-90 he served as one of the first Hispanic Fellows of the Institute of Politics at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. In 1993, Yzaguirre received the Order of the Aztec Eagle, the highest honor given by Mexico to non-citizens. And, he has received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medallion for his work on civil and human rights.

Born in South Texas, he actually began his life-long community activism at age 15 where he organized the American G.I. Forum Juniors, an auxiliary of a Hispanic veterans' organization. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he founded the National Organization for Mexican American Services (NOMAS) which later led to the creation of La Raza.

In 1969, he founded Interstate Research Associates, the first Mexican American research association, which he built into a multimillion dollar nonprofit consulting firm.

Yzaguirre is the immediate past president of the Independent Sector, a nonprofit coalition of more than 850 corporate foundations and volunteer organizations. He also was the first Hispanic to serve on the Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and he was chair of Presi-

dent Clinton's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. Yzaguirre is currently president of the Mexican and American Solidarity Foundation, a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, and on the board of directions of numerous organizations, including the Enterprise Foundation, the National Democratic Institute and the Hispanic Association for Corporate Responsibility.

A frequent commentator on Latino issues, including President Bush's recent discussions with Mexico's leaders, Vicente Fox, he has appeared on shows such as NBC Nightly News, CBS Evening News, The Today Show, CNN and ABC World News Tonight as well as in publications such as Newsweek, The Washington Post, the New York Times, Time Magazine, the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, The Wall Street Journal, and USA Today.

He earned a bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1966 and has received two honorary doctorates.

The WMC lecture is free and open to the public. If you would like more information, contact the Public Information Office at 410-857-2290.

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Advice to the newcomers

Edward K. Schultheis gives WMC's newest students some pointers about college life.

Welcome freshmen. Welcome to a place you are going to call home for the next four years of your life. Welcome to the place where you are going to make friends that could last the rest of your life. Welcome to the site where you will form memories that you will never forget - even though some of them you would like to. Welcome to college, you college.

Not only have you become just a member of the school, but also you have become a member of WMC's tradition and its family.

To me one of the greatest aspects of our school is not the teacher to student ratio, the size of our athletic facilities, or the multitude of the books in Hoover. For me, the greatest aspect of WMC is walking from class to class and seeing so many familiar and smiling faces. It is joking around with the girls and shooting the breeze with the guys between classes and at meals. Its playing Simpsons trivia at 2 a.m. in the hall of my floor with a bunch of people from all over the building.

I'm sure the students familiar with being here know what I am saying. For the freshmen, I bet you are still getting adjusted to

life on campus.

I know I sound corny, and I bet this even sound a bit like freshmen orientation, but it is true - Get Involved. That was the best advice that I received when I came to college. Sorry to say, but I found that last year's freshmen class, as a whole, did not get as involved as some classes before them. That really hurt both the school and extracurricular organizations.

It is amazing though how many more people you meet when you get involved. It does not necessarily mean that you have to write for the *Phoenix* or become an SGA representative. It means that you join an intramural sport, watch the football team play a home game, or even join a fraternity or sorority. It certainly is better than sitting in your room by yourself waiting until the weekend to come so you can go home. It is also better than eating with just your roommate at lunch and dinner since you really have not tried to meet anyone else.

Take a chance. Knock on your neighbor's door and ask them if they want to go to the Pub one night. Join a club or sport and get involved - meet new people. I mean you are going to be here for four years of your life. I figure you should make it the best four years possible.

—Edward K. Schultheis is a junior communication major.

Tuned Out and Turned Off

Tara DellaFranzia laments the portrayal of women in modern film

I don't hate women with good bodies at all. I respect them for keeping in shape and eating well. My boyfriend and I recently rented "Saving Silverman," a typical movie targeted at teens and twenty-somethings like us (you know, the ones that are gullible enough to fall for the advertising).

Like most guys, he enjoyed the breast-watching that the movie was based upon. While I am all for freedom of speech, and for women doing what they want in the world, I can't understand how some can still fall into the media trap.

"You're just jealous; you hate all the women with good bodies," he said. I suppose that my criticism does come off this way. What I resent are not the curves of female celebrities' breasts that I know way too much about, but the fact that these curves are the subject of almost every movie out there. I can't remember the last time I was able to enjoy a movie without having to sit through at least 15 minutes total of breast footage.

I am not interested! I don't want to look at massive cleavage, and I don't want to be "entertained" by a dumb plot entirely written around mountainous breasts. I don't have a problem with breasts. In fact, I own a pair myself. I just don't care to look at them. Given what's at the box office and the video rental stores, I don't have much of a choice. If you choose a comedy, you've chosen some form of breast-cam.

So there we sit on the couch, my boyfriend laughing hysterically while I contemplate the non-outrages of the women in the movies.

Of course, if I dress without a bra, it's far too flashy in his opinion and that of others. It's not like the real world of film, is it? Of course, the movie queens are great for constant drooling.

I don't understand any part of this society. This is a society in which Britney Spears is totally manipulated by producers and di-

eticians, yet declares her independence as a woman. She swears she's a virgin, simply to maintain the point that a near-naked role model isn't total slut.

This is a society where women are clueless to the fact that their daughters grow up anorexic, while all images on screen portray women essentially as sex toys.

Perhaps equality is the answer. Why aren't male nude scenes as prevalent? Maybe it's because some women have an inkling as to what it feels like to have your entire sex exploited. More likely, it is because film producers pander to either males or females. Because most females (like myself) end up compromising, they're stuck with "We are hot chicks," "I'm going to be a nun that dresses like a whore," and "I'm a sex crazed foreign exchange student." (Yes, if you guess the movies, you get a condom... er, honorable mention.) *Hint: If you want equality, rent *Magnolia* and take a good look at Tom in his boxer briefs!

As I said, I don't hate women with good bodies at all. Instead, I have issues with those that accept mainstream film roles that seek to define femininity as sex objects, leaving our boyfriends to wonder why we have image issues.

I know that diet pills and eating disorders are bad solutions to this problem.

I know that being 25 pounds over weight makes me "different," and that's good, I suppose. I also know that I can't compete with what's out there, and my insecurity is hereby justified.

This is me declaring insecurity. This is me, explaining why, to all of those who can't fathom why young women feel this way. This is an author, relating to all the women that have ever known *The Yellow Wallpaper*. I haven't even begun to stare at a glass ceiling, but I know what it's like to swallow the shattered shards.

This is me chopping up my Blockbuster card. This is me turning off the TV. This is an ex-film watcher.

This is a female writer.

—Tara DellaFranzia is a junior English major.

Going to the "Darkside"

Michael Wiles discusses the pros and cons of becoming a WMC Resident Assistant

Just call me Anikin Skywalker. You might as well, since most of my friends feel as though, in their own words, I have "fallen to the dark side."

For the second time in my college career, I have had a roommate transfer. After feeling very rejected and curious as to how bad my body odor really is, I figured some planning was in order. I did not want a randomly-placed roommate, and yet my options were quite limited. Just as I was about to give up hope and accept my fate, "Barebacked Ladies" saved me. Well, the band itself has little to do with my matter, although it was at one of their concerts that I ran into an old RA/friend of mine. I asked him if there were any RA positions open for a starving bum like me, and, a few days later, I had the job (and am no longer starving).

To be honest, it really is a good gig. I have my own room, and am making some money (which I surely need, after spending all my summer earnings), and a little black plaque on my door. Yes, life is certainly good.

As for those that think I am a sellout for becoming an RA, after all my musings regarding the various shortcomings of Resident Life in the past, I say "Nuh-uh." Beyond that, I have no defense for my actions.

Seriously, I believe, and always have believed, that RAs get a bad rap for simply doing their job. I find it remarkable that so many students misunderstand what an RA does. We are not the "fun police" as some people suggest, nor are we the permanent bouncers of campus parties. Basically, we are just here to file work orders when things break, unlock dorm rooms when keys are left inside, and hand out condoms.

I must also admit that the job, while having its down sides (called "weekends"), does indeed have many rewarding aspects. I actually find myself proud that my residents have yet to destroy anything, as if I were their parent, despite the fact that I did nothing to raise them and that most of them are bigger than me.

Not only has my floor stayed intact, but the bathrooms are also being kept quite clean (as clean as dorm bathrooms can get), and if you think about it, is there anymore that one can ask?

I have also found that RAs are often put in the position to play hero every once in a while, at least in that "somebody call a mechanic, the sink is overflowing" sort of way. Luckily, I have not encountered any medical emergencies so far, and I hope that trend continues. And yes, I have to file Incident Reports. And, while I will not go into details, I will say that they have been few and far between, and that they were unavoidable. Of this matter, a few words of advice: whatever you do in your room, KEEP in your room. Also, on that note, some clarification: the hallway is not your room.

As I said, not bad gig at all. And, to those that criticize me, think of my new job as a way of actually MAKING a difference, not just complaining until someone else does (not that I will stop complaining. What sense would that make?). And, if that logic is lost on you, let me remind you that I have a little black plaque, and I know how to use it.

—Michael Wiles is a junior English Major

Horoscopes: Setting your sights on a fabulous semester at the Hill

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Virgo

(August 23 - September 21)
Happy birthday! This semester will be a great one for you, even if you think you have taken on more than you can handle. Make sure to have fun when you feel like you need a break and don't ignore that urge to get some ice cream in Glar. Good fortune will come your way on the 18.

Libra

(September 22 - October 23)
If you have your eye on someone, this is the perfect time to start the chase. Even though it's now where near Valentine's Day, love is in the air for you. And if you are seeing someone, take them out for the day. Plan a picnic or a trip to his/her favorite place. You both will enjoy the break from responsibility. Your luck will be strong on the 23.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)
Avoid wild parties as much as possible until you have a better handle on your work. Staying caught up can be hard if you are drunk all weekend. Also distance yourself from too many sweets as they are not conducive to good study habits. The stars will be in your favor on the 14.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 20)
Beware of that new friend of yours. They want something from you that you won't be willing to give up without a fight. Just stay on your guard and be ready for anything. Pleasant events will occur on the 20.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 19)
Keep in touch with your family and friends and spend as much time with them as you can. After all, if

you don't have them, who do you have? Do something special to let them know how much you care about them. A good day for you to relax and take a break from working will be the 17.

Aquarius

(January 20 - February 17)
Stop hunting for that special



GRAPHIC BY JESSICA WAYTON

someone and let them find you. You are looking great this month and things will only get better from here. An unexpected visit will have you overjoyed near the end of the month. Spend the 22 catching up on sleep.

Pisces

(February 18 - March 19)
"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle." Male or female, listen to what this really says and get out of that relationship that is dragging you down. Trust me, you can do SO much better! Your luck will change for the better on the 15.

Aries

(March 20 - April 19)
When it comes to fights, debates, and important issues, listen to your intuition, and stick with it. Don't allow yourself to be swayed by your friends. To be cliché, whatever happens will probably be best for everyone, so don't be too upset if you are not on the winning side. You'll find something on the 19

that may change your life.

Taurus

(April 20 - May 19)
Do you keep a dream journal? Maybe you should. Dreams say a lot about a person and their problems, so keeping track of your dreams may help you solve the problems that bother you. Too cheap to buy a real journal? Go to Walmart or Target and get a spiral. The 13 will be a good time to indulge yourself in the finer things in life.

Gemini

(May 20 - June 20)
You may be coming into some big money soon and your friends will be asking you to buy them stuff and take them places. Don't be stingy, but don't waste all of your money either. This will be a great time to go shopping for that new shirt you wanted. Take a chance on the 16 and you might surprise yourself with the end result.

Cancer

(June 21 - July 21)
Take some time out of each day to spend on your own. Go for a walk or drive to get away from everything, including music. You need to clear your mind so you can focus on your school work. A cluttered mind makes for cluttered work. This alone-time will also help you get rid of your crabby mood. Help a stranger on the 24 and the favor will come back to you when you least expect it.

Leo

(July 22 - August 22)
Join a new organization, be it a sports team, club, or fraternity/sorority. You'll make new friends and it will give you a much-needed break from studying. Who knows? You may meet your true love. Look for a chance to start something important over on the 21.

The Writing Center tutors are available to assist students again

LISA BRESLIN
Contributing Writer

- * "Good idea. Needs more development."
- * "The content of this essay is strong; however, grammar errors pulled the grade down."
- * "Stronger organization needed."
- * "Unity?" "Coherence?"
- * "Stronger thesis needed."

If I had to create the Top Five list of non-glowing comments offered by professors on returned papers, these would rank the highest, followed closely by, "Weak introduction," and "Conclusion drops off."

I often joke with my students about punching a rubber stamp with these comments to spare myself the agony of writing the words so many times.

My fear, however, is that for many students, these comments have become cliché and fewer student pay attention to them and/or know how to respond.

The potential for powerful writing remains potential; and students continue to crank out limp essays that don't thrill them, let alone any instructor.

Colorless, ineffective writing doesn't have to exist at WMC, especially when so many of the students turning in that colorless writing are vibrant and smart.

Few people can be the perfect writers that Walt Whitman describes, who make words "sing, dance, kiss, do the male and female act, bear children, weep, bleed, rage, stab, steal, fire cannon, steer ships, sack cities..." But conscientious

tious students can find ways to breathe life into lifeless sentences.

Whether you are a freshman or a graduate student — a science major or an English major, there are techniques for writing essays that hold your readers to your last echoing word. We teach many of those techniques in the writing center (located in Hill Hall - Room 101).

Every day of the week, often from 8 a.m. until midnight, tutors are available to help any WMC student with any stage of the writing process. Sometimes students get help with moving their writing from rough notes to a rough draft. Other times, students bring in rough drafts for help with development, writing a thesis statement, and/or cleaning up grammar mistakes.

The tutors in the Writing Center taught me everything I was supposed to know before I got here," said Tony Braglio, a WMC sophomore. "When I went to the center, I scheduled a time that was convenient for me, and I could adjust that time as often as I needed to. My writing improved a lot."

"It's a friendly environment," said Katie Tomarelli, also a sophomore. "I like learning from peers, not just my teachers. I'm going to keep going to the center all the way through my senior year."

Discover the writing center if you haven't already. I can't guarantee that your essays will be powerful enough to steer ships or sack cities, but you will become a better writer.

Lisa Breslin is the interim director of The Writing Center.

Les Liaisons Dangereuses By Christopher Hampton

The National Players will perform this tale of moral and romantic intrigue in pre-revolutionary France in which ex-lovers struggle for power and play games of sexual conquest. For more information, see article on page 6.

One performance only!!!
Alumni Hall Mainstage
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~ORIGINS~

CLAIRE ADAMS
Co-Editor-in-Chief

When I first arrived at WMC three years ago, I was under the impression that most of my peers and professors would be native Marylanders. Who else would have ever heard of our tiny little hamlet on a hill?

Boy was I wrong! Now, I've come to realize that what makes WMC so great and so unique is the diversity of the people who work and live here. However, I'm not just talking about racial, religious, or ethnic diversity. I'm talking about the

diversity of our roots—of those people and things in the past that define who we are today and why we are at WMC.

Because these things are the least bit superficial, they are often the most difficult to see. Many of us might see a flower for its beauty, but rarely do we consider that it required a certain type of seed, setting, soil, sunlight and time to make such a beautiful blossom.

Perhaps, one person might define his or her origin as their heritage. Another, might look to the town, or even country, that

they grew up in. And still others might base their origin on other people who have impacted their life.

ORIGINS will look deeper into the places and people that shaped the life of a particular student, staff or faculty member.

I know of many people on this campus that have fascinating origins, but I'm sure that there are many more that I'm unaware of.

I invite you to write into the Phoenix with recommendations. Every issue, we'll feature an ORIGINS column on a WMC student, staff or faculty member.

I Believe

What do you believe?

For all of you who don't understand what this column is about, let me explain. It all started when Lisa Breslin showed her ENG1101 class the scene from Bull Durham where Crash Davis (Kevin Costner) launches into a speech about what he believes. Breslin used that speech to inspire her students to write their own. She got the idea for the assignment from Joel Saltzman's book, *If You Can Talk, You Can Write*. -Shauna Dominguez

From riding the curl of a wave, to cherry lip gloss — from Grandmother's chocolate chip cookies, to the reputation of Ruble vodka, Western Maryland College students share what thrills them in this column.

Share what thrills you by submitting your own "I Believe" statement. Drop the statement off at the Information Desk in Decker. Ideal length: 100 words, more or less. -Lisa Breslin

I believe that good music is one man and his guitar. I believe that there is a time for business and a time for pleasure. I believe that the future is no place to place your better days. I believe in me, the sunshine, hot sand, laziness and in the notion that one must be smart to be lazy.

I believe in riding the curl of a wave on my surfboard. I believe in good friends, good food, and good times. I believe in God, my family. And I believe that Napster is the best thing to come from the Internet.

Leon Mach
Freshman

I believe in French Vanilla ice cream, cherry lip gloss, chocolate kisses and that staying up with good friends until 5 a.m. is worth the exhaustion the next day. I believe that sunroofs are worth the extra money, boyfriends are worth the headache and that my dorm room is hotter than anyone else's at Western Maryland College.

I believe that no one will ever be able to bake chocolate chip cookies as well as my grandmother, that college will truly be the best time of my life, and that Ruble vodka isn't as bad as everyone says it is.

Amanda O'Connell
Freshman

National Players to perform Les Liaisons Dangereuses

The National Players will present Christopher Hampton's "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" at 8 p.m., on Saturday, September 15, at Western Maryland College's Alumni Hall.

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. 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 \$2nd national tour.

The company has given about 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. 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 travelling players, the tour members are totally involved in every aspect of the plays they perform: raising the set, hanging the lights, checking sound, arranging dressing rooms.

WMC alumnus Jon Reynolds '00 is a member of this year's cast. While at WMC, he appeared in several student productions,

including "Marat Sade," as well as Theatre on the Hill's "Snow White" and "Stuart Little."

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses" is a steamy tale of moral and romantic intrigue in the bourgeois society of pre-revolutionary France.

The story centers on ex-lovers Vicomte de Valmont and the Marquise de Merteuil, and their games of sexual conquest and struggle for power over the other.

The play, which had a successful run on Broadway and on London's West End from 1985-87, was adapted from the 18th century novel by Pierre Choderlos de Laclos. A career soldier, he wrote his first and only piece of fiction in 1782 while stationed at a rather dreary post.

Four movies are based on the story, too. In 1988, Hampton adapted his own play for the Oscar-winning script for "Dangerous Liaisons" starring Glen Close, John Malcovich and Michelle Pfeiffer. Others are "Les Liaisons dangereuses" with Jeanne Moreau and Gerard Philipe, "Valmont" with Annette Bening and Colin Firth, and the most recent "Cruel Intentions" with Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe, and Reese Witherspoon.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. For tickets call the WMC box office at 410-857-2448.

Courtesy of Public Information.

Hey Students!

Interested in writing? Do you like theatre, art, or music? Or perhaps have you always wanted to have your own quirky column? If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, then you should be on the Phoenix staff.

Call ext. 8600 for more information, or come to one of our weekly meetings, Monday nights at 6:30 in the basement of Rouzer (near the Rouzer lounge and soda machines).

Join the
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Calendar of Upcoming WMC Theatre and Musical Events

Saturday, September 15

Les Liaisons Dangereuses. (See ad on page 5)

Monday, September 24

Monday Night Music Presents Jon Seligman
7 p.m. McDaniel Lounge

Tuesday, September 25

The Evelyn MacKenzie Performance Series presents Cantare
7 p.m. Big Baker Memorial Chapel

Did you do something cool or amazing this summer?

If so, the Phoenix wants to hear about it.

The second issue of the Phoenix will feature students who traveled to an amazing place or did something incredible over the summer.

Stories about last semester are also acceptable.

If you think you did some-

thing that qualifies as amazing and want your story published in the Phoenix, contact Shauna, the Features Editor, at ext. 8660. The deadline will be September 20.

Examples: backpacking across Europe or spending your summer doing something that changed someone else's life.

Quest for 70 homeruns: Is Bonds worthy?

Rick Grams discusses Barry Bonds' effort to break the homerun record

As the baseball season draws to a close, Barry Bonds is challenging Mark McGwire's record of 70 home runs in a season, set in 1998. Recently, there have been many anti-Bonds cries from both the press and the public, complaining mainly of how self-centered Bonds seems to be.

However, Bonds is a much better player to have hold one of baseball's most cherished records, even more so than everyone's poster boy, McGwire.

First of all, Barry Bonds is a five-tool player, meaning he can hit for average, hit for power, run, throw, and field the ball well. He is on the verge of becoming the first player in history to hit 500 home runs and steal 500 bases. McGwire, on the other hand, is one-dimensional. The one thing he can do is hit home runs. Though he does this extremely well, he

can only beat you in one way. Bonds, even when having an off night at the plate, can help his San Francisco Giants win a game by stealing a base or making a clutch defensive play.

One could argue that McGwire deserves the home run record because he is a home run hitter, but I feel a player who does more than one thing deserves one of the most hallowed records in sports.

Bonds is also widely considered the best player of his generation. He has consistently put up great numbers throughout his career. He has won three National League Most Valuable Player Awards (1990, 1992, 1993) and could have easily won in 1991 and 2000. McGwire has not won a MVP award—not even for his record-breaking 1998 campaign.

Big Mac, on the other hand, was recently called the most overrated player in baseball history in a recent issue of Sports Illustrated. Throughout his career, Bonds has been far more consistent than the

injury-plagued McGwire. Still, it seems that no one wants McGwire's record to fall to Bonds, as seen in columnist Rick Reilly's piece in that same issue of SI. Reilly says that a self-centered, egotistical player like Bonds is bad for team chemistry. Baseball, however, is unlike most other team sports in that team chemistry on and off the field is not a huge factor in team success.

Another reason Bonds is more deserving of the record is that he is hitting home runs while the Giants are in the midst of a tight pennant race with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Los Angeles Dodgers, not to mention the wild card race. When McGwire broke the record, his St. Louis Cardinals finished out of contention for both the division crown and the wild card (oddly enough, last season the Cardinals made it to the NL Championship Series in a season in which McGwire missed nearly half of his team's games).

Bonds has hit over 500 career

home runs without the aid of strength-enhancing drugs, something McGwire cannot claim. McGwire has since quit taking an anastrozole, a substance banned in all professional sports besides baseball, but he did so during his record-breaking season.

And while I'm on the subject of McGwire, let me just say that he and Chicago Cubs' rightfielder Sammy Sosa did not "save baseball" with their historic '98 seasons. Cal Ripken brought disgruntled fans back to the game, with his pursuit and eventual breaking of Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak in 1995, one season after the World Series was cancelled due to a players' strike.

Cal, who is retiring this year, played in 2,636 games before taking a day off. Ripken will finish his career with over 3,000 hits and 400 home runs.

He had a great career for the Baltimore Orioles, and fans will miss seeing him in the lineup every day.

Men's soccer off to perfect start this year

GLENN LEDEKER
Sports Editor

At the start of the fall season, the Western Maryland College Men's soccer team is off to a record start.

At 3-0, the squad is off to its best start since the 1995 season. Returning all but two players from last year's team, the team hopes to use their perfect start to achieve their goal of the Centennial Conference championship in 2001.

WMC kicked their season off with a road opener against Bridgewater College. The opposition stuck first with a controversial goal off the crossbar, but the Green Terror offense quickly responded within seconds with a netted goal from junior forward Ryan Tetteris. A couple of minutes later, WMC struck again with a score from junior forward Steve Lennox and ended the half with a 2-1 advantage.

Early in the second half, Tetteris struck again with his second goal of the contest and WMC used another score by senior mid fielder Pat Danaher to win the opener 4-2.

The following day, the Green Terror were looking to build on their solid start against Eastern Mennonite University. From the start, the WMC offense was staggering, putting six goals on the board in the first half, including two scores by freshman forward Trevor Brown. Goals were registered by among others, senior forward Vinny Pedalino and freshman midfielder Thom Kane. In the second half, the Green Terror scored another goal and got great defense to pick up a 7-0 shutout. Conference first team goalie Ryan Defibaugh picked up five saves in the victory.

WMC took their perfect record

into their home opener against Wilmington College on September 3rd.

In a tightly contested game, scores were hard to come by as the defenses controlled the game. WMC allowed a early goal, but the Green Terror struck back with a late score from junior backer David Filo to tie into the half knotted at 1-1.

The second half was very similar to the first with both offenses struggling to score. Finally, at the 21:56 mark, WMC pushed ahead with a goal from junior mid fielder Aaron Bulls and received a strong performance from goalie Defibaugh to pull out the 2-1 victory.

With a perfect start in the early season, the Green Terror are looking strong and ready for another amazing season.

After last year's best season performance, the first ever in school history, this team has the chance to be one of the strongest in the history of the program and perhaps, have a chance at their first conference championship.

Sports Trivia

Who was the first black player to play in the Major Leagues?

Answer will be in the next edition of the Phoenix.

Rouse, Wall lead Terror V-Ball 2001

CRAIG JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Hang on tight. Although the WMC volleyball team is only one week into the 2001 season, they have already been through a rollercoaster of ups and downs that has seen them post a winning record at 4-3.

Most recently, on September 7th, the Green Terror traveled to Gettysburg, Pa. to participate in the Bulleit Invitational.

WMC picked up victories over Goucher, Salisbury and Eastern Mennonite, but dropped their contests with Mary Washington and Moravian.

Kate Wall placed on the all-tournament team, posting 20 kills against Eastern Mennonite, and 13 kills against Mary Washington. Jessica Rouse added 48 assists against Eastern Mennonite to lead the Green Terror in that category.

In their home opener last Tuesday, WMC jumped out to a two game to none lead against the visiting Crusaders of Susquehanna University, only to drop the fifth and deciding game in heartbreak fashion by a score of 16-14. Captain Kate Wall forced 29 kills for the Terror while senior Jessica Rouse added 42 assists for the home team.

On the defensive side, Wall and Sarah Reitz posted 20 and 16 digs respectively, however their collective efforts came up just short.

The brightest moment of the

season thus far came when WMC traveled to Frostburg College and emerged with a 3-2 win over a heavily favored Frostburg squad.

Led by senior Jessica Rouse, who recorded 13 digs and 46 assists, the Terror opened the season with a road victory.

Wall, a junior from North Carroll High School, successfully ended the day with 30 kills and 18 digs, while Sam Stambaugh added 10 kills in the winning effort. Mandy Hoffman also posted 16 digs in the contest.

With the graduation of First Team All-Centennial Conference standouts Honesty Drungoole and Brianna Bray, the 2001 Green Terror volleyball team will rely heavily on Rouse and Wall for leadership throughout the rest of the season. Rouse holds the school's career assist record with 3,109 through three seasons and looks to set the table this fall for the up-and-coming Wall.

In the final four matches of 2000, Wall led the team in kills in each contest and totaled 85 kills during the season-ending spree. Statistically, she led all WMC players in kills and digs a season ago. Rouse was the team's top server with 55 aces.

The Terror volleyball team returns to action on September 14th when they head north to participate in the University of Scranton tournament. Let the rollercoaster continue. Dramamine not included.

Do you like sports? Do you have opinions on college and professional sports? Then consider writing sports for the Phoenix. Call x8600 for info.

Mike's WWF Fanatic Series: Austin vs. Rock?

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Where is the WWF going?

The storylines seemed headed for an obvious Rock vs Stone Cold Steve Austin (SCSA) match, but now the WWF seems to have made the decision that they don't like money. That seems to be the only reason not to have done the big payoff match yet. Remember, it was Austin's double crossing that led to The Rock's "suspension."

The rivalry is so natural, and the match should have taken place at Summerslam. Yet they put it off. I suppose the strategy is to have the conflict at Survivor Series. Still, the WWF title picture is weak right now, and stalling for another two months until the November pay-per-view is a bad idea. The Kurt Angle/SCSA feud has lost its fizz, and we're leading toward a boring Unforgiven pay per view later this month. I can't imagine they are going to allow Kurt Angle to fight Austin a third month at the October pay-per-view, so that leaves us with another question, who's going to step up after Angle, but before The Rock, if they are indeed waiting for survivor series for the SCSA/Rock match?

Could Booked T turn on the alliance and feud with Austin? Could the WWF finally open their eyes (and ears) and understand that Chris Jericho is the third most popular man on the roster, and fill him in on the PPV? Could Triple H return sooner then expected, and battle for the WCW as well as October?

Also, the SCSA/ECW alliance vs. the WWF story was great for a while, but the WWF isn't putting any work into it. It's morphed into the crazy Stone Cold story. Don't get me wrong, the paranoid, psychotic Steve Austin is one of the best characters in wrestling history, but the WWF needs to throw some wood on the alliance/WWF rivalry.

The one thing I am very excited about is the huge Christian vs Edge matchup that should happen at Unforgiven. After teasing it for years, the team split up last week. The Intercontinental title feud between these guys could be the best IC action since Jericho vs Regal early this year, as the IC belt has had a pretty sad summer.

As always, we're just going to have to tune in to RAW and Smackdown next week to find out what happens next.

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After falling to Bridgewater in opener, the Green Terror football team defeated Susquehanna in home opener

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

If records are made to be broken, then a lot of records did as they were told last Saturday as The Green Terror football team defeated visiting Susquehanna 63-20.

WMC Quarterback Jamie Harris threw six touchdowns and ran for one, establishing a new mark for total touchdowns in a game for both Western Maryland College and The Centennial Conference.

Harris's 355 yards throwing was also the third highest total in school history. Harris is quick to pass the credit on to someone else.

"The coaching staff really put me in a position to make those plays. They called great plays. The offensive line blocked really well, and the receivers made great catches."

Senior Terror Powell caught four touchdowns, upping his career mark to 25, a new WMC record. Not only did he score, however, he scored big. One of his touchdowns were for 48 yards, and another was 60.

The Terror received the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards to the end zone for a touchdown in less than three minutes.

After the "Green Swarm" defense shut down Susquehanna's of-

fense in three plays, Junior Jesse Hudson, who also had a sack on the day, blocked the punt leaving the Terror with the ball inside Susquehanna's 30. The Terror put

scored again, and they were leading 21-0 in the first quarter. The game looked like it was going to be a romp, but The Crusaders had other ideas scoring 20 consecutive

touchdown. Junior newcomer to the team Wendell Butler broke through the line and blocked the PAT. The block flew right into the hands of Junior Scott Stolzenberg

but it changed the momentum of the entire contest. Preceding the kick, Susquehanna had scored 20 straight points. After the big play, WMC went on to score 42 straight. About as much momentum difference as they can be.

The week before the Terror traveled down to Harrisonburg Virginia to play the Bridgewater Eagles. The Terror lost the contest 29-20.

The game, which was arguably the biggest game in the country for Division III that weekend, was a battle of the number 4 (WMC) and 6 (BC) ranked teams in the nation. The Terror started out rough and were down 14-0 at one point, but the feet of Harris kept them alive on a long scoring run in the third quarter.

Down 20-21 late in the fourth, the rally came up just short as Bridgewater was able to stop the Terror offense, and score a final TD.

Next week the Terror drive right up 97 to take on The Gettysburg Bullets. Of the game, Harris said "It's a big game, it starts the conference for us."

Harris finished, "Gettysburg is a rivalry, and you can throw out everything else when two rivals are playing."



The Green Terror football team, after losing to Bridgewater in the season opener, defeated Susquehanna 63-20.

another TD on the board soon after, and were leading by two scores less than five minutes into the game.

A few minutes later, the Terror

points of their own.

At this point a special teams play turned the game around for the Terror. As the Crusaders kicked, their extra point after their third

who ran down the Terror sideline 90 plus yards for the defensive two-point conversion.

Not only was the play a three point swing in favor of the Terror,

Women's soccer copes with loss

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

Despite a school record 16 wins last season and many returning starters, the Western Maryland College women's soccer team has had to adjust things for their fall 2001 campaign.

First team all-conference would-be sophomore Carah Medill who set conference records for goals, assists, and points, left school to transfer back to her native Kansas, and the team only has one senior for this year's squad. The team isn't short on talent though, with many all-conference players returning and a dazzling recruiting class coming in.

To begin the season, the Green Terror traveled on the road to play tough non conference foe, Eastern Mennonite University.

It was a tough day for the Green Terror as they found goals hard to come by and fell in their opener 2-0. Junior goalie Candi Kuligowski played well, stopping six shots, but

the opposition was better on this day.

The next day, WMC looked to redeem themselves in another road game against Bridgewater College. Once again, the Green Terror defense was dazzling on the field, but the offense, despite taking 24 shots on goal, were held scoreless for the second game in a row. Kuligowski had a another strong performance in goal with four saves, but the opposition picked up a first half score and held on to win a squeaker 1-0.

The Green Terror headed in to their next game against Shenandoah University with a winless 0-2 record, but the team had played much better than their record indicated, losing close road games. The offense was hoping to respond in the next game.

Against Shenandoah, the offense took out their frustration on the opposition, with seven first half goals in the first half and won in a shutout, 8-0. The offense was led by junior forward Melissa Merson

who had four goals, and freshman Brooke Weiner who scored three. The defense was again smothering, led by senior back Kara Moran, as the opposition didn't even get one shot on the Green Terror goal.

"We have a very strong, well rounded team," says sophomore forward Heidi Hurr.

Despite the loss of Medill, the team is very deep on young talent who can put points up on the board.

"We needed to get adjusted to playing without her, and I think we have adjusted now," says Hurr.

With the offense's early struggles to open the season, there may have been some doubt about this year's team, but the team has many other stars to pick up the scoring load.

With all conference players like Merson and sophomore Niki Lepson and a strong contingent of young freshman like Brooke Weiner, Katie Kirley, and Lauren Toussaint, the team has all the makings of championship team in 2001.



This banner, which promotes the Western Maryland College football team, was displayed during HBO's filming of the Baltimore Ravens camp this past summer at the college. The HBO show was entitled "Hard Knocks."



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WMC family responds to terrorist attacks

CLAIRE ADAMS & JESSICA WATSON
Co-Editor in Chief & Co-News Editor

As a large crowd of WMC students and faculty gathered to watch the September 11 news unfold on the tiny screen of the Ensor Lounge TV, the sky above Westminster became still and disturbingly quiet.

Cessnas out of the nearby Carroll County Regional Airport ceased to buzz overhead and students ceased to follow their routine class schedule, for America was under attack.

That Tuesday, there were two successful terrorist attacks on Washington DC and New York and a plane crash in Pittsburgh, PA that never made its destination.

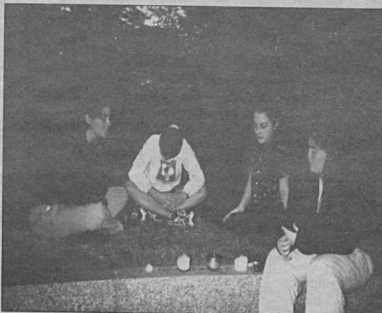
Almost immediately there was live news coverage on every station, and vivid images of mass destruction dominate the screen—scenes that paralyzed the normal flow of students around the campus.

On the benches right outside of Decker Center two students try to console an emotional friend. She covered her face to hide her tears, to hide her pain, and the cold harsh reality slowly settles in.

As the breaking news spilled out across campus, students rushed to get back to their dorm rooms, to get to a phone, to call home.

But, as America seemed to be falling apart, WMC proved to be growing stronger as students, faculty, and staff united.

Philip Sayre, Dean of Student



Kate Prishy, Angie Seufert, Lahanna Catalano and Megan Norris light a candle to remember Tuesday's victims.

Affairs, explained that the administration's main concern was with how the students were coping with

the news. After meeting with President Joan Develin Coley, and Dean Sam Case, the administration planned to cancel classes for the rest of the day and hold an all-campus meeting.

Time spent studying soon turned into time spent consoling each other.

"This is a time for everyone to

come together," says junior Michelle Sorensen. Sorensen helped organize the candle light vigil in memory of this disaster which took place just hours after the initial reports of the attacks.

They say that this was worse than Pearl Harbor and that we need to retaliate. For the next few years, things are going to be shaky around here.

Through programs like the vigil and the all-campus meeting led by Coley, students were able to express their feelings of fear, sadness, and patriotism.

"It was like a dream," comments junior Laura Slagle, on

watching the live coverage of the terrorist attacks. "I still get chills just thinking about it."

Almost as if you were watching a movie, some television stations broadcasted live as the towers of the World Trade Center collapsed.

"You don't even really believe it at first," says senior Nikki Gaston. "It wasn't until I saw the Pentagon on fire that it really hit me, I can't believe this is happening."

"We are searching for answers," says Joshua Foster, the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Campus Minister, "we need someone to reassure us."

President George W. Bush promises to aid the victims and their families, as well as to "hunt down the perpetrators of this terrorist attack." One of the first of many random thoughts to run through our minds is war, the true test of any generation.

"The U.S. is going to be much different now," says sophomore Amy Malcolm, "because we might go to war." Bush assertively reassures us that America will retaliate.

"I would hate for war to break out over this," says senior Suzanne Holmes. "I don't believe in war."

"This is definitely a wake up call," comments senior Chris Bauerlein. "I still feel an amount of fear because we live on the East

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New frat joins WMC

LEROY McDOUFFIE
Co-News Editor

Recently at WMC, a new form of brotherhood has joined the community—Alpha Sigma Phi, a national fraternity, has made its way to campus with new ideas and hopes.

Established in 1845 at Yale University, Alpha Sigma Phi was brought to WMC by junior Pat Dougherty and senior John Buschman, among others.

Buschman explained at the beginning it was just five friends that wanted to be apart of a fraternity, a member of a life-long brotherhood.

During the winter break, they wrote letters of interest to various fraternities. They received between 10 to 12 responses from such fraternities as Theta Delta Ki, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Unfortunately, many of these fraternities had no more room to expand chapters, so Buschman and Dougherty went elsewhere. At that point, they explained, it had seemed like all hope of finding a fraternity was gone, but one fraternity did make an impromptu visit, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Alpha Sigma Phi was looking to have expanded chapters.

Once Buschman and Dougherty met with members of the fraternity, they realized that it embodied everything they wanted in a fraternity.

Buschman said, "We wanted to go back to the old fraternity style."

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Strike a pose!



Matt Pohlhaus (left) and friends goof off during the family weekend football game. See a full welcome back weekend and family weekend collage on page 12.

New faces at WMC

KATRINA BUCKLEY
Staff Writer

When the WMC doors opened at the beginning of the 2001 fall semester, freshman and transfer students were not the only new faces spotted on campus. Six new professors, their areas of expertise ranging from the stages of infant development to the finer points of computer programming, also found themselves navigating the WMC campus for the first time.

Though their backgrounds and specialties vary considerably, it is apparent that all of the new professors have a lot to offer the WMC students, each one of them expressing a genuine sense of excitement about being a part of the WMC community.

Dr. Susan Scott, who teaches the History of Western Art I in addition to the Arts of India, China,

and Japan, has more than twenty years of experience in her field.

After earning a B.A. in art education and English literature from Penn. State University, Scott taught an assortment of subjects, including studio art and creative writing within the public school system.

Returning to Penn. State, Scott went on to receive a M.A. in art history, eventually culminating her studies at PSU by earning a Ph.D. in art history with a dissertation in Italian Baroque architecture.

As a professor of Asian art and Italian Baroque architecture at Penn. State, Scott was fulfilling her lifelong ambition to teach, yet soon found herself yearning for a smaller, more personalized environment in which to pursue her career.

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A campus of many colors

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

Due to the events on Tuesday, WMC's keynote speaker, Raul Yzaguirre, president of the National Council of La Raza had to postpone his lecture until October 2.

Yzaguirre is recognized as the nation's number one spokesman on Latino issues.

Despite the delay, WMC is still going strong in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and promoting diversity on campus.

"This is the first time that WMC has ever celebrated this event," says M. Grace Almandrez, the director of Multicultural Services, "and because it is the first time, we want to do it right."

Yzaguirre will address issues concerning the Hispanic community.

"There hasn't been a speaker like this to ever come by WMC," says Maribel Calderon, the president of the Hispano-Latina Alliance (HLA). "So this is definitely a big event."

HLA is one of many groups that worked to put together Hispanic Heritage Month.

In the meantime, the Multicultural Student Association recently sponsored a Nacho Night on Sept. 20, where students became acquainted with each other while feasting upon nachos with hot cheese and salsa and listening to Latin music. They also discussed possible events for the future to make the WMC community more aware of the diverse cultures that exist on campus.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, on Sept. 25, the music department is sponsoring a concert that will feature "Contare" at 7 p.m. at Baker Memorial Chapel.

"Contare" draws from the musical heritage of Puerto Rico, Argentina, El Salvador, Peru, Brazil and Venezuela. They will perform songs in Spanish and Portuguese and

will also share the music's cultural and historical background.

Then on Monday October 1, there will be a Minority Career Dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 in the President's Dining Room. Students will get the chance to meet alumni of color and to hear about a vast range of career opportunities.

"We are also going to have a 'Win a DJ' raffle," says Calderon, a senior. "This is going to go from Sept. 24 to Oct. 5. The tickets will be one dollar each; if you get the winning ticket we supply you with a free DJ."

The money will go towards planning and producing more cultural events for WMC. Hispanic Heritage Month goes from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and all are welcome to come out and participate in any of the planned activities.

"The biggest misconception is that some think that the culture clubs are only open to students of those cultures," Almandrez comments, "these clubs are for anyone who is interested."

"Sometimes it is difficult because the Hispanic community is so small," says Calderon. "Overall, people are very supportive about the Hispanic culture. We are making the effort to bring something on campus that promotes diversity."

Diversity is a priority on campus. Groups such as the HLA, along with the ALLIES, the Asian Community Coalition (ACC), the Black Student Union (BSU), the Jewish Student Union, the Multicultural Student Association, Sounds of Silence, Women's Issues Group, the International Club and many more are all working to make everyone more aware of the many cultures that exist here.

"Culture isn't necessarily something that you inherit," says Almandrez, "it's something that you learn."

Community copes with tragedy

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Coast," so if there is a war "we are a target." Bauerlein believes that we should "seek guidance from God and not act on retaliation."

"I'm trying to be optimistic," says junior Nicole Nickerson. "They say that this was worse than Pearl Harbor and that we need to retaliate. For the next few years things are going to be shaky around here."

As time passes after the tragedies, the WMC community continues to find ways to support and unite.

Sayre explained that the school was prepared on Tuesday to accommodate any students who needed counseling. But, fortunately, he said, students simply talked to each other and to faculty about their feelings.

"We felt like so many people had something to say but didn't know how to express it," says Allie Pearlman, president of the Social Work Club,

We felt that we were all helpless, but hearing the national anthem, the sound of the bells, and everyone sharing their feelings, it's very emotional. It brings tears to my eyes. I'm glad to be in a school like this. I had all of my friends around; we comforted each other.

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To help out with Friday's events, professors were asked to momentarily pause at noon.

Sayre believes that as many as 1000 students took part in the program.

Several students spoke out and voiced their feelings, opinions and concerns on Tuesday's events. One of those students was James Gasparo, who helped Sorensen with the vigil and has also become very involved in finding ways for WMC to support and give back to America.

"I've always been patriotic," Gasparo says, "I owe it to my country."

Despite that the community is coming

together and reaching out to others, "we still have not achieved our goal," Gasparo added, "I'm just a student...my voice can only carry but so far. I am not in a position to lead the WMC community."

To further aid the victims and their families, Gasparo and a group of students are organizing more events for the near future, including a teddy bear drive for the children who lost parents in the attacks.

A group of students also conducted a banner-signing outside of GLAR last week. The banners will be sent to New York City to be a part of a memorial.

"I think that WMC is doing a wonderful job," says Mary Grace Almandrez, the director of Multicultural Services. "Whether it is organized by students or faculty, we came together not only to mourn this tragedy on Tuesday, but also to care for each other," and further more "we should be more proactive in creating an environment where we can come together."

In spite of the campus unity at WMC, some students aren't taking Tuesday's events lightly. "I think people will have trouble getting to sleep at night," says freshman Carolyn Ricks, "I know I will."

"The future doesn't hold as much promise as it did yesterday," says Lisa Jauzer-Mott, a librarian at Hoover Library.

Counselor Kate Moncure explained, "All of us have to deal with it and remember its going to take an adjustment time." Moncure noted that the best way to do that is to talk with friends and keep a daily routine.

Sayre added that the administration decided to resume classes so that students wouldn't dwell on the events, and would be able to return to a somewhat normal lifestyle.

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New Fraternity chooses phoenix

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After they had the approval to form a fraternity, Buschman and Dougherty went around the campus to recruit people that would be interested in joining.

By the Greek system, in order to establish a fraternity, they must colonize 25 people before obtaining the charter.

So far this semester, the group has had an open smoker, with a closed smoker taking place later in the week in an attempt to gain pledges.

Although the group currently has 10 members, the group was given the responsibilities of a fraternity by the Inter-Greek council.

"We were basically thrown into

the Greek system," Dougherty explained. They had to help coordinate fund-raisers and social events just like a chartered fraternity.

Dougherty added, "We're going to be a positive influence on campus."

Both Buschman and Dougherty both agreed that brotherhood sym-

bolizes being brothers for life and they hope that people will respond well to their more traditional fraternity, and become better people in the process.

The Phoenix will be the symbol of the group, because like the fraternity, it keeps rising from the ashes.

The fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi will know by Friday how many pledges they have.



GRAPHIC BY JESSICA WATSON

Students question right of privacy

DANIELLE LOIACONO & JESSICA WATSON

Staff Writer & Co-News Editor

The Student Bill of Rights, published in the WMC planner, clearly states that "students have the same rights of privacy as any other citizen and do not surrender those rights by becoming members of the

Several anonymous students explained that they are having trouble understanding when Campus Safety crosses the line with student's rights to privacy -- if there is a line.

Those students feel that their privacy rights have already been violated. In order to be cleared for searching the premises of a student, the Student Bill of Rights clarifies that appropriate authorization must be provided by the dean of Student Affairs or the president.

It states "the application for authorization must specify the reason for the search and the objects or information sought." The student must be present for the search. The occupant is also to be notified of the planned entry 24 hours in advance.

But what if a group of friends are in their room, music blasting and having a good time? Suddenly there is a knock on the door. Expecting more friends they yell "Come in!" It turns out to be Campus Safety, and they walk in and see a violation. The students in this case feel as if their privacy rights were violated, because Campus

Safety is supposed to announce themselves before entering a room, and should not be allowed to search the room without proper documentation.

"If we knock on the door and someone says come in, we come in," said Michael Webster, the director of the Department of Cam-

pus Safety. When handling a possible violation, Campus Safety is supposed to have a Residence Life assistant or coordinator at hand.

"Any representative can ask anybody for an ID at any given time," Webster said. Just because Campus Safety asks for your ID doesn't necessarily mean that you are in trouble. "We're not looking for violations, but if we look in the room and we see the violations, we have to deal with it."

Campus Safety can try to get permission for a search and have the student present during the search if the situation is not an emergency. For example, if at 3 p.m. Campus Safety gets a report that a student has a keg in their room and there was no party, no disorder, or disruption, this is a less threatening violation.

"If they see it, then it is their obligation to come in and investigate it," said Jamin Bartolomeo, president of the SGA. Bartolomeo, a junior, worked with the SGA to get the Bill of Rights passed last year. "They need to have probable cause" for inspection. Bartolomeo plans to make an updated Bill of Rights available to the students in a couple of weeks. This will help to clear up whether or not students' privacy rights have actually been violated.

"It would be an issue if Campus Safety just came into the room," explained Webster, "and there is no beer or violation."

"Students need to learn the policy and learn how to use it," he said, "they should be more informed about the policy so that they can be responsible while on campus."



What if a student was attending a party and then steps outside for a moment? Campus Safety asks for an ID, and the student must return to the party room to retrieve it. The student leads Campus Safety up the stairs and in to the hallway. As the student goes inside to get the ID, campus Safety notices an alcohol violation (with no relation to any of the visitors) and cards everyone inside the room. Once again Campus Safety lacked proper documentation to enter the room. Does this mean that they violated

After you found out? A: When the women on the phones said that it was a commercial airliner it hit me that I was in the same position as those innocent people. I thought about the horror that the people on the planes must have felt and I couldn't even imagine. I was really scared what would happen when we landed because I pictured the country under attack.

Q: How did you get home? A: I got off the plane and headed to the Southwest counter. They explained that all of the hotels were booked for their passengers and I would have to find one on my own. I was completely stuck and stranded and I was too young to rent a car. I guess that I looked so distressed that this woman named Hermine Bernstein came up to me and said she was willing to share a

hotel room. So, I decided to stay with her and it turned out that she was from Frederick, Md. We found a couple named Bev and Eric Blumberg who were renting a car to drive to Pittsburgh and they agreed to take us. So, instead of staying at the hotel, we hit the road. That night we stayed in West Virginia and finished our trek home the next day. They dropped us off in Harrisburg, PA.

It really showed how everyone pulls together in a time of crisis.

Q: How do you think the events will affect your future travel plans? A: Actually, I'm ready to fly again because you've got to keep on living your life. I don't want them to eat the best of us.

The interview was conducted by co-editor-in-chief Claire Adams.

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Correction

The first issue of *The Phoenix* incorrectly ran a page 1 photo caption saying that the Gamma Gamma Sigma sorority was picture. The sororities correct title is Gamma Sigma Sigma and technically is not considered Greek by the campus Inter-Greek Council.

WMC student on flight to LA during terrorist attacks

Exhausted from travel in the early morning hours of Sept. 11, sophomore Courtney Federoff found that despite the cramped space she had on the Southwest Airlines flight to LA, she was able to doze off for a little bit. When she awoke, the flight attendants where making their way down the aisles, giving out fake smiles and coffee to the groggy travelers. But, they never quite finished--the pilot announced that they would have to make an emergency landing--New York's twin towers had been struck by two planes.

Federoff recalls what it was like to be in the air at the time of the attacks.

Q: Tips for the terrorist attacks, what were your travel plans for Tuesday September 11?

A: I arranged to leave Tuesday at 6:50 a.m. from BWI on Southwest

Airlines to head out to Los Angeles to visit my sister and go to a Madonna concert. I was going to return to school Thursday night. My plane was scheduled to land in LA around 3:50.

Q: What happened when you were in flight?

A: It must of been around 9 a.m. and I had just woken up, when the pilot announced that nothing was wrong with us or with the plane, but that two planes had crashed into the two towers and that we had to do an emergency landing. I was in complete shock and didn't want to believe what it happened. People just started looking around at each other.

Some people thought it was a joke and some were freaking out. I was questioning what was going on and trying to piece things together.

I pictured it as being the least worst-case scenario, with two tiny planes and little damage because the pilot was so calm about it.

Then two women from NY made calls from the air-phones and found out that the crashes were terrorist related. Then the two women announced that it was terrorists to everyone else, which made everyone extremely scared.

Then someone found out that it was a commercial airliner and it started to hit home that I was in the same situation as those people were in.

Periodically the pilot informed us on our plans and also announced that a plane had crashed into the Pentagon. We were in the air for an hour before we landed in Nashville.

Q: What was going through your

New teachers navigate the campus for the first time

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Gretchen Kreamling McKay, art history



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Dr. John Miller, computer science



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Dr. Stephanie Madsen, psychology



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Steve McCole, exercise science

"Classes at Penn. State were for the most part very large, and I felt out of touch with many of my students," she explained. "I wanted an opportunity to know all of my students and be closely involved in their progress and their activities. A small college was the ideal answer to my wish."

That opportunity turned out to be a position at WMC. "I jumped at it," Scott says of the chance to teach at the college. Her enthusiasm for WMC seems to have waned little since her arrival.

"I was positively impressed from the very first day...the faculty is so wonderful," she comments. As far as the students at WMC, Scott notes their eagerness to learn and responsiveness in the classroom.

The latest addition to the exercise science department and the new director of the human performance laboratory, Dr. Stephen McCole holds a B.A. from Loch Haven University, a M.A. from the University of Florida, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Before joining the WMC faculty, McCole taught at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and also conducted research at the University of Pittsburgh.

Attracted by the warm and caring atmosphere cultivated by small colleges like WMC, McCole took the position here and immediately felt welcomed. "The thing that is most amazing is how everyone has been so helpful," he said.

Calling the students in his Nutrition and Human Physiology courses "interested," McCole adds, "they like to interact...[they are] a lot of fun and have a lot of energy."

McCole also points out his happiness with working on a campus where the primary emphasis remains fixed on teaching and helping the students in their academic pursuits.

Dr. John Miller, a math and computer science professor, arrives on campus with an expanse of knowledge derived from a wide breadth of experiences. Holding a B.A. from Notre Dame, a M.A. from Southern Methodist University, and a Ph.D. from Cornell University, Miller worked on a number of projects before joining the ranks of the WMC faculty.

Miller's career background includes working for TRW Incorporated, an aerospace company, as well as conducting research with the National Cancer Institute and working with the Department of Defense. Among other things, Miller has been involved with the Apollo Space Program, nuclear waste disposal projects, and Ballistic Missile Defense.

Having taught at both the University of Missouri and Johns Hopkins University, Miller is no novice to the profession. He currently teaches Fundamentals of Computing and Introduction to Numerical Methods.

Miller stresses the importance of his fellow faculty members, particularly Dr. Eshleman, in making him feel welcome. "I couldn't have asked for more," he says.

Struck by the pleasantness and general happiness of his students, Miller considers it his job "to make sure the students are even happier to be here." The best part of teaching, he maintains, is "the interaction with the students...and feeling like your making a contribution to present and future successes."

Hailing from Minnesota, Dr. Stephanie

Madsen holds a B.A. in psychology from Carleton College and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the Institute of Child Development at the University of Minnesota.

A graduate of a small, liberal arts college herself, Madsen feels right at home on the WMC campus.

Currently teaching contemporary psychology and child development, Madsen joins the faculty having taught during her graduate studies at the University of Minnesota, as well as having guest lectured at Carleton and St. Olaf College.

"Getting students to think about things in new ways that's what appeals to me the most about teaching," Madsen says of her job. Thus far, Madsen has found her students to be highly interested in the material, and most importantly, willing to work hard.

Dr. Gretchen Kreamling McKay joins the art history department after teaching for four years at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. McKay earned her B.A. from Colby College, and later studied at the University of Virginia, where she earned both her M.A. and Ph.D. in art history.

A specialist in Byzantine art, McKay is currently teaching the History of Western Art I, Arts of the Renaissance, and 19th Century Art.

Especially appealing to her about WMC is the prevalence of "interdisciplinary thinking," which allows for the links between different subject areas, such as art history and theology, to be explored and studied in depth.

"I love art history and I love imparting that information to people," McKay declares

emphatically. What pleases her the most about her students, she says, is that "they are very willing to offer their interpretations...it is a joy to have students who are so engaged."

Working at WMC, McKay has been particularly delighted by the "feeling of belonging to a community." Though she has been here for just over a month, McKay already feels at home at WMC, which she describes as a "friendly, warm, and welcoming environment."

Professor Christina Prell, who holds a B.A. in English literature from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a M.A. in communication and rhetoric from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is currently studying toward her Ph.D. in addition to teaching courses here at WMC.

Prell arrives at WMC having honed her skills at RPI, where she instructed and lectured during her graduate studies. Interestingly, Prell also spent a year living in Italy and working as an au pair, an experience of which she speaks highly.

A native of Damascus, Prell was pleased with the prospect of returning to her roots in Maryland. "The college has a small communications department, which I like," she comments. "The whole culture of a small liberal arts college [like WMC] is appealing to me."

Teaching courses in both public speaking and research methods, Prell notes that her students "ask interesting questions...and seem interested in learning more." When describing her thoughts on her career as an educator, Prell states simply, "It's a thrill."

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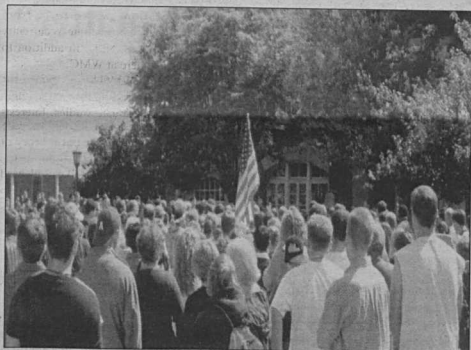
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The WMC community gives out free hugs at the moment of silence and ringing of the bell on Friday, September 17.

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Fellow members of the WMC Community look towards the American flag for inspiration.

“coming together”



Catherine Orzolek-Kronner shares her thoughts with fellow students, faculty and staff.

60 SECONDS

*How did this tragedy affect you?
How do you feel about what the school is doing?*

Compiled by Courtney Federoff



"I comforted others who had family in NY or DC. I think it's good because it brings students together."

Thea Burdnell '05
Phys. Ed. major



"It mad me very sad because so many people lost their lives. I think the school has done a very good job in coming to terms with this tragedy."

Jamie Morris '02
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"It's upsetting to see people justifying killing someone in the name of God.

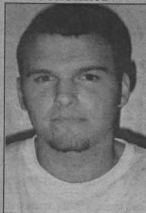
I think it's great that when a tragedy like this happens, we have the school and each other to turn for support."

Laura Kenter '04
Psychology



"It would be impossible to try and summarize the emotions my friends and I have felt this past week...nothing could possibly describe the horror. I was impressed initially with how the school pulled together; I only hope that such contemplation and compassion are always present."

Melissa Pingley '03
Economics



"I think that it was upsetting and disconcerting but at the same time there were a lot of positive things that came out of it like Americans' renewed sense of patriotism.

I think that the school's actions exemplify one of its most important goals which is to provide a close knit, caring community."

Paul Smith-Morse '04
Undecided



"It's shattered everyone's sense of security and made us more aware of all that makes our nation great. We are such a blessed people and I think the possibility of losing that is frightening." "I think they handled it very well and I am impressed with the unity I have seen among the college community."

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The media has not overstepped its bounds in the Chandra Levy-Gary Condit case

Donna Hurd discusses the positive aspects of the media's coverage of the Levy case.

Presently, California Congressman, Gary Condit, is perhaps the most relieved man in America. With the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, the Chandra Levy case has been completely wiped out of the headlines.

In the past months the media's coverage of this case has been heavily criticized by many. It is extremely important to note, however, that the parents of the missing intern didn't want their daughter to be forgotten. The Levys asked for continuing coverage with the hope that it might result in leads that could eventually bring their daughter home. This reason and numerous others are factors to why the media was justified in the abundance of time and space that was given to Chandra Levy's mysterious disappearance.

Although I do not agree with the content of all the pieces shown on Condit and Levy's affair, I do not believe that the media was ever in the wrong while deciding to extend the coverage on this case.

Pressure was put on Condit by the me-

dia to come forward and speak to his constituents while helping the authorities in all areas of the case.

Without the ongoing coverage Condit may never have come out. He waited as long as he possibly could, even with the press breathing down the back of his neck. Not to mention, when he finally did grant interviews he showed no remorse and put forth a pathetic attempt to clear his name. Condit's performance during his interview with Connie Chung was the first time I have ever witnessed a man digging his own grave on television.

Also, I believe that it was extremely important for Condit's district to know that their congressman was taking part in questionable acts and affairs.

These people need to be made aware of the type of man that is representing them. "Condit Country" (the name given to his district by the media) was outraged by his actions and he lost support as each day passed and he kept silent.

Another positive outcome that resulted from the coverage of Chandra Levy's disappearance was that the center of crime stories became more focused on missing persons. Cases that would otherwise not have received

coverage were shown.

Pictures of missing people from months and even years ago were brought to the surface, as millions of faces flashed across American's televisions. Sadly, many of these were children and their stories were heartbreaking, along with acknowledgment that the chance of ever finding them is slim to none.

Since the Levy's were not totally appalled by the coverage on their daughter then the public should not be either. It was their wish.

From the outreaching coverage the Levys found many support systems that were key in getting them through these tough times. Some of this support came from other victims and parents that had lost their children. Together they could pray and find new ways to face the days. The cards and kind words given by many Americans were able to bring hope to their hearts.

The press has endured a lot of harsh comments throughout this case but little has been said that is positive. I would like to be one of the first to congratulate them on a job well done. In the future I hope to see this perseverance from the media.

~Donna Hurd is a junior English major

Should Condit's private life really matter?

Erin Romanski looks at the negative aspects of the coverage of Condit and Levy.

Recently the political scandal regarding intern Democrat Congressman Gary Condit and his connection with the disappearance of intern Chandra Levy has left the American public wondering when enough is enough.

Since the overly exploited sexual escapades of former President Bill Clinton and White House intern Monica Lewinsky, we have certainly had more than our fill of such trivial coverage by the media.

Most perplexing perhaps is the sudden shift in the six o'clock news from newsworthy stories to the latest development in politicians' cheesy romance novels.

Is society to blame for feeding off of this preoccupation with sex?

Certainly sex sells. Whether in the form of newspapers, magazines, or simply a flick of the remote, America is eating it up.

Every morsel that implies inadequacies

within the governing system is just one more reason for us to lose faith in authority, according to news moguls everywhere.

Connie Chung is just one of many perpetrators of the media's abuse of power. Judging by her interview with Condit himself on August 23, 2001, NBC went straight for the jugular.

Relentlessly asking the same accusatory questions over and over again, she played bad cop under the innocent claim of just seeking the truth. Unfortunately, there is no subtle way of asking someone if he or she is a murderer.

So where do we draw the line? News coverage is increasingly turning feature dominant, covering up important headlines with more entertaining ones. Public figures have taken the spotlight and their private lives have become a thing of the past. Reporters everywhere quickly realized that a simple mention of extramarital affairs within the public domain is all it takes to get mouths watering across the nation. In the media spectrum, truly no one is safe.

What can be done to stop the madness

when readers everywhere demand juicier details? You can almost envision the entourage of citizens neglecting their obligations and gluing themselves to the couch, waiting for the television to spew out sex. Before long, all that we know to be our sources of information will come strictly from a variety of sleazy tabloids.

Condit is just one of many victims whose achievements as a politician are overshadowed by his inadequacies as a husband. What I fail to see is how his sexual misgivings in any way affect his capabilities as a governing figure.

We are a cruel society, hungry for scandal and sleaze. The media perpetrates the drama, unfolds it and stretches it out beyond limitation. Those who once had our respect rapidly lost it once our image of perfection was shattered by a false claim or overly manipulated statement.

Do we then actually have control over our own opinions, or is it being spoon-fed to us by the press? Maybe *Prime Time* will have the answer on tomorrow night's show.

~Erin Romanski is a junior English major

Editor shares his view after tragic event

Edward K. Schultheis explains how the bombings have changed the way he looks at journalism.

Let me share a story with you about my life as a journalist - and how it is now changed forever.

During my short tenure as a journalist, I have written a great many stories. From stories about drinking on campus, to the beating of a gay man, which I wrote in high school. I have written different stories about many different events and people. But it wasn't until September 11, 2001 that I found out what it truly means to be a journalist.

I felt as a journalist that my job would be to go out, interview some students and find out their reaction to the horrible tragedy that happened that day. I thought it

would be easy just to go out and get a few quotes, not thinking that the tragedy would have affected so many people in so many ways.

When I went out, I saw people huddled together crying, people weeping on the steps of Hoover, and couldn't bring myself to ask them anything. I found myself asking myself what was I doing. What right did I have to intrude on their privacy? I mean it wasn't like I was writing for the *Baltimore Sun* or the *Boston Globe*, but should that matter?

I met up with Brad Widner, a photographer for the *Phoenix*, who was sent out to take pictures of students dealing with the tragedy, but he too was having trouble taking invasive photos of people in grief.

I just thought I couldn't do it...I thought I would feel like such an ass for intruding

where I was wasn't welcome - becoming what people seem to hate about journalists, that we are people who doesn't seem to care.

But I did what I had to do, I interviewed people (although not anyone that was crying or visibly too shaken up) and asked them for their reaction. I asked if they had any friends or family that were missing...and I felt like crap...I felt like crap for doing my job as a journalist. Should anyone feel this way about their job?

Well I know now that it takes a stronger stomach to be a journalist than what I had anticipated. I know now, how strong a resolve it takes to be a successful journalist day in and day out.

And while some may not appreciate what

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America will rise to the occasion in the face of adversity

First, a moment to pause. It seems like we have all been doing that a lot lately, and I cannot think of anyone who can blame those that are at a loss for words these days, if only because words can only do so much; only convey part of the picture.

And, as has been the case the past two weeks here in the U.S., when that picture poses to change one's very way of life, and how you view the world, even attempting to find words seems almost pointless.



Michael Wiles

For this reason, I pause as I write this, but I also pause for personal reasons. I honestly never thought I would find myself writing about a national tragedy such as the terrorist acts of September 11, if only because I never thought such a tragedy possible.

Maybe I am naive to have been so blind, but, as a young American, I had the privilege. I, as I am sure the rest of you have as well, aged greatly in the last two weeks, and perhaps that is one of the deepest cuts the attacks inflicted upon someone not directly affected like myself: I no longer get to live blind.

And yes, I am angry that was

taken from me, and more so that it was taken from all of us.

I have no interest in talking about the terrorists themselves, or any interest in issuing words of threats or arbitration regarding them, as I feel their kind unworthy of the written word.

This is one writer who will pay no mention to villains, as so many others tend to. That is that. I also have no interest in speaking of how scary it is that our president is handling this situation with all the grace of a John Wayne character, nor do I wish to discredit him by speaking of the irony found in his words these days when compared with his own military history.

After all, I would not want to be in his shoes, and I challenge anyone who would welcome the position.

What I want to talk about is the

larger issue at stake here. When I first heard of the attacks, I thought what a waste it was. Not only because of the innocent lives lost, but because, as history has shown, terrorism does not impair the U.S., nor does it frighten us into compromising our beliefs.

After reading what our detractors thought of the attacks, and how they celebrated our loss, I came to the realization that these people simply do not understand who we are. They believe our national power comes only from our strong economy and military, but they could not be further from the truth.

There will always be money and guns. These things are not what make us a great people. We are the only country on earth where every blow we take just makes us smarter and stronger.

Our detractors just cannot com-

prehend a country that would burn it's own cities, as we did to Atlanta in 1864 and then again during the race riots of the 1960s, if only to save its ideals.

And, even if they could imagine such a country, how could they imagine a country that would make such conflicts work to its advantage, and not only survive but become stronger and more unified as a result? We did just that.

These people cannot fathom a country where a shift of power, even one as rocky as the presidential elections of this past year, could be conducted without bloodshed.

They will never know a country so rooted in the individual and his freedom, as seen in my being allowed to address you all in this amazing form known as free speech, while protecting the rights of the collected people as well.

Once again, they cannot imagine how such a balance could be achieved and maintained peacefully.

Yeah, we did that, too. Possibly most important, they cannot understand a country where one's personal promise is the most important step towards success, and where you can go only as far as you push yourself.

They may never know a place where all doors are open to all people, regardless of their heritage or their lineage.

As it has been said before, in America, it only matters who you are, not who your father was. It's a rare thing, this America, and we are a rare people as a result. We don't give up, even when the odds are against us, because "odds" are meaningless to us.

America is the great punching bag of history—we take all blows in stride and always swing right back, stronger and faster than before.

Sometimes, this fact makes our enemies want to try their hands against us, but, try as they may, it is always they who are sore from the struggle in the end, not us.

As always, we will bounce back and dust this tragedy off of us, mourn our lost loved ones and our collective innocence, and stand taller than before.

I for one think they should rebuild the World Trade Center, with towers taller than those destroyed, proving in form what we all know in our hearts to be true: in America, when we are knocked down, we always stand back up, and always better than before.

~Michael Wiles is a junior English major.



What should be done after facing an American tragedy?

Michael Jenkinson discusses his perspective on terrorist action.

On the infamous morning of September the 11, I, like the rest of the nation, sat and stared at the television screen. I had a lot of emotions running through my mind, and I knew that I wanted to use the *Phoenix* as an outlet for expressing them.

Almost two weeks later, the events of the day have been replayed, discussed, and analyzed in every way seemingly possible.

When I sat down to write this I thought to myself, what can I possibly add that someone else hasn't talked about already? Well, I'm not sure there's anything. So I guess the best thing to do is express what it is I'm feeling and let everyone know. I voted for Gore. In fact, I was very much against the election of our new President. Yet I have to say now that I am proud of what he's done. Anyone who criticized him for not going to DC right away is a fool. He's the central figure to our entire nation. And don't forget, he's our Commander in Chief

also. Perhaps the most important job of the president is to make military decisions.

That being said, why would any American want President Bush to be anywhere that might be considered dangerous. Staying away from danger was the right thing to do.

When I look at him now, I think I see the fire in his eyes. Before he was elected, I wasn't sure he had the passion to lead us in an hour like this.

My mind has been changed. This is one of the biggest crises to ever hit the nation, let's hope he's the man I'm starting to believe he is.

Right now we need to focus on two things as a nation. Recovering from the incident, and stomping out anyone and everyone responsible for this are two very important things.

It's Bin Laden, folks. I knew it

before the pentagon even got hit. This has his trademark all over it. We might not have all of the hard evidence we need to prove it, but it's him. And I for one want him dead.

Not just killed a year or two

U.S. they, and their cause, are worse off for doing so. Maybe that will even deter future attacks.

Sure, there will always be some nuts no matter what, but if we make sure that Bin Laden and his followers regret ever making the attack, then the next group will be far less likely to try another one. In other words, I want military action. And I want the terrorists to fear the United States when it's over.

What happened to New York? If you haven't seen any clips of the skyline, you should check them out. It's unreal. New York's skyline has always been the easiest to recognize of any city in the world.

Not anymore. Maybe rebuilding the Twin Towers isn't realistic, and I don't profess to know the possibility to do so. But I hope for national pride that we put something up in place of the old towers. I want the world to be able to look at New York and know it's New

York.

As much as I personally love Philadelphia, and I acknowledge that DC is our capital, New York is the heart of this country.

Let's make it beautiful again. This might seem like a small detail compared to everything else, but it's still something to be discussed.

Everyone has said this statement again and again the past two weeks, but I want to say it too. My heart goes out to everyone who lost their lives, and people who lost friends and family in the tragedy. I congratulate our country for their outpouring of support. From the long lines of blood donors at hospitals, to the great tribute video the band Live shot, to students on our campus sitting outside Giar with a poster for student's to sign that's going to New York. Good job America, you make me proud.

This was the worst day in American history. Not Pearl Harbor, not the Kennedy assassination, but September 11, 2001.

We're already on the road to recovery. Let's keep it up.

~Michael Jenkinson is a senior Sociology major.



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Reflections of a return transfer student

Tammi Slater reflects on the process of finding the right college.

During the college search that all students go through, one recurring question that people find themselves asking is "Is this place for me, and is this a good fit for me?" As a junior, I now can look back on my freshman year and remember myself pondering this each and everyday.

When I first came to Western Maryland College, the most I knew about the college was what I could learn in a few hours. Having experienced an unfortunate incident in my first four days at a different college in Maryland, caused me to rethink my college decision.

As a result, I suddenly found myself on The Hill. I remember the first time I stepped foot on this campus, and how lost, uncertain, and unenthusiastic I felt about the college experience. It was a feeling of helplessness and one which many students just beginning their college journey would feel uneasy about.

Due to my past experience I opted to commute my freshman year. While this was the best thing for me at the time, I realize now how many advantages students who live on campus have.

It was a time to adjust and transition into college. It was also a time to learn what college was really all about and I never was able to really get a feel for this being a commuter.

At the end of my freshman year at WMC, I found myself questioning if this was truly the place for me. With a strong interest in Journalism and a hope to explore my options, I began to look into transferring. After researching, I decided to transfer to Towson University for the start of my sophomore year of college.

I look back on my decision now and I

realize why it was so hard for me to leave WMC. While transferring seemed to be the answer, I later discovered that going to Towson was the best thing that could have happened to me.

During the experience I did not find a perfect fit, find a group of people that I enjoyed greatly, or even find endless academic opportunities. Instead, it was a discovery of realizing what I had all along, but did not realize until it was gone.

Leaving WMC made me open my eyes to the opportunities, benefits, and advantages that lay before me at WMC—to such an extent that I often found myself coming back to campus to visit old friends. While many students may view WMC to be too small, or perhaps even that our student body lacks unification, I would be the first to tell you that what WMC possesses in its students, faculty, and academics is truly a one of a kind experience.

What may seem like too small to some students is exactly what many take for granted because it is all they know. I can attest to the fact that after being at WMC and transferring to a much larger school, that smaller is better and has endless advantages.

I hear people on campus often complain that they wish WMC was bigger sometimes, and that they feel too limited or confined with such a small student population.

To these students I say this is what makes WMC remarkable. This is what makes for the personal, one-on-one student faculty opportunities. These are the things that make WMC the special and inviting place that it is.

After one semester at Towson I yearned to be back amongst my old friends and missed all the perks of a small college so much that I transferred back for the last time to WMC this past spring and lived on campus this time.

Being back was a huge relief for me, and

I was finally happy and content with where I was. Living on campus showed me just how much involvement I had once missed out on. I am extremely grateful to be living on campus, and I realize the importance of it more then ever before as it has shaped, and directed my college experience even more.

Some may call me crazy for the college hopping, and I will be the first to admit that it was stressful and a lot of work, but in the end it has been worthwhile and a small price to pay to be happy at the college of your choice.

I have found in WMC what could not be a better fit for me academically, personally, socially, and emotionally.

To my fellow WMC students I ask you to reflect on your days on this campus at all the opportunities you have been given here and appreciate and enjoy each and every one of them.

For me, and maybe some others here, it took a bit more time to realize what WMC offered, but it is a place that is truly unique, and has served me well. I have learned through this experience, that while I am most likely within only a few number of students who leave WMC and then come back, that I feel it has only made me stronger as both a student and a person, and proved to me once again that one must always follow their heart and intuitions.

WMC is a place unlike any other, where you will find people, teachers, experiences, opportunities, friendships, and memories that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Make the most of your time here at WMC, and learn to appreciate your college choice, what it stands for, and how this college will serve you for years to come.

-Tammi Slater is a junior communication major

Seeing the value of a summer internship

Matt Hurff shares his experience as a sports intern at the Camden Courier-Post.

About this time last year, I decided that I was tired of working the normal job that college students usually took at summer in and out, so I began the process of applying for internships at places that interested me.

This urge caused me to send out applications to the Philadelphia Phillies, the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Camden Courier-Post. I figured that all of these places were close to home and fit into my interests in English and Journalism.

After the application and interview process, I was hired at the Courier-Post as an unpaid sports intern.

I was a little concerned about the lack of pay, but figured that I'd earn some cash doing something else—one of those typical college student jobs that I wanted to move away from.

Nevertheless, I would not have traded the internship experience for anything.

On my first day I was very nervous going into the office. I really had no idea what to expect. Would I be answering phones and getting coffee or would I get a chance to write a few stories?

Well, I was pleasantly surprised and was able to cover a number of events in the Philadelphia region.

I was able to cover sporting events ranging from high school baseball, to preseason Eagles football (the great astroturf fiasco

anyway). Along the way I met some great writers and talked to many professional athletes.

I was also able to have a chance to go out with photographer Jose Moreno and learn a little bit about photography. From the opportunity I now have another interest to go along with some solid practical experience.

Whether I decide to go into journalism or not, the internship helped me learn a lot about myself.

During the internship I was also able to put to practice many things I have read about in textbooks like media ethics.

I was also able to see the huge difference in the various sports and also how the press is treated in those situations.

At the high school baseball games, you must be able to keep a solid scorebook and also be able to run fast so you can catch all of the players before they get on the bus for home.

At professional sporting events like the PGA tour and the X-games, you are handed every type of stat you could imagine by their public relations department. You also are able to interview athletes in air-conditioned press conferences opposed to a dugout of a high school baseball field.

Along the way I was able to hear some

great advice from some outstanding writers. I would like to thank in particular Diane Fuhrer, Kevin Callahan, Kevin Roberts and all of the other writers and editors at the Courier-Post.

Whether I decide to go into journalism or not, the internship helped me learn a lot about myself. That's because in journalism, you must be self-motivated and know how to ask the right questions.

Working as a reporter, your editors will not tell you what to ask because it is your story and what you see and what you ask is what the general public will know as a truth—it is a very powerful and scary feeling.

After this, I learned that I can handle that power in a responsible and accurate way and that I also am self-motivated enough to go out and try to find a story.

Now, most of you are probably wondering what my point is. Well, I am just trying to say that you should take all the opportunities that you earn because you never know what you will learn from them unless you give it a try.

I know a little more about journalism now and because of it, I can now make a better decision about what I want to do with my life—hopefully.

So whatever your major is, go out and find out what chances will be afforded to you. You will definitely be the better for it.

-Matt Hurff is a junior communication and English major

Will tragedy take away ignorance?

Elizabeth Hanway talks about an incident of hatred that should not happen

In the wake of the tragedy on September 11, I thought that our mature college community would band together as equals and embrace our differences.

But on Saturday night that dream I hoped for was shaken. I belong to the group on campus that is known fondly by the college as "theatre people." Theatre is our life and the way that the campus uses this phrase attacks us and what we love. For me, theatre is what makes me tick and that goes for the rest of the department too. Do we call the English majors the "book people?" No, we don't because that doesn't describe them as a whole.

On Saturday night, a group of eight "theatre people," including myself, walked from Alumni Hall to our dorms. We passed Blanche and as we neared the dorm a large crowd of people were gathered out front. One face out of the about 20 to 30 people stuck out to me and just as we went within earshot he spoke.

"Here comes the 'gay theatre people,' where is my favorite fagot—?" He added a name here but I don't think it is necessary to share that. At that moment I wanted for the first time in my life to hit someone. I was so angry. How dare he judge us? He doesn't even know anything about us. Thoughts like this ran through my mind. The thoughts were what kept me moving if I had stopped, I can't guarantee what I would have done.

I know that the comments that were spoken were directed at the four men that were with me. So why you ask am I so enraged? They are my friends.

What happened on Saturday was a direct attack at eight individuals minding their own business. Which is what the innocent people of Tuesday's attacks were doing. On Friday we united together to share our grief. Already on Saturday night our campus was back into the regular routine of ignorance. Or was it just one person? Maybe my dream will come true; maybe it was just that one person.

Tragedy puts twist on being a journalist

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we do, or think that we don't really care about the feelings of the people that we are almost FORCED to talk to, that is not true. We do care, we care more than we could ever write it...but we also have a job to do. A job that is sometimes difficult and trying; a job that we have picked out because we hope to make a difference. And this job that I was SO sure I could and wanted to do, now has me thinking about whether or not I can actually handle it.

And whether or not I decide to follow the career path that I have been on since high school doesn't matter right now, because that tragic event on September 11, 2001 made me realize more about my path and more about my life, than I have learned in all my years of college.

-Edward K. Schultheis is a junior communication major

Band 'Kill Patrick' wins Battle of the Bands

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WMC junior Adam Silverman has a shy, quiet demeanor upon his meeting, but don't let that fool you. His band, Kill Patrick, recently beat out 135 other contestants in a battle of the bands contest, held at Jaxx in Virginia.

The band owes much of their thanks and support to the fans they accumulated during their journey and the energy they supplied them, daring them to play harder and louder than they have ever played. I guess nice guys don't always finish last.

Self-described as "power funk rock," Kill Patrick can best be compared to the Deftones or Incubus. Two bass players add strong lines to the powerful lead guitar and heavy drums. Think of a pent-up, angry Primus.

The band hails from Westminister and has been together for about two years. It's members, all in their early twenties, consist of Silverman, the drummer, Steve Boughan, lead vocals and bass, Eric Thomas, guitar, and Steve Bohli, vocals and bass. Bohli was added after hearing the band play a party, and knew he could add to the band's intensity. "He just fit perfectly," Silverman said of Bohli. The band has developed a strong fan base playing local shows in the Towson/Baltimore area, but started

developing a bigger crowd while in Virginia.

The two-and-a-half month long process was not always a constant party. To begin, the band had to convince the club, Jaxx, to open up their 40 mile limit to 85 miles just so the band could play. Chartering buses, nearly eliminated in the semi-finals, and four rounds later, Kill Patrick got on stage tired but ready to rock out. Their crowd support blew up from 50 to 150 people, all screaming and all excited to see their band play. The band started their set, let loose with strength and excitement, and played to win. Arriving back in Westminister at about 3:30 a.m., the guys could hardly contain their elation once they received word they had won.

Already out with a full-length album, Defeat Reality, Kill Patrick are no strangers to the studio. In addition to \$5000 and a \$2500 spree at Mars Music, the band won 50 hours recording time at the Nation in D.C. The band will record a more professional-sounding demo to be reviewed by such major labels as Interscope, Capitol, and Atlantic. You will be able to see them at the H.F.S. concert in the spring, and hear them on the radio by Christmas. For future shows and album info, go to www.killpatrickmusic.com.

Silverman is excited about where his band is headed, and is

hopeful to bring a larger hard-rock audience to Baltimore. He's ready to leave his local roots behind and start touring. "It's the only place

I'm not shy," Silverman said of the stage. Good thing, because he and his friends are going to be spending a lot more time up there.



COURTESY OF ADAM SILVERMAN
Adam Silverman (drums) and bandmate Steve Boughan rock out at the Battle of the Bands in Virginia on Saturday September 15.



COURTESY OF ADAM SILVERMAN
Hundreds of screaming fans jam to the "power funk rock" of Kill Patrick and the other contestants at Battle of the Bands.

I Believe

I believe that we, as a nation under God, must stand tall. I believe that what has happened, will in the end make us stronger. I believe that unfair things happen to good people. I believe in justice, but I believe in harmony - not war. I believe that freedom should ring everywhere, for everyone. I believe that the strong must support the weak and that people will start doing instead of waiting, start helping instead of hurting. -Kara Kunt

I believe that (on September 11) America was robbed of freedom and hurled into a dreamlike reality. I believe that the attempt to weaken America has failed because now we are a closer nation. A fire was ignited in all Americans and this fire will guide us to justice. I believe that America will retaliate and America will prove victorious. -Theresa DeGhetto

I believe that we are all instruments of God and that he has a plan. I believe we are confused about that plan but must trust that things will work out. Now is the time for prayer and community. I believe the people of America are united. -Jessica Whitney

I believe that Osama Bin Laden is a coward and a man who has no feelings. I believe that humanity can reach an unfathomable level of malice. I believe the U.S. should worry about making the best decision to overcome what happened and avoid the eye for eye principle. -Ibrahim Diallo

What do you believe? Submissions should be dropped off at the Information Desk in Decker or at The Writing Center in Hill Hall. Ideal length: 100 words, more or less. -Lisa Breslin, Writing Center

A trip to the outlets can help save you money

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Every summer before I return to school, I head to the outlet stores in Rehobeth Beach to do some clothes shopping. I like to find some good deals and enjoy that tax-free shopping.

But, unless I am down at Ocean City, Maryland, it is a long drive to the outlets in Delaware - so the chances of me going down there for just a day to do shopping is slim. That is why I was so excited to hear that there were outlets closer to WMC.

Since Pennsylvania also has tax-free shopping, it is more convenient for students here to go shopping at some of the outlets in the state to our north.

First off, the closest ones to the school are the new outlets in Gettysburg. These outlets, which

opened in October 2000, include over 70 retailers including adidas, Famous Footwear, Casual Corner, Levi's/Dockers, GAP, Old Navy, and more.

I routinely take trips up there with my friends to go to my favorite store, adidas, as well as some other stores to pick up some relatively inexpensive clothing.

When I tell my gal friends about going up there, they are normally excited about heading up there with me to do some shopping. For the guys, one of the most interesting stores is called Tools-n-More - which has many "As Seen on TV" products as well as an ample supply of power tools.

Even more tax-free outlet stores

can be found in Pennsylvania - I have been to the ones in Hershey and Reading.

They are a bit of a farther drive than to Gettysburg, but if you are looking for a nice weekend getaway with your significant other, then a trip to the outlets could be what you are looking for. Not only do you get to do some shopping, but also you get to take a weekend off from the campus.

Even though I liked the outlets in Hershey, they did not really have as much of a variety as the ones in Reading.

Reading had by far the best assortment of stores with the likes of GAP, Nautica, Guess ?, and Tommy Hilfiger.

Hershey's largest outlets are Bugle Boy, Rue 21, Levi's, and for you kids out there, Toy Liquidators. Overall, the Reading outlet has about 80 stores while Hershey contains 60 of them.

If you are interested in checking out the hours and directions for any of the outlets listed above, visit the Hershey Website (<http://theoutletsat Hershey.com>), the Reading website (<http://www.outletsonline.com/roc/>), and the Gettysburg outlets website (<http://www.gettysburgoutlets.com/>).

Have fun wherever you go, and remember...it is all tax-free.

Dear Kitty

What is Dear Kitty, you ask? It's a column written by senior psychology major Cathy Pendorf. Send letters to her via campus mail with questions about school, love, friends, and even personal issues. Your letter, plus a response from Kitty will appear in an issue of the Phoenix. Don't be shy about your problems, just ask Kitty! And if you choose to include your name, that's fine, but most people remain anonymous. Write to Kitty today and get some great advice!

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Student shares story of her semester studying at Oxford

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My teapot has been on vacation. For the past three months, it has sat on top of the refrigerator, but I went back to work yesterday, producing three rich, amber pots of tea for my friends and me. It was rejected from the seconds pile at the oldest china factory in England, relegated to a shelf in a sorry cement-floored warehouse nestled among mismatched, misshapen china.

The clean cobalt and platinum lines drew my eye, and I gently lifted the pot from its crowded spot. I thought I had the top firmly under my fingers as I flipped the pot to check the price, but the tiny lid slipped away and clattered on the cement floor. My friend Liz jumped, thinking I had shattered the delicate china, but the lid was undamaged. I bought the pot.

My teapot and I found a home in Oxford, in an apartment overlooking the Thames River. Actually, the apartment building was built in the middle of the river, with bridges leading to and from its modern glass and steel towers. As a member of Hertford College Oxford, I had the privilege of living in the nicest housing they could provide: single study bedrooms with private bathrooms and a shared kitchen, with full maid service. It was like living at a Holiday Inn for six months.

The windows in my room were large, but only opened from the bottom, and even then only opened out about three inches. Apparently the academic program at Oxford results in a lot of suicides, so our building was constructed with suicide-proof windows. I thought that was pretty funny, until I started taking classes.

Oxford's educational system is quite different than what American students know. At Oxford, the year is divided into three terms, or trimesters. During the spring session, the students work for eight weeks on their courses, then have six weeks off, and then return for eight more weeks. During the class sessions, students only take two classes at a time, and these are taught by a tutorial method, where the student meets with the professor one-on-one once a week. There are no tests, quizzes, or homework problems. The student must prepare an essay each week, about 10 pages long, and be prepared

to read it aloud to the professor. The professor and student then critique the essay, and the student moves on to a new topic.

For full-time Oxford students, no grades are given in these tutorials, because they are simply a means of preparing the students for the final exam. Unlike American schools

one hand and swigging a bottle of champagne.

Although all the pubs in England close at 11 p.m., the British have no brown-bag laws that prevent alcohol from being consumed on the street. When the pubs close, most of the students start lining up to get into

pulled into the station in Barcelona. We had worn sweaters and jackets, appropriate in France, but too hot in the warm summer climate of Spain.

Carrying our packs on our backs, we made our way to the subway and across town to a recommended hotel, only to find that it was booked for the weekend. After being turned down at several spots, we came out on La Ramblas, the most central and famous avenue in all of Barcelona. There we found a tiny little hotel with a room overlooking the street and the square for about fifteen dollars a night. It was the equivalent of staying on Times Square in New York, only much, much cheaper.

Barcelona was a blast. We visited the Picasso museum, and took a bus tour of the city to learn about the sculptures and architecture and the Olympic plaza. We ate tapas and drank sangria. We saw street festivals and puppets and soaked up sun on the beach and stuck our toes in the icy Mediterranean.

Unfortunately, my vacation had to end, but I was pleasantly surprised when I returned to England. While I'd been gone, the flowers had all begun to come out, and the country was suddenly in bloom. Every garden was awash in bright colors, and even the streetlamps had baskets of flowers hanging from them. The ivy on the side of my college started to leaf out, and climbing roses began to bloom.

Punting season brought rivers clogged with people picnicking in long, flat-bottomed boats. The ducks crowded around, begging for food, but the swans would bully them away.

When we weren't punting, my friends and I would take study breaks and visit over pots of tea. We'd share stories of our families, or things we'd seen that day, and frequently frustrations over our essays for the week. But as July approached, my friends began to leave. I packed my teapot, and prepared to do the same.

Now, my teapot is my reminder of life lived, not just survived. The moments captured on camera are just a fraction of the memories that stepping out of my American comfort zone forced me to create. Although my teapot stays at home, I carry my memories with me everywhere.



Senior English major Stacey Myers (right) and friend, Alynn, enjoying the beautiful scenery and warm weather at the beach in Barcelona, Spain. Spain was just one of the many places Myers visited while studying at Oxford.

where students are tested at the end of each semester. Oxford gives no tests until the end of the very last year.

At the end of the student's three-year study time, the university administrators huge exams. All of the students dress in their formal robes and go to be tested together. For example, all of the students seeking a degree in English literature take the same test at the same time, regardless of what they have actually studied. So the whole exam process is a bit stressful.

However, it's also a cause for great celebration. In late May, hundreds of people wait outside the buildings where the tests are given to congratulate their friends as they emerge from exams. The students are showered with confetti, presented with bottles of champagne and then taken for drinks at nearby pubs. It's not uncommon to see students walking down the street dressed in their black robes, carrying their mortarboards in

the clubs, which stay open until two or three in the morning. Even in the coldest weather, women walk around in tank tops and high, strappy sandals, clutching their Smirnoff Ice or Bacardi Breezer. My friends and I looked pretty out of place in our warm jackets, but we had a great time anyway.

At the end of the first term, we all decided to spend the break traveling. My friend Rachel and I traveled to Scotland and France together; Dorrie joined us for southern France, Italy and Austria. But my favorite trip of all was a weekend journey from north-eastern France to Barcelona, Spain.

My best friend from home, Jenny, was studying in France. We had discussed going skiing together in the Swiss Alps, so I packed my ski gear and headed out to see her. When I got there, however, I found the plans had been changed, and we were going to head off to Spain. We left on a wet, cold Thursday night, and fifteen hours later, our train

Did you miss the Study Abroad Fair?

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
Staff Writer

For students looking to explore new lands, learn about different cultures, and receive a glimpse of the educational system in different countries, the Study Abroad Fair on September 11 was the place to be. With a group of representatives from several foreign study agencies present, students had the opportunity to learn more about the programs offered.

Representatives were not the only resource available to interested students. WMC students who had studied at universities overseas were also present to provide first-hand accounts of their unique experiences.

Senior Erin Clark, who studied at the University of York in England, stated that even though the idea of studying abroad is "so cliched, it broadened [her] horizons."

Clark maintained that study abroad programs are beneficial in giving students "gained independence and self-confidence" about themselves.

Students who may have missed the Study Abroad Fair can still obtain information about the different agencies offering over-

seas study programs. Single brochures and information packets can be picked up from Study Abroad Director Dr. Colette Henriette, organizer of the fair, in room 327 in Lewis Hall of Science, or by calling extension 468.

As Kimberly James, representative for the Interstudy overseas study program in-

sists, students who can participate in such a program should look into this offer. "It's an important opportunity that will change their lives," stated James.

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Three weeks in China: a student's memorable experience

JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

When I went to China this summer I didn't think it would be too different from other vacations I had gone on, with the exception that it was obviously in another country. Since I was going with a church youth group, I just thought I'd get to find out about Chinese culture, teach kids English, and just have an adventure.

But now, after being back in the U.S. for a month and a week, I know that what I experienced was totally unlike any other "American" vacation. First of all, where we were, in central China, was the first time for any westerners to visit and do work there. As a result, we were videotaped for four different Chinese TV stations and gawked at like the actors from the latest blockbuster.

But where do I even begin when writing about another country that is absolutely nothing like the United States but wants to be desperately? In order for me to give the whole scoop, I would have to bottle up the whole trip and ship it. The comparison between us and them is unfathomable and almost indescribable, but I'll do my best.

I went to China with a church youth group of eleven Americans for three weeks. For the first three days we did the tourist thing and went to the popular sites of Beijing such as Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City. Then we traveled by train to a very rural part of central

China for a two-week workcamp. Following the workcamp we went to a national park for four days.

The isolated rural countryside felt like going back a couple of centuries except for the occasional power lines and American brand clothing the Chinese wore. The villagers were tirelessly kind to us; so much so that it made me feel unworthy to be held in such high regard. None of them had ever seen an American. Senior communication major Joan Faulkner poses for the camera with one of the Western Chinese students she worked with. They were on a hike in the countryside of China.



COURTESY OF JOAN FAULKNER
Senior communication major Joan Faulkner poses for the camera with one of the Western Chinese students she worked with. They were on a hike in the countryside of China.

We were like aliens to these friendly people, but they nevertheless did everything within their power to give us the best possible experience.

At the school with us, there were about 20 Chinese university students who were semi-fluent in English, but still had a hard time communicating. To me, the friendships I made with these students were the most memorable and rewarding part of the trip.

To be given the opportunity to communicate and exchange with

another culture is priceless, (it really is, corny as it sounds.) I can't explain it beyond that. If everyone in America could be submerged in another culture for even a small amount of time, then maybe that would be one small step toward a more peaceful and friendly world environment.

The food was the most interesting thing to me, in the fact that it was nothing like American food. I didn't have one egg roll or plate of sweet and sour chicken, but instead ate splurges of every vegetable known to mankind, with the occasional pork or chicken.

Sometimes we even got special meat like tortoise, frog, or duck. The vegetables included seaweed, plant roots, mushrooms, peppers, eggplant, and about 20 others that I have no name for. We also, obviously, had rice for every meal, including rice soup, rice buns, and other rice variations.

One of the most surreal events that happened to me in China occurred at a city school. Three Americans and I were supposed to talk to about 400 middle schoolers about what it was like being American and what we thought about China.

I have never felt like a celebrity or royalty before, but this was equivalent to my 15 minutes of fame. For two hours students bombarded us with question after question, hung on our every word, and packed around us like a herd. Being fluent in English in China, I quickly observed, is the most valuable skill one can have there.

So the fact that Americans were there in the most rural and undeveloped part of China was a huge honor for them to practice their English. The biggest thing I learned about the whole experience and I hope I can follow through to try to be open to new things and remember how lucky we are with all the opportunities given to us as Americans.

We take so many things for granted, that we fail to see what other cultures lack. The Chinese were completely awed and shocked by how much we have and all the chances in life blessed to us. Don't waste or hurry through life waiting or waiting for more.

Cherish everything you have because someday you might not have it anymore and will be left with only the memories of those "good ol' days."

Horoscopes: see what exciting things are in store for you

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ
Features Editor

Libra

September 23 - October 23

Tip the scales toward the good and get out and party Libra babies! Energy is abundant for you these days, so don't you dare let it go to waste. Take some friends and go dance your shoes off. It will be great to get away for the night. Just don't let your responsibilities get left alone for too long or you'll find yourself in trouble. Your power numbers are 3 and 17.

Scorpio

October 24 - November 21

Take a break and go for a drive with your friends. It will make for some great bonding time that you've been missing out on because of all that studying you've been doing. Show your friends you haven't forgotten about them. Bowling and shopping are just two great ways to hand out with your buds. Your power numbers are 1 and 14.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

A large project may be standing in the way of fun. Do as much as you can early on, and then you'll be less stressed about it when it comes due. And remember, if it wasn't a challenging

project, what would be the point? Your power numbers are 9 and 22.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

This looks like a good time for you to try something you've never done before. This could be anything from learning to swim to something more like bungee jumping. Just keep the laws of physics in mind (what goes up must come down) and remember to be safe. You don't want to spend the semester with a cast on, do you? Your power numbers are 6 and 11.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Compromise, compromise, compromise. You can't have everything go your way or the world would be named after you. Just keep in mind that other people want what they want just as much as you want what you want. Try to give in and listen to others. Your power numbers are 2 and 8.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

You might be able to help some friends who find themselves in a touchy situation. You know



Libra

more about what's up than others do, so give your friends the support they need. One day they may come to you for rescue. Your power numbers are 16 and 24.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

This is still an emotional time for people. Even if you hide your emotions from everyone else, you

need to be there for those who can't do it that way. You're a good listener, so tell them to talk it out with you. You'll both walk away with a smile on your face and you'll feel better about yourself. Your power numbers are 4 and 15.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You like to gossip, but this time you need to check it out before you pass it on. The rumors going around now could hurt someone, and you have the power to stop that by keeping your mouth closed for once. Now that's a message that would be good to pass on. Your power numbers are 7 and 20.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You've been partying too hard and now you're in need of money, right? You might get lucky and get a raise at work (if you even have a job) or just stop buying things. I know it's hard, but sometimes you have to do things you don't want to. And if you don't have a job, consider getting one, and soon. Your power numbers are 13 and 21.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Now is a great time to reorganize all of your things. Get that pile of clothes washed and put in drawers. Go through the paper that is all over the floor and throw away what is not important, and put the rest where it belongs. Uncluttering your room will help unclutter your mind. Your power numbers are 5 and 12.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Get all of your homework done by Friday afternoon so you don't have to worry about it over the weekend. You'll be much happier you did because it won't hinder the fun you could have with your friends. Plus you'll be able to sleep in as late as you want and not worry about your work. How nice will that be? Your power numbers are 10 and 19.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You've been having a lot of unusual dreams recently and they've been ones you would like to see come true, at least in part. Make a plan and try to achieve those dreams. After all, a dream is just a wish your heart makes. You never know what you can do if you set your mind to it. Your power numbers are 18 and 23.

WMC Welcome Back and Families Weekends offered fun



PAT BARNES

You can never start too early! This coach recruited very young prospects.



JOHN TRENHOLM

Green Terror families brought support and pride to the weekend's games.

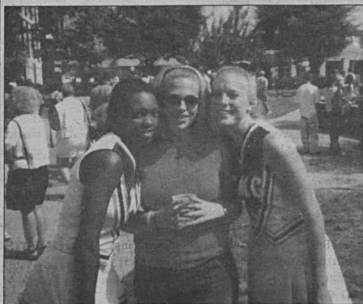


MISTY LA VIGNE

A group of peer mentors and members of the class of 2005 shake their bon bons on the steps in front of Hoover Library.



Up, up and away at the Welcome Back Weekend.



SADIE MATARA

Just taking a break before the big game to smile for the camera.



ROBERT HEGMANN

Look, Dad, this is where my ROTC classes are!

Sports in America: The aftermath of 9/11/01, where will sports go from here?

RICK GRAMS

Staff Writer

When I went to bed on September 10, the biggest issue in my life was who would be the Washington Redskins' starting quarterback in their second game of the season, Tony Banks or Jeff George.

Less than twelve hours later, that was not even a thought in my mind.

The attacks on the United States early on Tuesday morning, put the sports world on hold, and rightfully so.

All major professional and college sports put their games on hold while the nation mourned and collected itself after the attacks claimed the lives of many innocent victims.

But sports also had another factor in mind in delaying games: safety.

That is because sports hold a unique place in American society. Something that is for all intents and purposes completely meaningless can be the main concern in someone's life, including my own.

And with those responsible for the attacks on the United States, vehemently anti-American, a sporting event would look like a prime target for anyone wanting to send a message to this country.

Whether it's just a few thousand fans scattered in the stands at Tropicana Field on a weekday night for a Tampa Bay Devil Rays' game, or over 100,000 in Columbus for an Ohio State football game, sport is one of the few things many people have in common in this country.

For about three hours, fans of one team seem to forget all racial, gender, religious, social, economic, or any other barrier separating them from the person sitting on the seat next to them or gathered around the same television screen.

All diversity seems to be forgotten until the game is over. Sport is a unifier in this country, and has an ability to bring diverse people together, which makes it uniquely American.

Sure sports are big in other countries, but they occupy a major place in the collective American psyche.

Leading up to the attacks, one of the main stories, both inside and outside of sport, was the seemingly eminent (and unfortunate) decision of Michael Jordan to the NBA with the Washington Wizards.

That was quickly pushed to the back of peoples' minds, as was the

rest of the sports world last Tuesday.

Sports stopped, as did the rest of the country, not just as a sign of solidarity, but as a measure to prevent another attack on innocent Americans.

This is not meant to scare people away from sporting events.

First of all, increased security at games hopefully will prevent a catastrophe from occurring at a game. More importantly, by staying at home instead of going to the game, you are letting the terrorists win.

Their goal is to interrupt the American way of life, a way of life they detest. If they see a half-empty stadium outside of a few venues, in a way they have achieved part of their goal.

Slowly, sports are returning to our lives. Tonight, Barry Bonds moved closer to Mark McGwire, hitting his 64th homer of the season. Jeff George has been announced as the Redskins' starter for their next game.

Hopefully, one day soon, sports will return to the place it once held in many peoples' lives.

Sports serve as a temporary escape from the horror, but they can

never make us forget.

The events of 9/11 have awakened at least one fan to the perspective that sports should always remain in.

Heroes are not those that can belt out 71 home runs in a season, lead my beloved 'Skins' to victory, or achieve some other feat on an athletic field.

True heroes are those that put their lives in danger to save others, as so many firemen did in New York last Tuesday.

Heroes are those that charge the cockpit of a plane, already knowing they are most likely going to die, to save the lives of innocent people on the ground.

And heroes are those that are going to be putting their lives on their line in the future to ensure that a quarterback controversy is the main issue on the minds of sports fans in the U.S. and around the world.

Green Terror V-Ball on hot streak

CRAIG P. JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The votes are in. The WMC women's volleyball team is officially on a hot streak.

After battling through some up and down play in the first couple weeks, the Terror have won three consecutive matches, including an upset on the road against York College.

The Terror's most recent victories came at home on Saturday in a duel meet with Bryn Mawr College and Muhlenberg College.

Behind a huge crowd for families weekend, WMC swept the match against Bryn Mawr and edged out Muhlenberg three games to two behind 28 kills and 24 digs from junior standout Kate Wall.

Also instrumental in the Terror victories were freshman Samantha Stambaugh, who recorded 23 kills and 23 digs, and freshman Carrie Sniffen, with 19 kills and 23 digs.

On September 20, the Terror scored an upset by downing York College 3-2 in York, Pennsylvania.

After dropping the first game, 18-30, WMC fought back and forth with York to force and fifth and deciding game, where they pulled out the win by a score of 15-9.

Kate Wall led the team with 21 kills and 19 digs in the upset. Stambaugh (10 kills, 16 digs), senior Jessica Rouse (5 kills, 18 digs), and Kellianne Rose (17 digs, 9 kills) all came up big in helping the team towards victory.

On September 15th, the Terror won handily at home against visiting Elizabethtown College, three games to one.

Wall finished the games with an outstanding 34 digs, keeping the ball in play for WMC throughout the day.

Aiding in the team's efforts were Rouse, with two service aces and 23 digs, sophomore Marie Brennan, with 15 digs, and Sniffen, who finished the day with four service aces, 19 digs and 5 blocks.

Stambaugh and senior Mandy Hoffman also were strong on defense, with 21 digs and 16 digs, respectively.

The Terror volleyball team returns to action on September 25 at Widener University in Pennsylvania, where they look for their fourth consecutive victory.

Let the hot streak continue.

Women's soccer fights hard, but comes up short in recent games

GREG LEDBETTER

Sports Editor

It has been a rough start for the Western Maryland College Women's soccer team as they have struggled offensively and are off to a 2-5 start.

Although the team has found trouble putting points on the board so far, the team has performed better than their record has indicated.

The squad has been playing their opponents to a standstill, but can't seem to get over the hump thus far.

In a recent game, WMC played host to non-conference opponent, Goucher College, on September 19.

In the first half, the Green Terror played aggressively, keeping the ball down in their opponent's zone, but were unable to come away with any points and found themselves trailing at the break 2-0.

In the second half, the team fought back into the game when sophomore Becky Ridgway took a pass from freshman Brooke Weiner and scored a goal to put the team on the scoreboard. The team kept the pressure on and tied the game when freshman Katie Kirley blasted a shot past the Goucher goal-keeper.

With their spirits high after their strong comeback, Goucher came right back and took a 3-2 lead at

around the 78 minute mark.

Never giving up, the Green Terror made a late surge and score a tying goal at the horn, but the ball was called out of play when it was kicked.

It was another heart breaking loss for the squad, as they fell in a nail-biter 3-2.

Earlier in the week, the Green Terror were looking to get on the winning track in their conference opener against Muhlenberg College.

In the first half, the squad continued to struggle offensively and were down 1-0 at the intermission. The second half brought more of the same as WMC couldn't find the net and lost at home 3-0.

Senior goalie Candi Kuligowski played well with seven strong saves, but WMC was shutout for the third time in the early season.

Despite their early season struggles, the Green Terror rose to the challenge in their September 10 contest against tough power house, Shepherd College.

From the start, the Green Terror offensive got on track with two goals from sophomore Lauren Cramer and freshman Laura Cavey to take a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, the opposition would fight back with a early goal to trim lead to 1, but WMC

played strong and held on for a critical 2-1 road win. Junior Melissa Messon dished out two assists in the contest and Kuligowski made three saves in goal for the Green Terror.

WMC looked to change their luck in their September eighth game against Mary Washington College.

The Green Terror defense played strong as usual and sophomore Niki Lepson picked up a goal, but the team found themselves down at the break 2-1.

In the second half, both teams played to a standstill and failed to score the rest of the game as WMC 2-1.

With their offense stuck in neutral, the squad has relied on a tough defense and strong play from goalkeepers Kuligowski and junior Alice Litsinger.

The Green Terror entered the 2001 season with high expectations and have fallen short as of late, but the team is very optimistic that they can turn things around.

"Recently, we have fixed things (offensive struggles) by trying new formations and girls in different places," says freshman Dawn Fletcher. "I think we are in good shape."

The squad is looking to turn their many nail biting losses into victories as the season continues.

Sports Schedule

Football:
@Muhlenberg
September 29
1 PM

Women's Soccer:
Vs. Messiah
September 27
4:00 PM

Field Hockey:
Vs. College of
Notre Dame
September 2
4:30 PM

Men's Soccer:
Vs. Gettysburg
September 26
4:00 PM

Volleyball:
Juniata College
Tournament
September 28-29

Cross Country:
Dickinson Invit.
September 29
11:00 AM



Green Terror junior Tracy Kessler gets ready for some conference action.



Junior Melissa Merson controls the ball against an opposing defender.

Green Terror Field Hockey remains perfect in 2001

TAMMI SLATER

Staff Writer

An undefeated season and a shot at being Conference Champions is what fuels this year's field hockey team to use the potential and ability of the young team.

The WMC field hockey team continued its winning streak on September 22, where they defeated Dickinson College 2-1 at home.

The team led by senior Captain Lauren Cernak, believes that this years team is bound to go far.

"I think we can be Conference Champions."

"We're 7-0, with 2 of the most difficult teams behind us, and I think that we have the potential to go all the way," Cernak said.

Sophomore teammate, Jen Fagley, agrees that the team's unity and athleticism will advance them.

"We have the ability to go undefeated the whole season."

"We don't give up, and when the coach tells us to do something, we do it, and we are better because of it."

"We used her instruction with the Frostburg game, and won," Fagley said.

WMC showed their strength, ability, and determination against Dickinson where they dominated possession of the ball, pulled numerous corner plays, and attacked each play on defense.

With seven corner draws in the first half of the game, WMC dominated on offense but had not capitalized on their scoring oppor-

unities.

However, with eleven minutes left, junior midfielder Susan Rohrer, scored off a hit to the left post assisted by sophomore midfielder, Kristin Barrick.

On the defensive side, Cernak and sophomore Kim Camponelli showed tremendous effort with great pressure on the ball, stepping up to stop fast breaks, and long hits out of the circle up to the wings.

With an impressive first half play, WMC came out to the start of the second half strong. Five minutes into play, junior attack player, Tracy Kessler scored off the goalie's pads in a corner play.

While Dickinson scored off of a corner play in the second half, their second goal with only three minutes remaining in the game was called back.

The goal did not count because the ball was hit before it was in the circle, leaving WMC's consecutive winning streak untouched.

With a perfect start in the early season, the Green Terror look to be a championship contender and create a new reputation for themselves within the conference.

Rohrer says the only thing she feels the team needs to improve on to make that happen is to, "be more consistent and we will be more competitive."

"We need to improve on scoring off of corners because we have so many of them," said Rohrer.

With the energy, talent, and determination on the team this should not prove to be an issue. Good luck on an already successful and promising season, and keep up the streak!

Ultimate frisbee club is garnering interest among WMC men and women

JASON EDWARDS
Assistant Sports Editor

Ask anyone not a college student to name his or her favorite sports, and most will respond with the usual: football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse, but ask a student at Western Maryland, and you might get a completely different answer.

"Ultimate Frisbee."

From Whiteford to Rouzer and McDaniel to the Garden apartments, Frisbee is everywhere at Western Maryland.

"I was walking out of Rouzer, and I heard like ten people talking about it," said freshman Ken Bertkau.

"It's good to know that people are coming out to play."

Ultimate Frisbee, a fast and furious game based loosely on the objects of football and soccer, is sweeping the campus and quickly becoming one of the most popular and most played sports at WMC.

Games are played with seven players on a team. One team throws off and the other receives.

The object is to score by catching the Frisbee in the opponent's end zone by completing passes. If a pass is caught, the player throws to a teammate to move the disc down the field.

However, if a pass is dropped, the offensive team loses possession and the defense becomes offense. The team with the most scores at the end of the game, played to two 15-minute halves, is the winner. Games are played without referees and the players call their own fouls.

The Frisbee perhaps would never have been invented if it weren't for the Frisbee

Pie Company opening up in 1887 close to a college later to be named Yale. Students from Yale would buy Frisbee pies and use the pie tins as flying discs to toss around campus.

After years of throwing metal, the flying pie tin evolved into a plastic disc and the American craze had begun.

Once the Frisbee spread nationwide, high school students in New Jersey took the fly-

"Frisbee is different from other college sports. We go out and have fun without the pressures that other sports have." - Freshman Lori Panos

ing disc a step further, and Ultimate Frisbee was created.

The first intercollegiate Ultimate Frisbee game took place in 1972 between Princeton and Rutgers, and expanded to campuses all over the country.

Todd Peters, a senior and president of WMC Ultimate Frisbee, teamed with 13 other Ultimate players to officially form the club during the spring semester of 2001.

"Ultimate Frisbee has been here before I was a freshman. By the time I was a junior, we decided to start the club."

"We play basically on two levels: one for campus enjoyment and the other for com-

petition as a traveling squad."

"Last year we competed against five other schools, and this year, we have already agreed to games with Towson and UMBC," said Peters.

Frisbee at WMC is continuing to expand and is becoming more and more popular. "We have grown for the original 14 to 30 members now. It seems like we're growing more every week," said Peters.

The reason for this may have to do with Frisbees relaxed form of commitment.

"You make of it what you want," said sophomore and Ultimate Frisbee Vice President Jason Lowy.

"It can be competitive or just for fun. All you have to do is come out and play."

Freshman Lori Panos agrees, "Frisbee is different from other college sports. We go out and have fun without the pressures that other sports have."

Ultimate Frisbee is also a good way to meet friends and become involved in the college. Because the team here is relatively small, all games are coed. "It's fun mixed. Everyone is really nice and it's easy to make friends through Frisbee," said Panos.

A plan for a traveling women's team is in the works, but for now, Western Maryland plays its games coed.

The Ultimate Frisbee team is looking to expand, and anyone interested in joining may call Todd Peters at extension 8059.

For Frisbee, the future looks promising. "This is our crowning moment, and by all indications, more is yet to come," said Peters.

Phoenix Sports Trivia

1. Who is the only player in college football history to win the Heisman Trophy twice?

2. Who is Rickey Henderson trying to surpass as the all-time runs scored leader?

Last edition's answer:

Fleet Walker, Toledo

THE

Green Terror

SCOREBOARD

Passing

Name	Att	Comp	Int	YDS	TD
Boo Harris	69	40	2	690	10
John Luster	30	16	0	165	3

Rushing

Name	Att	YDS	YDS/pr	TD
Boo Harris	50	218	4.4	3
Jemel Johnson	40	185	4.6	4
Louis Wright	27	150	5.6	2

Receiving

Name	Rec	YDS	YDS/pr	TD
Teron Powell	50	294	16.3	8
Joe Ellis	15	261	17.4	4
Jemel Johnson	6	66	11.0	1
Chris Hamilton	5	95	19.0	0

Defense

Name	Tac.	Sacks	Int
Matt Wilchinski	30	0	0
Jason Wingart	26	0	2
Athan Margetas	26	1	0
Jesse Hudson	24	3	0
Omar Phillips	19	0	0
Jason Wiles	18	1	0
Josh Galemore	15	2	0
Joe Rydzewski	14	2	0
Brett Kamholtz	10	0	2
Rob Wingfield	21	0	2

Men's Soccer 2001

School	Conf.	Overall
Johns Hopkins	2-0	5-1
Gettysburg	1-0	6-1
F & M	1-0	4-1
Haverford	1-0	4-1
Muhlenburg	1-0	4-1
Swarthmore	0-1	4-3
Dickinson	0-1	2-4-1
Washington	0-1	1-4-1
Ursinus	0-1	2-5
WMC	0-2	5-2



Mike's WWF Fan series: Which WCW stars will join the WWF this year?

MIKE JENKISON
Staff Writer

Who's coming to town?
With WWF ratings slipping, rumors are beginning to circulate over what wrestlers are going to arrive in the WWF.

Last March, the WWF purchased rival company WCW after years of ratings wars. The WWF won the war, and scooped up the competition as its prize.

Unfortunately for fans, many of the bigger name wrestlers contracts were not picked up with the WCW.

Many of these wrestlers still have contracts with WCW's parent company, AOL/Time Warner.

For the WWF to make bids on these wrestlers, their current contracts either have to run out, or the wrestlers themselves have to be willing to take large pay cuts to work for The WWF.

DDP and Booker T are the only two main event caliber WCW wrestlers to join the WWF so far.

Here is a run down of some of the other former WCW stars, and their chances of making it the WWF.

-Scott Steiner 65%. The exact details of these contracts are not known to the public, but the rumor mill believes that Steiner's contract will be up in November sometime.

This is also about the same time that his injured foot is expected to heal.

When WCW went out of business, Steiner was their number one heel. He's a physical specimen who is over with the fans. I expect this thing to get done.

The only reason it might not be because Steiner does have a history with out-of-the-ring control issues.

The WWF may avoid signing him if they believe they can't control him.

-Kevin Nash 90% He's coming. Count on it. His contract has fewer rumors to it than most. He's out of his current deal in January.

When Nash left the WWF, he left on good terms. Both he and Vince McMahon have stated publicly that they want to work with one another.

It's a perfect fit. Nash could, perhaps, make a dramatic return as a surprise entrant in this year's royal rumble.

-Sting 5% Sting has found god, folks. And although this might be great for Steve Borden (Sting's real name) the man, it's bad for wrestling fans everywhere.

He has a big time contract that still has some time in it, and he has publicly said more than once that he's proud of his career, but it's

time to hang up the boots.

Congrats to Sting on a great career!

-Jeff Jarret 20% Unlike Nash, Jarret left the WWF on poor terms. He screwed Vince McMahon out of a lot of money, and he burned a lot of bridges with the WWF locker room.

Vince has a big ego, and he might like to not sign Jarret as an act of revenge. Jarret is currently not contractually obligated to anyone, so if a return came it could come at any time.

This is unlikely, but if Vince and Jarret both decide that they could profit from this, then maybe we'll be lucky enough to see the return of the chosen one.

-Goldberg 10% As much as this kills me, this isn't happening. Goldberg, despite not wrestling in over nine months, is the highest paid wrestler in the business thanks to his ruides with the old WCW.

Also, Goldberg never loved wrestling. He loved football. Assuming he handles his finances correctly, he'll never need Vince's WWF. There really is no need for him to do it.

-Hulk Hogan 50% When I look at this one with my brain, I say no. But my gut tells me yes, this will happen. Hogan and Vince have both been heard publicly saying that they've mended some of their bridges.

If Hogan were to return, it would probably be a short stint, and not a new career. If egos can be put aside, and these men can agree to have some fun together, this could be great!

There are other names out there of wrestlers that could return to the WWF. Randy Savage, Ric Flair, Shawn Michaels, Mick Foley, Scott Hall and others.

The first four seem unlikely, but Hall seems like he might be a real possibility.

I guess the only thing I can do is watch every Monday and Thursday night, waiting to find out.

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Green Terror Sports

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Wednesday, September 26, 2001

Harris goes down, Luster and company step up and get win for Green Terror football

MIKE JENKISON
Staff Writer

Going into a big game like the one against conference rival Ursinus, the Green Terror were probably hoping to rely on their big-play superstars. Players like Boo Harris, Terron Powell, Jason Wingear, and Jason Wiles are usually the ones who make the big plays for Western Maryland.

Yet if someone said before the game that it was going to be the big play capabilities of Mike Ganeas, Matt Miller, and John Luster that the Terror were going to rely on, most would think that Ursinus would blow them out.

Actually, those were the players who made key plays, and Western Maryland did the blowing out, 35-9.

Green Terror hero number one was Junior Quarterback John Luster. With superstar Harris injured early in the first quarter, the quarterbacking duties fell on Luster. He got the job done leading the 35 point attack. His biggest individual play came in the second half when Ursinus scored nine unanswered points to start the half. Luster lead a long drive and capped

off with a touchdown to established star Powell.

Hero number two was Junior D-Back Mike Ganeas. The game was scoreless in the first quarter when his first big play arrived. On a third and long, Ganeas intercepted a pass and took it 30 yards to the endzone.

"I saw his eyes and started to run to the receiver before he even threw the ball. As soon as I caught it I knew I was going to score, when someone catches one on the run like that they usually do," Said Ganeas.

Ganeas delivered again in the second quarter. With Ursinus in their own territory punting on 4th down, Ganeas broke through the line and blocked a punt, setting the offense up deep in Ursinus territory for the second score of the game.

"It was weird, I broke through the line and there was the punter right in my face. It was my first ever blocked punt."

Matt Miller, a special teams standout all season for The Terror, scored a TD of his own on a blocked punt by senior Christian Hamilton.

"I saw the ball go way up in the air and I didn't want to overrun it," said Miller. "I wasn't sure how it was going to bounce, and I didn't want to lose it so I just stayed behind it and fell on it when it came down."

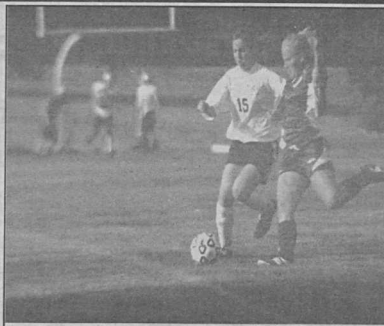
Later in the game Miller stepped up and made another big special teams play.

The Ursinus long snapper threw a bad snap, and Miller tackled the punter, setting up the Luster TD pass. Sophomore Tony Braglio contributed a block as well, the third blocked punt for Western Maryland in the game.

The previous week The Green Terror manhandled Gettysburg 55-7.

The defense was nearly perfect, giving up one score on one long run. The offense was almost as flawless. Many of the starters were exiting the game in the third quarter for the Terror.

This weekend the top two teams in the conference on every experts list, Muhlenburg and Western Maryland square off in Allentown, Pennsylvania.



Freshman Laura Cavey fights for the ball. Read about the Green Terror woman's soccer team on page 14.

Men's soccer prepares for conference play

RIK GRAMS
Staff Writer

The Green Terror men's soccer team finished off their pre-conference schedule with a perfect 5-0 mark, after beating Caldwell College and Villa Julie.

Against Caldwell, freshman Thomas Kane netted two goals, while Vinny Pedalino added a goal and an assist.

Four days later, WMC went to 5-0 after defeating Villa Julie 3-2 at home.

Freshman Tim McCallum scored two goals, and Pedalino, a senior added another. Goalkeeper Ryan Defibaugh stopped six shots for the Terror.

The perfect start after five games is the best for the Terror since 1995.

Coach John Plevyak said that he is "real pleased" about the performance of his freshmen thus far, adding, "they have stepped up since the first day of practice."

Plevyak said that many of the young players are now starting or getting quality minutes off of the bench.

Senior midfielder Brad Russell echoed Plevyak, saying the freshmen have had a "pretty big role" so far.

The play of the freshmen is one of only many reasons for the soccer team's success thus far.

Russell said, "This is the best team I've been on in my four years here" so far this season.

He also said that the seniors feel extra pressure this year.

The older players have "a lot of responsibility," according to Russell, as they want to make the playoffs in their last season and help the younger players maintain the success of the program in years to come.

However, without the services of junior sweeper Dave Filo, the Terror men's soccer team lost their first two Centennial Conference games this past week, falling to Johns Hopkins' and Haverford.

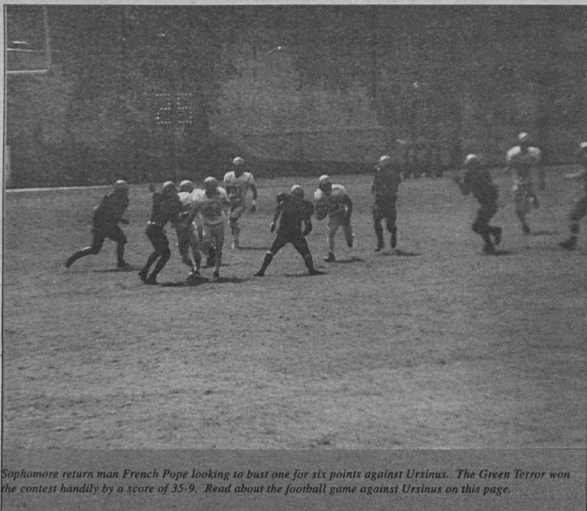
According to Plevyak, Filo has turf toe, and should be 100% by the time they play Gettysburg on September 26.

Despite nine Defibaugh saves against Hopkins, the Blue Jays were able to defeat the Terror 3-0. Defibaugh saved eight Haverford shots in the 2-0 loss.

"Last year we lost to Haverford and Hopkins and still had a good season and made the post season," said Plevyak.

He added, "We need to put together another five game win streak." WMC rebounded on Saturday with a 3-0 win against Swarthmore.

Coming up for the Terror next week, after the Gettysburg game at home, is an away game at Franklin & Marshall on the 29 of September.



Sophomore return man French Pope looking to bust one for six points against Ursinus. The Green Terror won the contest handily by a score of 35-9. Read about the football game against Ursinus on this page.



Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Raul Yzaguirre speaks on Hispanics at WMC



Raul Yzaguirre, President of La Raza, addresses the public on issues concerning the Hispanic community.

LEROY MCDUFFIE
Staff Writer

On October 2, 2001, a large audience gathered in Big Baker Memorial Chapel to hear Raul Yzaguirre, the top spokesman on Latino affairs, speak.

Yzaguirre is the current president of La Raza, an organization that promotes Hispanic heritage and unity. Yzaguirre is noted as a "Political think-tank" in Washington D.C. and La Raza is the most respected Spanish organization in the country.

But Yzaguirre's interest in His-

panic heritage stem far beyond the capitol. At the age of 15, he began his Civil Rights career in his home of southern Texas.

Yzaguirre became the first Hispanic to receive the Rockefeller award from Princeton University for his Civil Rights work. He also received five other degrees from various colleges as well as receiving the Martin Luther King Jr. medal for his life long pursuit of equality.

He became the first person to give a speech during Hispanic Heritage Month at WMC. While speaking to a large crowd, he cov-

ered broad topics ranging from the terrorist attacks on September 11, to issues involving the media's portrayal of Hispanics, stereotypes, and rejuvenating American values.

In the course of his speech, Yzaguirre talked about the tragic events of September 11. He believes that by uniting as Americans, normalcy will eventually return to society.

"We must depend on each other," Yzaguirre proclaimed.

Also, he added that he supports President George W. Bush and all public officials; especially firefighters and police officers.

The attacks of the 11th were "very emotional" to Latinos, said Yzaguirre. At the World Trade Center site, there were over 1,000 Latino casualties alone.

Yzaguirre also discussed how Hispanics have contributed to the defense and exploration of this country. He said that in the Vietnam War, 27% of the casualties were Latino. Also, two-thirds of the United States at one point or another was settled and explored by various Latino explorers. Latinos have supported the U.S. in many ways throughout history.

The most talked about subject during his speech was the rejuvenation of American values. He believes that Latinos have been stereotyped along with other minorities.

According to Yzaguirre, "Hispanics are more negatively viewed by America." He also said that Latinos work more hours than any other group in the country.

Currently, there are over 1.2 million businesses in this country owned by Latinos. Like every other group in this country, Yzaguirre wants a more level playing field, with decent housing and neighborhoods. He also discussed how Latinos should be included in more federal education programs because he feels that currently Latinos are under represented in such programs.

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Help find missing flags

JESSICA WATSON
co-News Editor

WMC has seen its share of the recent flood of patriotism, to flags cast outside of dorm windows to slews of red, white and blue pins.

For one Pub employee, Kathy Reiker, it was important to share in the unity.

Reiker and another employee, Robin Hinchey, put out an American flag and a Maryland flag on display by the Pub cash register and lit candles in to honor the victims of September 11's tragedy. They also handed out flag stickers to customers that entered the Pub and had a small donation bucket.

They received many compliments regarding their patriotism, but nothing could have prepared Reiker for what she found, or rather couldn't find, on the morning of October 4.

Reiker didn't close up the shop on Wednesday night, but when she came in for work Thursday morning, she noticed that the American and Maryland flags were missing.

"I thought somebody had taken them down," Reiker said, referring to maybe one of her fellow employees. "I searched everywhere for them."

Reiker described both flags to be about six by nine inches; each flag had its own black holder.

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Students rally in D.C. in search of ANSWER

JESSICA WATSON
News Editor

On Saturday, September 29, a small group of students from the WMC community joined over 20,000 others for a nonviolent rally at Freedom Plaza in Washington, DC. Here the young and old alike unified as one to speak out and rally against racism in America and war.

The trip was sponsored by Amnesty International, a human rights organization on campus.

"The purpose of Amnesty International is to raise awareness of human rights abuses going on all around the world and to prevent such abuses from taking place," says sophomore Kate Prishby, the president of this organization.

On Saturday this purpose took her, along with fellow students Robert Caswell, Elizabeth Wallace, and Cathy Pendorff into the heart of Washington, D.C.

"I believe that using violence to resolve violence does not work," says Prishby. "I knew there were other people who felt the same way and I wanted to make the option open to the campus. I feel like it's my responsibility to express my opinion; being against violence I felt the need to stand up for those who would be affected by what could happen."

The rally lasted from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and ended with a unified march to the capitol. The rally was sponsored by the International Action Center and by International ANSWER. The acronym ANSWER stands for "Act Now to Stop War and End Racism." Both organizations are working to find ways to get all who believe in civil liberties, and oppose war and racism to come together.

Heavily equipped police officers lined the streets left and right



From left to right, Elizabeth Wallace, Robert Caswell, Kate Prishby, and Cathy Pendorff proudly display their peace flag and anti-war signs.

from Freedom Plaza all the way to the capitol. Helicopters circled overhead as the crowd stretched out as far as the eyes could see. American flags swayed gently against the subtle breeze.

"War is not the answer!" The crowd chanted this slogan along with several others in unison. They held up posters that read, "An eye

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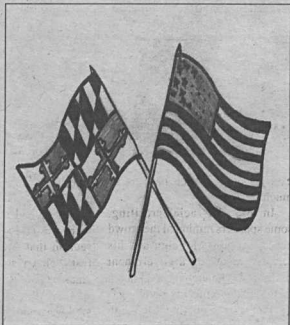
These flags have sentimental values

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"My husband is a veteran and he liked things like that. I took them right off my husband's desk; that's why they have sentimental values."

Right now at the cash register there is a sign, handwritten by Reiker, kindly asking for anyone who has the flags or knows information about them to come forward, no questions asked.

"Somebody said that I should have never brought those flags in; I guess I just trusted everyone," she said.



At a time where the nation is in the middle of a tragedy and when everyone is promoting unity and coming together, you just wouldn't expect for someone to disrupt the union with something like this.

She also noticed that the collection bucket that once sat on the counter was also miss-

ing. "If they steal that, they will probably steal anything," she commented.

Reiker wants the WMC community to have a heart. This is the same community that claims to be supportive, claims to tend

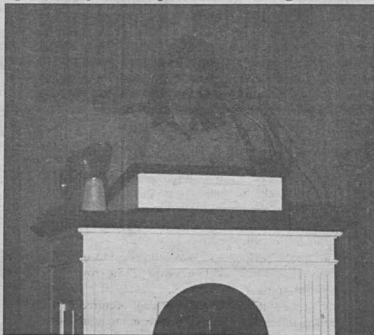
to the needs of everyone and claims that they can come together and overcome adversity. She is asking that the members of this community live up to their claims; come through and be that caring community.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of these two flags and/or donation bucket, please see Reiker in the Pub.

These flags are extremely important to her and she would like them returned to her care.

When she proudly displayed her flags in the Pub, she did it not only as an act of loyalty to one's country but also out of trust in this community.

Speaker for Hispanic Heritage Month



Mary Grace Almandrez, Director of Multicultural Services, proudly introduces Raul Yzaguirre, president of La Raza.

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On the subject of the media, Yzaguirre had many points of concerns involving the number of Hispanics on television. He believes that the media does not portray Hispanics "accurately."

During the early and mid-twentieth century, according to him, Hispanics were portrayed as lazy people that always wore a sombrero.

Yzaguirre said that according to statistics, during the 50s, there were only 3% Latino representation on television; and in

the 90s, it went down to only 1%. This is something that is not right, said Yzaguirre.

There should be more Hispanic representation in television due to the increase in Latino influence in this country over the last couple decades.

At the end of his speech, Yzaguirre answered questions pertaining to how Latinos pick a political party, and public defense issues due to the threats of terrorism.

Hispanic Heritage Month will end on October 15.

Campus safety blotter

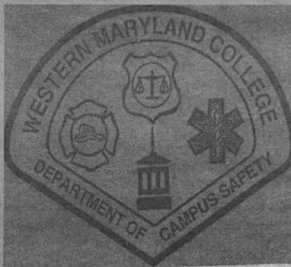
TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

The following incidents were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:

9/15 11 p.m. Alcohol violation in Rouzer Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/18 8 p.m. Harassment in Blanche Ward Hall
9/14 5 p.m. Unauthorized use of college facilities in Hoover Library
9/15 11:50 a.m. Theft in McDaniel Hall
9/15 11:45 p.m. Alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/16 12:04 a.m. Alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/16 2:30 a.m. Defacing of property crime in Albert Norman Ward Hall
9/17 2:10 a.m. Property crime in Whiteford Hall
9/16 11:30 p.m. Alcohol violation and using/providing false identification in Garden Apartments 1
9/13 11:16 p.m. Alcohol violation in Rouzer Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/14 2:30 a.m. Property crime in Albert Norman Ward Hall
9/27 12 a.m. Theft on Historic Drive
9/20 1:32 a.m. Violation of quiet hours in Blanche Ward Hall
9/14 Unauthorized use of college facilities in Gill Gym

9/21 10:48 p.m. Alcohol violation in Whiteford Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/22 10 a.m. Alcohol violation in Whiteford Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/9 12:52 a.m. Property crime in Whiteford Hall
9/22 11:20 p.m. Alcohol violation in Rouzer Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/4 12:02 a.m. Alcohol violation in Rouzer Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/22 3:49 p.m. Alcohol violation in Harrison Parking Lot
9/18 2:46 p.m. Property crime
9/5 3:13 p.m. Property crime

9/7 11:45 p.m. Alcohol violation in Daniel Maclean Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/14 11 a.m. Property crimes in Garden Apartments Building 1
9/15 9 p.m. Trespassing in Blanche Ward



Hall

9/17 Alcohol violation for possession of alcohol in public areas in Rouzer Hall
9/14 12:07 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Garden Apartments Building 3
9/8 1:06 a.m. Alcohol violations for possession of alcohol in public areas in Blanche Ward Hall

9/22 8:15 a.m. Assault in Blanche Ward Hall
9/1 1:30 p.m. Residence Hall policy violation of furnishings in ANW
9/22 8:56 p.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall Parking Lot
9/22 10:12 p.m. Alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall
9/23 9:20 p.m. Alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall
9/12 10 a.m. Theft in Englar Dining Hall
9/2 10:15 p.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in McDaniel Hall
9/22 2:30 p.m. Trespassing

9/22 12:20 a.m. Trespassing in Blanche Ward Hall

9/21 12 p.m. Theft in Decker Student Center
9/12 12:30 a.m. Theft in Whiteford Hall
9/20 10:20 a.m. Property crimes

9/18 Dishonesty for furnishing false information in Blanche Ward Hall
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9/10 4:50 a.m. Harassment on campus telephone system

9/16 1:27 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Whiteford Hall
9/16 2 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Whiteford Hall
9/17 8:41 p.m. Statute/Law violation in Harrison Parking Lot

9/16 3 p.m. Property crimes and damaging
9/20 1:30 a.m. Alcohol violations for multiple containers
9/26 10 p.m. Theft in Albert Norman Ward Hall

9/30 1:30 a.m. Disorderly conduct off-campus
9/21 2:22 a.m. Trespassing campus wide
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War is not the answer

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for an eye makes the whole world blind," "Don't dishonor the dead by killing in their name," and "In a time when we should be coming together, war will only tear us apart."

The students from WMC proudly displayed a flag decorated with the peace symbol and a rainbow of colors. They also held up decorative posters to further aid in getting their message across.

"No more victims! No more violence! No more war!" the crowd chanted.

There were several speakers present at the rally; many of them expressed condolences and a moment of silence for the victims of September 11's tragic events.

All of the speakers did their best to keep the crowd hyped and to spread their message. Repeatedly stressed at this rally was the need for peace; as Martin Luther King, Jr. once put it, this is "no longer a choice of violence or nonviolence, but a choice of nonviolence or non-existence."

Ron Daniels, the Director for the Center for Constitutional Rights was one of many speakers that addressed the group.

"We will fight to participate in this movement," he said, "we will fight for peace within the society. War is not the answer. War will lead to more violence." Violence begets violence.

"I was almost killed," said James Kreation, one of many emergency rescue technicians who came to the aid of the victims of the World Trade Center. "I lost four people from my squad. War will not bring our loved ones back. I know what it means to see the death of innocent people." We should "resolve to stand with the International Action Center to stop war and end racism."

"Why kill people to show that killing is wrong?" the crowd questioned.

One incident occurred during the rally, where some protestors were doing a march on DC and wanted to join the rally at Freedom Plaza. Those rallying were told that the police refused to let the protestors pass to join them.

Spokesman Larry Holmes, a representative from ANSWER, speculated that maybe the police did not understand that this rally was serious and that the people participating meant business. The crowd roared, but participants representing the WMC community kept in mind that the police were the ones keeping the rally nonvio-



Elizabeth Wallace, Rob Caswell, and Kate Prisky listen to speakers preach peace at the rally at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C. JESSICA WATSON

lent. As a whole, the rally brought up several interesting points that one usually doesn't consider when contemplating war. Several speakers asked whether or not the bombs that the U.S. wants to drop would be able to differentiate between the guilty party and the innocent.

They expressed that if we have a war, no one really wins and in the end several lives are lost, especially innocent women and children. Members of the Women for Afghanistan Women voiced that some Afghanistan children still ask

"Why does America hate us so much?"

In terms of racial profiling, some speakers reminded the crowd about Timothy McVeigh and his terrorist attack on a government building in Oklahoma City, known as the 'Oklahoma City bombing.'

They stressed that McVeigh was a Caucasian male with a crew cut, and then raised the question of why America did not profile Caucasian males with crew cuts as a result of this terrorist attack. Many cheered in support, but some fell silent; maybe because they had no answer.

"I felt a sense of unity and a sense of people trying to come together to do good," says Prisky. And in terms of paying respect to the victims of September 11, "it was like the people were also uniting to mourn together."

After the four-hour rally at Freedom Plaza, everyone "poured into the streets and we just started to march down Pennsylvania Avenue," says Caswell. "At all of the intersections along Pennsylvania Avenue, there were lines of cops dressed in riot gear. Everyone was shouting and chanting." All D.C. officers were on duty for the rally and protest.

And so the protestors made their way to the capitol. "It was a surreal feeling, like you kind of lost your sense of self and joined the crowd," Caswell explained.

At the capitol there was a small group of rivals antagonizing the protestors, but they weren't really

a problem.

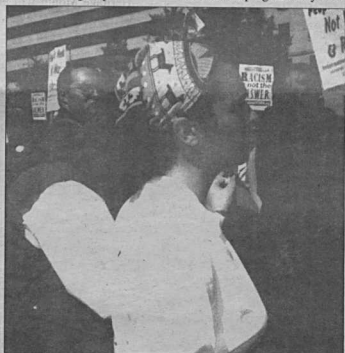
Caswell also explained that as they marched around the capitol there was an incline in the road, a section that was higher than the rest. That was everybody's first chance to see how deep the crowd was. "All you could see was a steady stream of people coming around the corner; it never ended."

There was a second stage setup at the capitol where an open-mike session took place. They let students come up and tell what school they were from and how many others joined them for the rally and protest. The majority of the people there were students," says Caswell.

As Prisky and others roared the metro back home, a man interested in learning more about the protest complemented them, saying they "were like angels." He said it was such an inspiration to see young people concerned and involved with these kind of national and international issues.

Meetings are currently being held to plan an international day against war and racism. Tentatively, this will take place on October 27. This will be a day of coordinated local and regional marches, rallies and teach-ins. Amnesty International is already in the process of making plans to bear witness to this international event.

Prisky says, "It is only through the education of such issues that there is hope to break the chains of oppression forced upon individuals all around the world."



JESSICA WATSON

WMC students voice their concerns in Washington, D.C.

Kate Prisky, president of Amnesty International, focuses on the issues concerning the September 11 terrorist attacks and how the U.S. has responded. The students who attended the rally, wanted to send a message against racial profiling in the aftermath of the attacks and also felt that peace was the best answer. "I believe that using violence to resolve violence does not work," says Prisky. "I knew there were other people who felt the same way and I wanted to make the option open to the campus. I feel like it's my responsibility to express my opinion; being against violence I felt the need to stand up for those who would be affected by what could happen."

Corrections

In the September 13 issue of the Phoenix, the article "Winslow's future revamped" stated that "the academic departments of Winslow got new, permanent homes in Lewis Recitation Hall." William G. Miller, Ph.D., of the Psychology Department clarifies that the Psychology Department remains in Winslow and has been housed in the building for 20 years. He says "We hope to be in a new building by Fall 2004."

In the September 26 issue of the Phoenix, for the article "WMC family responds to terrorist attacks" the photo of Catherine Orzolek-Kronner sharing her thoughts with fellow students, faculty and staff on Friday, Sept. 14 was taken by Courtney Federoff. Also the photo of the student going "up, up and away at the Welcome Back Weekend" was taken by Courtney Federoff. Also in the September 26 issue, all graphics were drawn by Jessica Watson.

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A perspective on tragedy from Budapest

Dear Editor:

My name is Sean Carroll, and I am a junior college student currently studying in Budapest for the fall semester. I would first like to express my grief and condolences to the victims of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

It is hard to watch the unfolding events from afar, and I feel that this e-mail may be a way for me to reach home. I attend an international college here, and the students and professors are very supportive to our American group.

We have had talks and seminars which were attended by students from all over the world, expressing what the future holds for us. Being the strongest and most influential political and economic nation, as well as having the strongest military, much of the fate of the world depends on the decisions made in response to this terrorism. It is in-

teresting to hear the many varied opinions of such a diverse group of students on what should be done by the United States and its allies.

But all of the students agree that war and violence, at least against a nation and it's people, is not the right answer to our problems. It is hard to distinguish between the innocent and those that should be punished in dire times as these; but the Afghan people are at the moment fleeing for their lives, in fear that U.S. fighter planes will soon be littering their countryside with death and destruction, after the Taliban has already done a sufficient job of that.

The guilty party(ies) of this heinous act of cowardice and murder should be reprimanded, but not at the cost of more innocent lives. One people, and one religion do not represent the radical ideals of a corrupt Taliban and Osama bin Laden. I am, only

asking that my letter speak out with others, praying for caution and consideration in the decisions that will change the face of our world in the months to come.

I am quite honestly afraid if the events that may unfold, and I dream of a world of peace. War is such a strong and horrible term, and this does not call for a war between civilizations, religions, or ideals.

I hope for an educated and compassionate response that does not entail a war, but a seizure, and arrest of the guilty party for their wrongdoings. This is not an attack against the United States alone, but a crime against humanity and the common good. Embrace life, and cherish our freedom.

Thank you for your time, best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sean Carroll

Western Maryland College-Budapest

Does WMC need a name change?

Dear Editor:

I've heard a rumor going around campus that the college will be changing its name in the next two to three years. I have just picked it up from two or three people here and there, nothing concrete though. Some people believe that the current name is "not prestigious enough" and that the naming of the college is misleading.

This school of thought believes that a new name would bring more money to the college as well as a better reputation. Therefore this name change would be a sellout. Beaver College renamed itself Arcadia University.

What the hell does that mean? Now I am not against selling the college's name, history or connection to a great railroad system. My only expectation is that if we sell the name we should do it right. We need to make the big bucks. My first recommendation would be a name change to Samsomite Suitscase College.

By this we could get a lot of dough from a large company, plus we would have the added bonus of the name being completely descriptive of the college. If this name change happened four years before I would

have known that most students go home every weekend, all going home in favor of the happening place that WMC is.

Most students go home every weekend and I don't blame them - there is no reason to stay here on the weekends. Any chance of a party happening here has been obliterated by strict enforcement of all college policies.

I have a recommendation for next year's student guide and datebook. Instead of having all of these complicated rules about alcohol, room occupancy and noise violations just replace it with one simple sentence: There shall be no parties at Western Maryland College. With the addendum: And any fun to be had must be school sponsored.

Here is the thinking behind the whole system: If we stop parties then college students will not drink. This thinking is flawed because no matter what, college kids will drink. I have talked to a bunch of freshman and they say that between 3 and 4 nights a week they get blasted and watch *The Simpson's* in their room. This is not a good way for students to be drinking.

Another problem is that many parties are now relegated to being off campus. We even

got a letter concerning this last week. It told us to be quiet and respectful when coming back from parties off campus.

This is another example of poor policy. These past two examples show that college students will drink no matter what - many times in destructive ways. A simple resolution would be for the college to allow more parties on campus. That way students could drink safely, near their home. Instead of getting blasted students would drink some and then go to a party and hang out with friends. This in the long run would cause students to drink in a more social, less destructive manner. This would also cause more students to stay on campus during the weekends, thus building the college community.

Wait, stop, scratch all that - if we let the kids have fun and have them stay on campus we would lose our cherry deal with the luggage industry.

Oh well, then we would have to go on our own good name that has worked for the last 130+ years and that wouldn't be any fun.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharky

Open swim limited at WMC

Erin Romanski discusses the limited availability of pool hours to WMC students.

After the daily drizzle of classes, most students choose to partake in an activity that breaks up the monotony of their day. Some would rather sleep than use another brain cell unnecessarily. Others plop themselves in front of the boob tube for hours on end of mindless entertainment. Yet several actually take advantage of their consciousness to get in good workout. Well, you had better not truck over to Harlow Pool. That is never an option.

Despite the fact that most of us here are paying \$26,000 for all of the facilities that this private college offers, the outside community is getting more use out of it than the students. Sure, "open swim" is offered between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p.m. and 8:30 to 10 p.m.

But unless you're one of the five people who is not either in class, eating lunch, or cracking the books during those limited time spans, you probably do not even know if the pool is heated or not.

Let's think about what the pool could possibly be used for the other 14 hours of

the day. Well, there are the obvious swimteam practices. Completely understandable. And of course there are those awe inspiring phys. ed. classes, who are there because of lack of access to larger bodies of water.

However I for one find it difficult to comprehend why the preschoolers of Carroll County are getting more enjoyment out of the WMC campus pool than its tuition-paying undergrads. Are there no other pools available to the four year-olds of Westminster that they have to mark our territory?

It may be a little harsh, but limiting the private use of the pool to a mere two and a half hours a day is absurd.

Putting this observation aside, I have had the personal delight of getting shut out of so-called "open swim" hours because at 8:30 at night it's a barren wasteland. No lifeguard. No signs of human life. No apparent truth in advertising. Basically, if you're hoping to swim off some stress or pump up the cardio, you had better head on down to the Y or hope you know a commuter with a pool. Otherwise, you will be gravely disappointed.

~Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.

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An insight into an American family during tragedy

Tammi Slater discusses the importance of family during a tragedy

Over the past few weeks I feel I, as well as the entire nation, have aged greatly as a result of the unfortunate tragedy of September 11.

However, the repercussions of September 11 have affected me also in a way that has surprised me with both pain and disappointment.

What immediately comes to mind is a recent encounter with a student at WMC.

As the week drew to an end, and all the coverage and shock continued, I, like many others on this campus and around the world wanted only to be with their loved ones. However, this is where I was mistaken.

When asked by a fellow student what my plans were for the upcoming weekend, I explained that I was going home to spend time with my family.

Much to my surprise, I was taken aback by the snide remark and laugh I received by my answer. After walking away incredibly disturbed by this student's lack of compassion and understanding in this time of national tragedy, I realized how some people will just never change.

As a student who is from Maryland I am grateful that I am able to visit home whenever I choose.

However, I have learned that there are many students who do not share my view, almost finding it unthinkable why anyone in "college" would want to be around family.

To these individuals I say it is now, more than ever before, that you should want to be among family, friends, and loved ones. To these individuals I say that college is a time for growing up and becoming independent in your lifestyle, but not for growing away and apart from those who have helped get you to this point. And finally, to these individuals I say that it is a shame that you feel this way.

While I realize that not everyone is so lucky to come from a close knit family like my own or live within driving distance of campus, it is not asking too much to pick up the phone to check on a loved one. Currently, it is a time in America where strangers are reaching out to one another to end another to become the innocent who have fallen victim to such a sickening terrorist act. September 11 marked a very sad day in American history which will live on with this nation forever.

However, for some, this day marked not only history but also the day families and friends across the nation had loved ones so wrongly taken away from them.

There are thousands of grieving families and friends in America today that would give anything to have their families back with them and it both astonishes and outrages me that there are people out there that still undermine and overlook

that I learned that has served me well and has always proven true. The words of wisdom given to me that "friends may come and go, but family is forever" ring true now more than ever. Even for those families who have fallen prey to the sick coward who is accountable for this tragedy, family will still live on. While only memories remain, nothing can ever compare to the link and relationship of family. No

best friend, no first love, no childhood friend can ever replace family and if there is anything we as Americans can learn from this tragedy it is not to take our time on this earth for granted.

Watching this tragedy and the aftermath of the ruins it has left behind, has redefined American pride and what this country stands for. The amount of people who have stepped up to make a difference are true heroes through my eyes and so many others. It is the firms, policemen, Red Cross, and volunteers of all ages who have my utmost respect. There is no

other job which shows more courage, pride, and selflessness, day in and day out then that of our tragedies heroes.

I commend these individuals. Our country has shown tremendous unity and hope in a time of hurt from victims being kept alive by a stranger, to a doctor going well beyond the call of duty to save lives, and a fireman administering one's last rights in his final moments.

With selfless pride, it is these workers surrounded by hell on earth who remain strong to offer support, hope, and strength to those anguished and grieving from this tragedy. They too are the ones who claim to just be doing their job, while so many are ultimately being led to death.

Amid the continual heartbreaking stories that keep transcending from beneath all the turmoil, is a need by all to be among those they love.

For those who ponder what they will do this Friday night, perhaps a phone call home or a visit if possible would serve you well.

For those who find this improbable, a reminder of the value of a day, an hour, even a minute when the unimaginable unfolds should speak for itself.

If there is any remaining doubt I challenge you to look into the eyes of an American who has just lost a loved one and you will find that no words need to be spoken, for no words do this loss justice.

-Tammi Slater is a junior Communication major.



the value and importance of family.

Growing up there was a lesson

the firms, policemen, Red Cross, and volunteers of all ages who have my utmost respect. There is no

Could 2001 be the greatest baseball season?

Matt Hurff discusses the impressive 2001 MLB season

This past week I went to Baltimore to catch an Orioles game with a couple friends. While there I came to realize that I was watching probably my favorite baseball season ever.

For me, that is quite a statement to make, as I have been a huge baseball fan for my entire life. However, there has been something very special about this year in particular—it has a combination of everything that makes baseball great and America great.

There has been a tight pennant race in almost every division except for the AL West, with some of the races going down to the very last day of the season. The wild card has been a huge factor in this season as well, because it has allowed many teams a chance to make the playoffs and as a result, not trade away any of their star players before the trading deadline.

This is especially apparent with the Oakland A's, who would have had no chance to make the playoffs with the Mariners in their division. Their lackluster start to the season might have caused them to trade away many key components

of their team, however, they held on to their players and as a result, made a very impressive wild card run in the second half.

Another thing that has been unique about this season has been the play of many of the older players in the league.

Cal Ripken Jr. announced his retirement early in the season, and as a result, he has brought a great deal of attention to an Orioles team that might not have been watched as often. While Ripken has not played up to his past standards this year, I personally feel fortunate to have had a few more opportunities to see a living American legend in action. Meanwhile, in San Diego, one of the best pure hitters ever, Tony Gwynn has been playing his final season with the Padres. He, like Ripken has been a model of consistency, as he has played for the same team for his entire career for a salary much lower than his market value.

That's because he plays for love of the game, and because he is loyal to his home: something that is rare today in sports.

Elsewhere, Rickey Henderson has been busy breaking the runs scored record along with nearing 3,000 hits, and Roger Clemens has continued to show why he has won

five Cy Young awards in his career.

Meanwhile, 37-year-old Barry Bonds has been pursuing Mark McGwire's single-season home run record for the entire season. The chase has really brought another dimension to the game and has certainly shown that you should never consider players of such high caliber "in the twilight of their career."

While these older players have played an important part in this season, youth has really shined through.

In St. Louis, rookie Bud Smith added to an already impressive season by throwing a no-hitter and his teammate Albert Pujols has put up MVP-like numbers as well.

The list of impressive young pitchers is staggering: Hudson, Zito, Mulder, Garcia, Oswalt, Miller, Buhre, Duckworth, Piner, Halliday, and Beckett are just a few of the influential young pitchers who will likely dominate the game in the years to come as the past generation of players continues to retire. That list does not even begin to touch on the list of promising hitters on the verge of greatness, a list too long to even begin.

Another factor that has made this season so great has been the way players and fans of Major League Baseball have come to-

gether in light of the tragedy of September 11.

While at Camden Yards, I can honestly say that I have never been a part of such a touching version of our national anthem or singing of "God Bless America." The sights of other fans doing the same all across America, has really made me proud to be a sports fan, and most importantly, proud to be an American.

I have heard how baseball rose to the occasion during WWII and the Korean War, and with the recent terrorist attacks, baseball has shown to me why it was so important during those times. Whether you like the sport itself, it is still an institution that can unite us all as Americans and represents many of the ideals of our society. That fact can sometimes be glossed over with salary disputes and prima-donna players at times though.

This season, and an American tragedy has revitalized my outlook on the game and the games connection with America as a whole.

So, with all of these factors together, I would argue that this season has been the greatest I have ever witnessed.

-Matt Hurff is a junior English major

A poem about the recent tragedy

Barbara Serghini of the WMC housekeeping department shares her thoughts on Sept. 11

America to many countries was called the "untouchables." But on September 11 began America's first of many troubles.

My God! What a horrible devastation, that was heard across the nation!

Four planes crashing, causing such destruction, people in shock and confused. Is this for real? For we're not a bit amused!

So many children died on those planes. Revenge upon those who did this, for they are totally insane!

I can't stop crying for what I had heard and had seen. For this is pure evil and very mean.

I'm so afraid that we'll go to war. Turn the other cheek? Well that was before!

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Edward K. Schultheis

"Come on down! You're the next contestant on 'The Price is Right.'"

Rod Roddy has spoken these famous words on "The Price is Right" for the past 30 years and there does not seem to be any end in sight for the popular television show.

When I was first thinking of an article to write for this issue, my friend Robert, recommended (jokingly) that I write about "Plinko" and while it seemed like just a big joke, the more I thought about it, the more I liked it. The more I liked it, the more I smiled when I thought about it, and wondered if an article about this would lighten the mood following all the events surrounding us.

I started informally asking around what people thought of "The Price is Right," and almost everyone said that they "love that show." In addition, I have watched the show ever since I was a little kid, as I am sure many other students have too. And even today, when I am in my dorm room at 11 a.m., and I do not have anything else to do, I will turn it on and watch Bob Barker do his thing.

When asking people what their favorite game is on the show, a few people mentioned "Hole in One...or Two," a few mentioned the yodeling mountain climber, and one answered "3 Strikes," but the most popular one was "Plinko." This is also my personal favorite.

According to a survey done by CBS in 1996, "Plinko" was named the most popular show on "The Price is Right," and for good reason. In that survey, "Hole in One..." was named the most popular game after "Plinko."

If you haven't watched it before, "Plinko" is a game where guess the price of products so that they can win thin, circular chips, "Plinko chips," as they are called. These chips are used on a giant pegboard, where there are cash prizes from \$0-\$5000 at the bottom. Players place the chips against the board and release them; the chips bounce off various pegs with a clink-clink sound until they land in a money spot. In addition, if a chip ever gets stuck, Barker retrieves them with his trusty "Plinko Stick." The most money ever won on "Plinko" was \$23,000, according to the CBS website.

In the other most popular game, and Bob Barker's personal favorite, "Hole in One...or Two," a contestant has two chances to sink a putt from varying length. The length varies based on how close to correct they were in guessing the prices of products. Normally, Barker puts from the farthest line to give the player inspiration for their putt, and typically, he actually makes it. Perhaps this is why he was a perfect fit for his cameo in Adam Sandler's movie "Happy Gilmore."

So if you have been living in a cave all your life and haven't seen the show before, then I certainly recommend, if you have time (wouldn't want you skipping class to watch "The Price is Right"), that you watch the show...just watching the old ladies trying to spin the big wheel at the end of the game, is reason enough. It's on channel 9 at 11 a.m.

And if you are interested in just watching Bob Barker play a little golf and slug it out with Adam Sandler, then pick up "Happy Gilmore." As an added bonus, you get to hear Sandler say to Barker, "The price is wrong, bitch."

And to leave you with one final thought, as Barker says: "Remember to help control the pet population, have your pet spayed or neutered. Goodbye everybody."

~Edward K. Schultheis is a junior communication major

If Undressed and Undeclared are real, why aren't you naked?

Michael Wiles looks at the stereotypes portrayed of college students on TV

Ever noticed how television is often nothing like real life? The proof is all around you, and you probably are not even aware of it. For example: do you feel the sudden urge to remove all your clothes every ten minutes? If not, you are living proof of my point (and, if you do, please keep it to your-



Michael Wiles

self. I am going somewhere with this. Besides, that is REALLY something you should keep to yourself anyway. Weirdo.)

Despite television's latest push to be more "reality based," there are still quite a few programs that aim to fog and confuse real life as it exists, not just "as we know it," all the while presenting themselves as "real life" shows. And, as is often the case, it is young people that these shows have in their sights.

Now, I will be honest with all of you. In the past, in my weaker moments, I have been known to watch an episode or two of MTV's *Undressed* if only because there is little to watch late at night and because it has college-age girls running around in their underwear. In spite of this admission, I am aware, as I am sure all of you are as well, being college students, that shows like this do nothing to tell present college life as it really is.

Our lives consist of WAY MORE than getting drunk and having sex with our sig-

nificant others, or, better yet, getting drunk and having sex with our best friend's significant other. And, with Fox's new series *Undeclared*, the "Animal House" tradition continues.

In Hollywood, we are all just blind idiots living off our parent's money and blissfully wasting our lives. Sound like you?

Seriously, there is something very disturbing about this trend. Not that it is anything new, and certainly no one thinks it will bring about the end of the world, but there is an underlying social ill here that few seem to see.

If television producers were to create shows that portrayed any racial or ethnic group strictly on the basis of their respective stereotypes, people would be up in arms over it. With that being true, why are more people not enraged about this portrayal of America's youth?

Are these programs really anything more than modern-day minstrel shows, with the young being the ones mocked? All of these questions lead up to one large question: Why are these show so offensive and yet still so popular?

Perhaps because they can actually be entertaining.

That is, as long as you can separate their stories and reality, and that is all too often the problem. I would hate to think there are some students who head off to college thinking these shows provide adequate representations of what college life is really like, or, even worse, that parents might try to prevent their children from having the great college experience as a result of these programs.

While both notions might seem extreme to us, I am sure they both exist.

The whole thing just seems like bad business to me, and, as the group of people these shows purport to represent, I think the message needs to be sent that we are not drunken, sex-craved puppets, but rather productive and important members of society....drunken and sex-craved as we may be.

~Michael Wiles is a junior English major

Stomach turning experiences question Glar's safety

Donna Hurd looks at the experiences of students involving the safety of the food at Glar

Now that the school has signed a long term contract with the Sodexo Marriott dining service, I feel it is time to bring to the surface grievances from the student body. The students are definitely not impressed with changes in Glar this year.

I found that it was not difficult to get students to offer their horror stories to me and they were very anxious to be heard. One complaint that was heard over and over again was that many workers in Glar have been seen handling food without gloves. Not only is this unsanitary, but I am sure it violates health regulations.

One student, Johnna Hooban, who is now a junior, has had problems with Glar since freshman year. "My freshman year I was getting ice out of the machine and chunks of hard-boiled eggs fell out into my glass."

Lately she has been the victim of more disgusting Glar crimes. Just a couple of weeks ago she decided to get bacon for breakfast and it was completely raw. Hooban has decided to give up since, "Napkin comments are a waste of my time because when you tell them about it they don't do anything anyway?"

Personally, I have noticed that many of the glasses and cups continuously have lipstick marks on them.

This has been brought to their attention numerous times yet there has been no change. At least twice a week there are still smudges on my glass. It is not safe. It makes me wonder how the germs are being washed off if I can still see the marks.

Another issue that has arisen in Glar lately is the hard-boiled eggs. Jessica Parker, a senior here at WMC, ate an egg for breakfast last week. While in class she began to feel sick and had to leave. Parker explained

that "the egg was extremely warm and that it was not even sitting on ice." Laura Boyer, also a senior, said she had the same experience only her egg smelled like vinegar and she refused to eat it.

Out of all of the stories I have heard, two have stuck out in my mind. Junior Megan Hennigan and Junior Brad Widner offered tales of Glar that still make my stomach churn every time I think of them.

While eating lunch last week, Megan found a piece of chewed gum in her soup. Upon this revolting discovery she decided to go talk to one of the Glar employees and complain. However, when she went to talk to them, "the guy didn't even apologize and acted like a jerk." In the same sitting Megan also noticed that the shredded cheese for salads was growing mold. You can bet she checks everything over before it touches her mouth now.

Brad Widner also had a nauseating experi-

ence while eating in Glar recently. When he picked up his waffle and took a bite he realized that it reeked like fish. "I made everyone around me smell it and then I started screaming. It was disgusting. I gave it to Matt Hurff and he went to talk to someone about it." I asked Hurff if he received any satisfaction from them concerning the complaint, and he said definitely not. They acted like it wasn't a big deal and nothing seemed to be done about it. The waffle was obviously cooked on a tray that had previously contained fish and the tray was not properly cleaned afterward.

It is amazing to me that with stories like these the school would sign a contract with this company. If students are becoming sick from eating the food, then only bad things can be expected for the future.

Donna Hurd is a junior English major

For love of the competition: a student faces the challenge

TAMMI SLATER
Assistant News Editor

Give Jessi Jones a day in the outdoors, where competition is strong and athletics is present, and she is in her most desired spot.

On Sunday, September 31, Jones competed in the Iron Masters Race at Long Pine Reservoir, located near Caledonia State Park where she spent the day among teammates racing to complete a day full of physical challenges.

Sponsored by Michauxs Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE), along with companies such as Red Bull, the event consisted of ten co-ed teams of three participating in events such as mountain biking, canoeing, and orienteering.

Jones explained that it was her best friend Joe, a student at Penn State University as well as an exceptional athlete, who talked her into doing the ten-hour event.

"He asked me to compete in it and said he would even pay for my registration fee as my birthday present," Jones said while adding that, "it was well worth it for something that I jumped into."

While Jones has run marathons in the past and competed in races, she explains that nothing has changed to this experience.

"It was definitely one of the most challenging things I have ever

done, one that I thought was near impossible," she said.

Due to the tremendous physical strains that the event presents, the senior Biology major found herself training vigorously twice a day, both running and biking, to mentally and physically prepare herself for the challenge.

When competition day finally arose, it was the training regimen that pulled her through the moments of weakness and self-doubt.

"We didn't know Senior Jessi Jones (right) and her friend pose for the camera.

Within the course of the day each team was presented with control areas, where the team would be asked to perform some sort of physical action, or solve a problem. Jones said her team was given controls such as how well you know your teammates, chin-ups, identifying tree types, and logic riddles to solve. The control points were used as a test of teamwork and solidarity.

As a first-time competitor, Jones and her team placed eighth out of ten teams. However, it was not only her first appearance but also only her third time ever mount-

tain biking. The youngest team in the competition, Jones and her team were pleased with their finish.

For Jones the day turned into a learning experience where she says more than anything else I learned "self discipline and to enjoy competition. Not stressing, working as a team, and being with my friends was great. I really pushed myself and my limits," Jones said.

An athlete who thrives on the outdoors, Jones enjoys kayaking, which she has done for years, and serves as a whitewater rafting instructor in the summer.

Additionally, she has recently taken up sky diving, which she did for the first time this summer. She explained that she felt an immediate love for skydiving and made her second jump only five days later.

Within all these loves is a common thread of "challenge" which Jones flourishes on, and it is precisely what fuels her to keep pushing herself beyond her normal boundaries.

"I love extreme challenges. I love the thrill and adrenaline rush of it all. I want to live my life, not

just let it pass me by," she said.

However, Jones feels that her friends have been a big incentive for her to compete as well. The competition is on a level that Jones admits often scares her mother because she says, "I like things that show a fear of possible injury."

A former field hockey player and track athlete in high school, Jones says she has moved on in her life to different venues and interests.

"I have become a lot more of an independent athlete as I've gotten older, and I enjoy working as a team, so what I do fits me well," she said.

Due to her love for so many sports and recreational activities, she is not able to pinpoint what it is she loves the best, although what she does know is that they are all a part of the person she is today, and they all serve as a different source of inspiration to her.

While Jones hopes to partake in something like this again, she says she is going to wait awhile to do it, but that her next event may be a 50-mile relay run with her sister. Until then she can refer to the trophy she was awarded, which Jones displays with pride in remembrance of a day where she pushed herself to limits she never knew she had within her.



COURTESY OF JESSI JONES
Jones and her friend pose for the camera.

I Believe: students write about the things they believe in

I believe in hard rock, punk rock and the sound of an electric guitar. I believe that Jimi Hendrix should have been king, Janis Joplin his queen, and Dave Matthews their prince. I believe in the heart, soul, the mind and the little voice in the back of your head that says, "What the hell are you doing." I also believe that little voice should shut up; let me face the consequences later.

I believe in a man's embrace, but not a damn word that comes out of his mouth. I believe that piercings and tattoos do not make you weird or a bad person, and that summer flings can be torture on the heart. I believe in stopping at 7-11 to get a Slurpee and combos with your dad. I do not believe in Shake-n-Bake chicken or real mashed potatoes. *Jaqu Pundt*

I believe terrorism has been carried out by our enemies, our allies, and by us, prior to the WTC. I believe the terrorist motives aren't entirely invalid; I believe U.S. motives aren't entirely pure. I be-

lieve if we could make Bin Laden disappear, nothing would change.

I believe demanding that God (an almighty being) bless America, is both arrogant and counterproductive for peace. I believe that we should ask God to bless the entire world, including those we fear. I believe that there is no such thing as a "peace-loving nation." I believe that "someday you will join us, and the world will live as one." *Ted Rossini*

I believe in true love and that marriage really can last a lifetime. I believe that the Catholic Church is way too weird, that my high school nun was truly crazy, that anybody who watched the movie "Hannibal" is sick.

I believe in comedies that make you laugh so hard that your face hurts and your gut hurts. I believe in true friends who can appreciate you even if you've known them for six days. I believe that random acts of kindness can change lives in small ways. I believe in family dinners and discussions, and that you

don't have to grow up to be best friends with your mom.

Kacey Barnes

I believe in myself. I believe that my mom will always be there for me. I believe that my Grandmom makes the best pumpkin pies ever. I believe that family and friends are the true meaning of happiness.

I believe in the Hairmetal of the 80s, and the Metallica's of today. I

believe that country singers become pop divas. I believe that every artist has something to say, whether it's worth listening to or not.

I believe in art. I believe that every piece of work has a hidden meaning. I believe that Vincent Van Gogh really did cut his ear off for art.

I believe in 250-yard drives and eight-foot birdie putts. I believe that practice makes perfect. I be-

lieve that even God couldn't hit a 1-iron. I believe in the church and finding yourself. I believe you can do anything you set your mind to. *Garnett Pumphrey*

What do you believe?

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Dear Kitty's advice

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 give you a few options you had not thought of yet. Just go ahead and 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. Drop it through

campus mail to box 540.

Dear Kitty is a returning column in *The Phoenix*. Kitty is psychology major Cathy Pendoff, and she is not a licensed professional. 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. Kitty presents a forum for people who would like to look at their issues in a different way.

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Learn unique perspectives from a foreign student

TARA DELLAFRANZIA
Staff Writer

This year I had to fulfill my foreign language requirement. Having failed at French, I signed up for an introductory German class. The professor, Dr. Upman, took great care to introduce us to our exchange students.

One of these students was Enrique Maqueda, better known around campus as "Rick."

Maqueda offers a unique perspective on both his own native country of Spain as well as his current residence, the United States.

Maqueda's journey from Seville, Spain began when he was very young. Since he was three, Maqueda has learned and been exposed to several different languages.

Because he moved at a very young age, he had to absorb the Galego language of northern Spain very early in life. In school, he managed to master Italian, English, and French.

While vacationing, he picked up Portuguese. As an exemplary student in Introductory German, it is clear that Maqueda has a talent for language.

While studying at the American Language Institute in his country, Maqueda learned of and applied for a scholarship to come to WMC.

Adding diversity to our small campus, Maqueda serves as the Spanish Assistant. His duties include tutoring students, organizing events, and being the director of the Spanish house.

Although he has visited almost every country in Europe, this is Maqueda's first time in the United States.

Here, he notices that people maintain more distance between each other than in Spain. This is represented by the amount of physical space we often put between ourselves and others while in conversation with them.

While we appreciate our freedom and pride ourselves on being free, Maqueda believes that some of our rules and laws are

a bit stricter than those in Europe.

Outcroppings of domestic violence and homelessness also plague small towns in the United States, but this is not as frequent where Maqueda comes from.

Here in America, there is also more awareness of issues such as race.

On September 11, Maqueda had only been in the United States for three weeks.

While the attacks that took place were shocking to everyone, he was a bit concerned at our understandable hysteria after the event. In Spain, he explains, terrorism is a threat.

There are eight or nine different cultural areas in Spain, and many people do not want to be unified with the rest of the country.

One northern group, the ETA (Euskadi Ta Askatasuna), declares their "freedom" by attacking military or other government buildings.

Despite the recent disheartening events, Maqueda has done very well in this country.

He admires the way people start working at younger ages here because jobs are available, and he approves of our general independent attitude here.

Classes are also easier here - in Spain, Maqueda studied as a Computer Science major for a five-year degree.

Only ten percent of those who start in this academic field actually finish with the degree. Maqueda finished last year.

In Spain, students only take classes in their major, which is quite different from our liberal arts setting with BLARs in many different areas of learning.

Through classroom help, academics, and friendships, international students have a great perspective to offer of our community and country through a difficult time.

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Jazz man Eric Byrd expected to return to teach at WMC

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
Staff Writer

Some people are said to have music in their souls. And Eric Byrd, Adjunct Music Lecturer at Western Maryland, is certainly no exception.

Since 1994 when he was added to the music faculty, Byrd's seven-year teaching tenure has made him a recognized member of the WMC community.

During his years at Western Maryland, Byrd, among other accomplishments, has achieved greatness with the Gospel Choir that he teaches and conducts; he even took the choir on tour Vienna, Austria in December 1996.

Byrd's history reads like a textbook example of a successful person raised from humble origins. Born and raised in New Jersey, Byrd was instilled with a love for music at an early age.

Byrd's website bears his name (www.ericbyrd.com) and states that he and his father routinely

listened to records of swing and bebop.

Incidentally, Byrd made his first appearance at Western Maryland College as a student in the early 90s. Graduating in 1993, Byrd's reputation began when he became the only person in WMC history to write and perform his own graduation theme song.

In 1994, one year after his graduation, Byrd returned to WMC and was instituted as a member of the music faculty, receiving the Faculty Creativity Award in 1998.

Outside of WMC, Byrd has been actively involved in a score of musical endeavors. Since 1990, Byrd has served as the jazz pianist for the Howard Burns Quartet.

The Quartet has been recognized for the releases of two highly acclaimed compilations—"Emblem" and "Lucinda's Serenade." Both releases contain selected pieces from Byrd's composition repertoire. In 1998, the

Howard Burns Quartet performed with other musical groups at the East Coast Festival Jazz Festival.

Outside of the Howard Burns Quartet, Byrd has been independently recognized for other musical achievements. Byrd launched his first solo CD entitled "The Fire Within (the Heart)" in 1998.

Described as a "marvelous compilation of standards and originals done with most first takes with no overdubs or punch-ins," on his website, Byrd's CD became his impetus for the launch of a musical group bearing his name, the Eric Byrd Trio.

Consisting of Bhagwan Khalsa and Alfonso M. Young, Jr., the Eric Byrd Trio is known throughout Maryland and Washington, D.C., and have also developed their own CD collection of original recording. This trio has performed a many clubs up and down the East Coast.

His group was voted best jazz

club for three consecutive years at Baltimore's New Haven Lounge Jazz Club and best jazz club in Connecticut at Cafe 880.

The Eric Byrd Trio has also made three appearances at the East Coast Jazz Festival.

In 2001, the Eric Byrd Trio was selected to be members of the Kennedy Center's Jazz Ambassadorship Program, which has been on tour as of September 7.

Because of this tour, Byrd was unavailable for comment on this story.

Upon returning, the Trio will also appear at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage.

But when will Eric Byrd be returning to WMC?

According to Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, music department chairperson, Byrd will likely be returning to teach and conduct the Gospel Choir during the second half of the fall semester, following his group's tour of Latin America.

Eric Byrd's presence on the

Hill has been attested to by many who know him as a colleague and as a teacher.

His greatest contribution to WMC, says Boudreaux, has been the very Gospel Choir he directs. "[Eric] built the Gospel Choir to a tremendous ensemble," Boudreaux stated. "He brings a great deal of vitality to the Gospel Choir."

Perhaps even so indicative of Byrd's influence on WMC are those notes taped to the door of his office in Levine Hall by former students.

"Thank you for making my life at WMC worthwhile," one note states. "Thank you for your devotion and wisdom that you have bestowed upon me. This is the best class I've taken at Western Maryland."

Acting Director of the Writing Center, Lisa Breslin, contributed her services by obtaining the sources for this article.

Horoscopes: previewing your Fall Break 2001 weekend

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ
Features Editor

Libra

September 23 - October 23

Fall break is the time for you to catch up on the homework you

have not done. Procrastinating may give you more fun time, but in the long run it will turn out to do more harm than good. Write those papers, read those books, and do those homework assignments! You'll feel better when you do. Good fortune will come your way on the 20th.



Libra

Scorpio

October 24 - November 21

Stop feeling so down in the dumps. I know it is easier said than done, but you really must try. Fall break and your birthday are around the corner, so cheer up! Start go-

ing to the campus events and spend less time in your cramped room. Some fresh air really is good for you, believe it or not. Your luck will be strong on the 18th.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

If you are planning a trip for fall break, make a list of what you need so you do not forget anything. And just because you are going on a trip, you do not have a valid excuse to neglect your homework. After all, even though we

would like to think it is, college is not a full-time party. We are here to learn. Take a chance on the 11th and you may surprise yourself.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Take a break from your work and make time for yourself. Stress-

ing over the work will not get it done any quicker or at better for that matter. However, if you make some time for yourself and just relax and do something you love to do (read a book, watch a movie, take a nap) it will make you feel better and you will be ready to crank out the assignments. The 15th will be a great day to indulge yourself in the finer things in life.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

If you listened to last issue's advice about compromise, you are feeling pretty good right now and things seem to be in order. If you did not listen to the advice, then you are still trying unsuccessfully to have everything go your way. Seriously back down and compromise. Otherwise you will eventually lose your friends and working in the real world will become quite a challenge. You will find something on the 22nd that may very well change your life.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Let loose, go crazy and do something off the wall this fall break. Don't let the little voice in your head tell you that something is too silly for you to do. But if it starts telling you about danger, listen up because it might be right. Take some friends with you, after all have the best time ever. After all, you are only young and in college once. Your luck will change for the better on the 14th.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

You are feeling really pretty spunky lately, and the recent warm weather had you in a great mood, but now that it has changed back to "October weather" you have a need to be outside and a strong de-

sire for summer to come back. Well I hate to say that I cannot make winter go away, so get your coat on and spend time outside anyway. Help a stranger on the 17th and the favor will come back when you least expect it.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Is time going by too quickly for you or not quickly enough? Whichever your answer is, make sure you take the time to appreciate the little things in life. They might not always be there. And once they are gone, you will not be able to stop thinking about them. If you

do not enjoy life, what is the point of living it? So enjoy life and live happily. Pleasing events will occur on the 16th.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

So have you been saving your money and working hard like I suggested? If you have you will have acquired a bit of money and will have a great time over fall break. Otherwise you seriously need to reconsider where your priorities are and get down to business. Remember the saying "act your age and not your shoe size?" I think that applies here. A chance to start something over will come your way on the 21st.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Take that special someone in your life out on an expensive date. You have been fighting a lot recently and it is time you made up with him or her. Life is too short to waste it fighting with someone you

love (or anyone at all, for that matter). Tell them how much they mean to you and that you are ready to work out whatever it is you are fighting about. They are ready to listen, so now is the perfect time.

Something unexpected will happen on the 13th that will have you in tears of joy.



Scorpio

Leo

July 23 - August 22

Stop being a tightwad and go with your friends to see the

hottest new movies. Buy popcorn and soda and candy and just enjoy having the luxury to spend time with people you like. You can't take the money with you, so why hoard it now? I'm not suggesting you give every last penny away, just don't be so conservative. The 19th will be a good day for you to take a break from work.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Keep working on those plans to make your dreams come true. I never said this was going to be an easy task, but I definitely think it is one that is worth the sweat and time. But do not let yourself get behind in your work because you are trying to reach the moon. It is important to do that stuff too, no matter how much we dislike it. Spend the afternoon of the 12th catching up on lost sleep, and maybe you will have more good dreams.

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Terror V-ball falls upon hard times

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Staff Writer

Tough times have befallen the WMC volleyball team in recent weeks. After putting together an impressive hot streak earlier in the season, the Terror has seen its fortunes turn in the other direction as they have dropped seven of the last eight matches, a stretch which included a five-match losing streak.

The first loss, which brought WMC's record to 8-4, came on the road against Widener University of Pennsylvania. Despite being very competitive in all three games, the Terror were simply unable to come up with a victory. In particular, WMC received strong efforts from Jessica Rouse and Kate Wall. Wall posted 12 kills and 35 digs, while Rouse recorded 31 assists to lead the Terror.

The Terror also got yet another solid performance out of freshman Sam Stambaugh, who added 13 kills and 14 digs. For Stambaugh, it was the fourth time this season she has posted double-digits in two statistical categories.

At the Juniata College Tournament on September 28th and 29, the Terror saw its record drop to an even 8-8 after four heart-breaking losses to Rochester Institute of Technology, Grove City College, Millersville University, and Franklin & Marshall.

At the their next match on October 3, the Terror showed a lot of fortitude by bouncing back to top conference opponent Washington College in a 3-0 sweep. The Terror were led offensively by the play of Wall. The senior recorded 10 kills, while Missy Collison posted 8 kills of her own. Kellyanne Rose had a solid all-around match, leading the Terror with 12 digs, and adding an additional 7 kills. Rouse led the Terror in assists with 25. The win moved WMC's record back above the .500 mark at 9-8.

On Saturday, the Terror dropped a pair of matches to Centennial Conference foes, Haverford College and Dickinson College. Rouse led the team with 21 assists. Carrie Sniffallen tallied eight kills and 18 digs to the Terror cause.

Kill leader Stambaugh put 18 kills and 17 digs on the board for the Terror. Rose helped keep the ball in play for the Terror with 24 digs.

The Green Terror look to get back to their winning ways when they travel to Gettysburg College on Wednesday, October 10. With a little hard work, WMC can still make the 2001 volleyball season a successful one and improve on last year's 17-15 record.

The Return of his Airness: Michael Jordan is back with the Wizards

JASON EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Forget Allen Iverson. Forget Kobe Bryant. Forget Shaquille O'Neal. The best player in the NBA this year will be Michael Jordan.

Jordan officially announced his return to the National Basketball Association, and is now focusing on pulling the Washington Wizards out of destitution and into supremacy.

Jordan, who has now come out of retirement twice, is stepping this time from the front office back onto to court. Last year, Jordan was the Wizards President of Basketball Operations.

This year he will trade in his suit and tie for his familiar No. 23 jersey. But in the midst of his return is skepticism that MJ can't reestablish his dominance over the league.

Some say Jordan should not risk his perfect ending to his storybook career by perambulating on a return.

Jordan made the last shot he took in his career, a jumper over Utah guard Bryon Russell in game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals, a shot that not only won his last game but also

his last championship, a shot that has been "posterized" and has become reminiscent of not only that one moment but all the moments culminating in Jordan's illustrious career (10 scoring titles and the NBA's fourth all-time leading scorer to name a few).

Others say the 38 year old Jordan is simply too old to be effective against the new generation of NBA players.

Michael Jordan would not return if he wasn't completely convinced that he was still the best and could still compete at a high level.

Jordan played all summer at a gym in Chicago, holding private camps and pick-up games with the finest players the NBA has to offer.

He used these sessions not only to practice but to judge his game against the games of others.

Jordan proved to himself that he does still have "it." If he didn't, he would not be coming back.

Another popular area of criticism is that Jordan will be lacking the great supporting cast he once had in Chicago during his run for six NBA titles. Michael won't let his team drag him down. He makes people on his

team better. For instance, Scottie Pippen, an all-star with Jordan and the Bulls, has flourished without "His Airness."

Pippen has been with two other teams, Houston and Portland, since leaving Chicago, and has experienced decreases in all categories of his statistics without Jordan by his side.

Also, Jordan has lots of authority within the Wizards organization and his opinion counts in bringing other players into Washington.

Last season he did some cleaning house and molded the Wizards into the team he wanted.

Now with Jordan playing, not only will he still have influence in who comes and goes, but his presence should also encourage free agents to take a serious look at Washington.

Last year, it would have been said the Wizards would need a miracle to go from third to last place in the league during 2001 to winning an NBA title in 2002.

So far, the miracle has occurred, now all wizards need to do is win games, and with Jordan on the court, the wizards may do just that.



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WWF Column: Best Stables

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

When the wrestling reboom of 1997 began, stable's seemed to be a big part of the entire renaissance. (For those who don't know, a stable in wrestling is a team or gang of wrestlers who join forces to help one another.)

The trend in recent years has been to move away from these stables, and allow wrestlers to develop their own personalities.

However, I'd like to take a look back at the best stables of all time, and rank them, based solely on my own opinion.

nWo. Without a doubt, the number one stable of all time. The nWo saved WCW, and was the leading cause of the wrestling reboom. Hulk Hogan had turned his stale Americana character into the most hated villain in wrestling history. Kevin Nash and Scott Hall were the driving force behind it all.

All in all, the nWo gimmick made fans care about WCW. Nitro was a battle between the nWo and WCW for two whole years, and WCW has never been, nor never was, as exciting since.

In fact, the best moment in WCW since the nWo disbanded was when they reformed for a few weeks. Not only did it save Hogan's career and make Scott Steiner's career as well as Nash's and Hall's, but it also raised the level of those who opposed it.

DDP and Goldberg became so popular because the fans wanted to see them destroy the evil world order. I'd rather not even discuss that wolphpack attitude and remember the nWo the way it should be remembered.

The Four Horsemen- The Horsemen were a group of four wrestlers who acted as if they were just plain better than everyone else. And usually they were. The roster changed often through the years, but the attitude didn't. They were superior athletically, and they let you know about it.

They parted all night, got the women, and still would beat your ass. Ric Flair made the horsemen, he defined them. Flair as leader of the Horsemen was arguably the most compelling character in wrestling history. Sid Vicious, Chris Benoit, and even Sting (for a few minutes he was, trust me) were Horsemen at some point. But Flair was the man.

The Corporation- Please don't yell. I really enjoyed the corporation. The corporation was only around for a few months, but man were they good. When Vince McMahon feuded with Stone Cold Steve Austin, the corporation acted as his "thugs". They were the guys that acted out McMahon's orders.

And to me, they were always compelling. Rock's gimmick as Corporate champion and in-ring leader was the jump start of his career.

This is when his name changed from Rocky Maivia to The Rock, and this is when he developed his

bad-ass-make-fun-of-you-cause-I'm-just-better mentality. The team also featured Ken Shamrock, The Big Show, Kane, and even Triple H near the end.

Nation of Domination- Although this group always seemed a little too racist for me, after all it was a bunch of black guys wearing African colors and yelling all the time, it worked. It developed Farooq into an upper card heel, and was always a solid heel for for the baby faces to fall back on.

I was always expecting the Nation to have a huge main event feud with an Undertaker or Austin, but it never happened. The fact that Owen Hart joined was the best thing that ever happened to them, because seeing him hang with Farooq, D-Lo, The Rock, and the others was such an odd matchup

that it made me laugh every time they were together.

Degeneration X- I was never a big fan of D-X. It started as HBK, Triple H, and Chyna. A three-person stable to me has always been dumb. At first it was basically a tag team for HBK and Helmsley, with Chyna as their manager.

When Michaels retired, they put X-Pac, then Billy Gunn and Roaddog in there? Huh? I guess I do have to give them some credit, they did make fans care about three of the most untalented wrestlers in history.

Of course, the three ninjros always held back Helmsley, as his career went through the stratosphere as soon as he left. The whole purpose of the group was to rip off the nWo anyway, and it never worked half as well.

Men's soccer making a surge, looking for playoff berth

RIC GRAMS
Staff Writer

Two overtime victories, including a monumental win over Gettysburg, has the Terror Men's Soccer team ready to make a run at the playoffs.

Two triumphs in the past two weeks have put the team in position for a run at the conference tournament.

Senior midfielder Scott Smith said that the Terror has set a goal to make the tournament, and said, "We are determined to meet our goal."

Chris Wineke, a junior midfielder, closed the wild two weeks for WMC with an overtime goal to give the team a 2-1 win over Frostburg State.

It was the third consecutive overtime game for the team. Senior sweeper Barclay Losse scored the Terror's other goal off of a Tim McCallum assist.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Defibaugh played a large role in the victory, saving nine Bobcat shots, as the Terror improved to 8-3.

Leon Mach also had an assist in the game, which was played on October 3.

WMC came up on the short end of another overtime game, 1-0, against Franklin & Marshall. Defibaugh was able to turn away nine Diplomat shots during the September 29 game.

The loss at Franklin & Marshall dropped the team's conference mark to 2-3.

However, one of those conference victories was a huge win over Gettysburg, 1-0, in the first in the string of overtime games on September 26.

Ryan Tetteris, a junior forward, scored the first Terror goal

against Gettysburg since 1994, as the team won its second consecutive conference match. Losse was credited with the assist on the game-winning play.

Defibaugh was able to keep the Bullets off the scoreboard with three saves, including a clutch stop as regulation was drawing to a close.

Smith said that the Gettysburg game was a "big game," and added, "there was no way we were going to let them beat us."

Senior Pat Danaher, a midfielder, said, "It was good to beat them at our own place in front of our fans."

On the run towards the playoffs, both Smith and Danaher said that WMC has to "run the table" (meaning the team most likely will have to win the remainder of its games) to qualify, but both said that is something that can be done.

It took Loose all of 23 seconds to find the back of the net against Swarthmore in WMC's 3-0 victory on September 22.

Cabot Goodrum and Tetteris padded the early lead with goals in the game.

Goalkeepers Defibaugh and junior Brent Kahuda combined to keep Swarthmore off of the scoreboard.

Next up for the Terror is an out-of-conference game against Rutgers University-Camden on October 9, then a big home game against conference foe Muhlenberg on October 13.

Two away games follow, against Lancaster Bible College and Ursinus.

Asked about the remaining games, Danaher said, "Every game is going to be a battle."

Women's soccer team's offensive slump continues

GREG LEDEKER
Sports Editor

It has a long season for the Western Maryland College women's soccer team as they have struggled to score points consistently and are currently stuck with a 4-8 record, 2-3 in the conference.

"We are having problems scoring, but we are a young team and we just have to come together," said freshman Kim Lowry.

Despite their recent slump, the team continues to work hard, and hopes to make a late season surge in the second half of the season.

The Green Terror was very psyched for their October 3 game against conference rival, Gettysburg.

From the start, the opposition took over the game, scoring three first half goals to take a 3-0 lead into the intermission. WMC didn't quit, getting two second half goals from junior Melissa Merson and Lowry, but came up short and fell on the road 4-2.

It was another tough day for the offense as they team only managed eight shots on the Bullets in the contest. Goalie Candi Kuligowski had 14 saves in a losing effort.

Looking to make a late season surge, WMC played the underdog role against tough conference foe, Messiah on October 1.

In the first half, the Green Terror played smothering defense, and despite failing to score again, were down only 1-0 at the half.

Unfortunately for WMC, Messiah's offensive attack was relentless and they eventually wore

down the Green Terror, scoring four goals in the second half and played tough defense to take a 5-0 shutout victory. Once again, Kuligowski played hard in goal with 11 saves, but was unable to stop the continuous Messiah attack throughout the contest. The team's offensive problems were evident again, as the team were held scoreless for the fourth time this season.

WMC looked to break their losing streak in a home game against conference foe, Franklin Marshall.

Throughout the contest, both team's defense was incredible as both teams couldn't do anything on offense, and failed to score in regulation.

In overtime, the Green Terror offense won the contest, when sophomore Christine Mayne scored the game's only goal. It was a huge win for the team, trying to turn around a frustrating season.

Despite struggling to score points this season, the team had a huge game against non-conference opponent, Bryn Mawr College.

From the start, WMC scored early and often, as they put up three goals in the first half and five in the second half in route to a 8-0 shutout win.

Freshman Brooke Weimer picked up two goals for the Green Terror, while Merson, Lowry, freshman Dawn Fletcher, and junior Brooke Boughter contributed one goal apiece in the contest.

While their offensive slump continues, the team is striving for consistency to get stronger and make a late season run.



Western Maryland freshman soccer player Brooke Weimer looking to create a score for the team. Read about women's soccer on this page.

Last edition's trivia answers

1. Archie Griffin
2. Ty Cobb

You can find more trivia questions in the next issue of the Phoenix.

Green Terror Sports

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Terror Football squeaks by Muhlenberg, destroys Paterson

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, the Western Maryland football team defeated William Patterson 55-23. The offense continued its high powered attack, accumulating 580 total yards of offense.

The pace was set by running back Jewel Johnson, who rushed for 128 yards.

Boo Harris found himself back in his regular dominant form, passing for 218 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran for 85. Teron Powell caught two of the passes, not an unusual sighting at Green Terror games.

However, the standout performance the past two weeks from senior wide receiver Christian Hamilton has been a major surprise. Hamilton caught two TD's, for 44 and 57 yards respectively.

Hamilton caught the 57 yarder on a crucial third down and seemed as if he was going to be pushed out of bounds. However, Hamilton juiced the Patterson d-back in Barry Sanders ankle-breaking fashion before sprinting the final 40 some yards for the score.

Hamilton, a sprinter on the track team, displayed his raw speed on both long drives as he sped away from packs of defenders on both.

The Terror blocking teams continued to be dominant this week as well.

Two weeks earlier the Terror blocked three punts against Ursinus, this week they blocked

three field goal/extra points: Scott Stolzenberg, Tony Braglio, and Jason Wiles all blocked kicks.

The week before the Terror traveled to Muhlenberg for the battle for the Centennial Conference.

Needless to say, the 28-25 overtime win was a little closer than the William Patterson blowout. The Terror scored twice in the first half, both scores coming off of turnovers and both on the legs of bruising blocking back Jason Hartman.

Then, for the first time all season, the Terror offense stalled. Unable to move the ball for most of the game, the Terror relied on their defense. And the defense held strong for most of the contest. But in the fourth quarter, up 14-3, Muhlenberg began to get past the seemingly unstoppable Terror defense.

Twice in a matter of ten minutes The Mules strung together long drives, taking the lead 15-14. With less than five minutes in the game, and the offense sputtering, things looked bleak.

Boo Harris, who was still plagued by a pulled hamstring from the previous week, sat in place of John Luster.

Luster didn't take his time, after short passes to Powell and new contributor Nick Venuto, Luster found the speed demon himself. He hit Hamilton on a 62 yard pass. The Terror sideline was ecstatic, as it seemed that they had won the game.

After Jason Wingert intercepted a pass on Muhlenberg's ensuing drive, the nail appeared to be in the coffin. Muhlenberg had other ideas. After the Terror offense failed to move the ball, The Mules got the ball back with less than two minutes left.

The Mules marched down the field on the drive, and scored in less than a minute. This tied the game at 22, sending Western Maryland to their first overtime game in over five years.

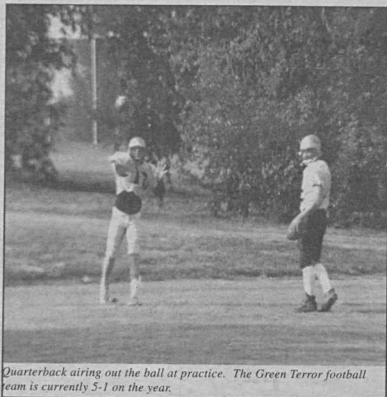
Unlike the NFL, collegiate overtime gives both teams an equal amount of opportunities to score from their opponent's 25 until one team gains a lead.

In the OT, the Terror defense found their dominant stroke again, as they stuffed Muhlenberg for little yardage on three plays.

On fourth down they kicked a field goal, forcing Western Maryland to either match the field goal, or score a TD. On the first two plays, The Terror was stuffed.

But on third down, Luster completed a screen pass to Louis Wright. Wright then had only one man to beat, and Big John Rydjieski in front of him. Rydjieski pancaked the much smaller Muhlenberg d-back, allowing Wright to score the winning TD.

The two wins move Western Maryland to 5-1 going into a conference game against Dickinson this week, before returning back home for homecoming two weeks from now.



Quarterback airing out the ball at practice. The Green Terror football team is currently 5-1 on the year.

Field Hockey winning streak ends, but still beats Haverford

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

Smoking! The Western Maryland College Field Hockey team opened the season with eight straight wins and an 11th rank in the nation, but lost two close conference games to break their hot streak.

Despite ending their perfect season, the team is still primed to have a record season in 2001.

Unbeaten and riding a hot streak, the team visited conference foe, Muhlenberg College, looking to continue their great play.

In the first half, the opposition surprised the favored Green Terror with two first half goals and solid defense to take a 2-0 halftime lead. WMC fought back with a goal from sophomore star Kristin Barrick to cut the lead to one, but Muhlenberg held on to give the Green Terror their first loss of the season, 2-1.

Sophomore goalie Becky Arnold had a strong game, stopping 11 shots. It was a tough nail biting loss for the team, but they aren't fazed by it.

WMC looked to get back on the winning track against fierce rival, Gettysburg College.

From the start, both teams played great defense and held each other to a standstill, but Gettysburg picked up a late first half goal to

take a 1-0 halftime lead. The lone goal would come back to haunt the team, as the teams failed to score in the second half and WMC lost their second straight game. The loss was disheartening considering it was another one goal loss for the team.

The team ended their losing streak when they traveled on the road for a conference game against Haverford College.

In another close game, both teams failed to score in the first half and another nail biting finish was eminent.

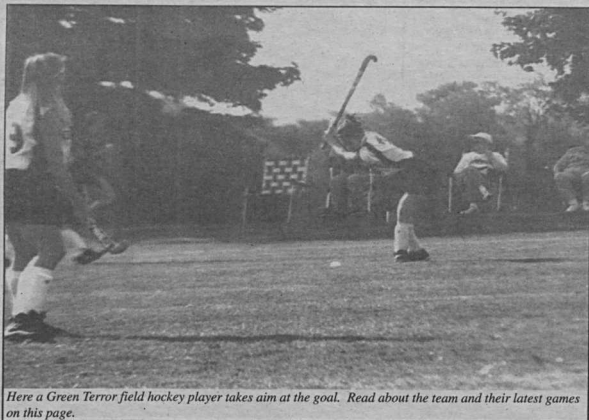
Unlike recent games, this close game would go the way of the Green Terror as freshman Laura Ford scored an unassisted goal and the team held on for a slim 1-0 win.

While a two game streak might faze some teams, the Green Terror don't seem to worry about it.

"We are back on track now," says freshman Laura Ford.

"The losses were like a lull in our season, and it is good that they happen in the middle of the season instead of the end," says Junior Christine Johnson.

After ending their losing streak, the team looks ready to win a lot of games this season. With nine wins already this season, the season looks bright for the Green Terror.



Here a Green Terror field hockey player takes aim at the goal. Read about the team and their latest games on this page.



Lewis Hall rededicated as Eaton



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Students stop to admire the restored Lewis Recitation Hall. See page 2 for details on the ribbon cutting ceremony and rededication that followed.

Marching for peace in the midst of war

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

Despite the recent war and bombings on Afghanistan, some members of the WMC community still feel the need to come together and protest for peace.

Shortly after the first rally and protest in Washington, D.C., held on Sept. 29 and sponsored by A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), President George W. Bush decided to attack

Afghanistan.

At the first protest thousands gathered to preach and speak out on peace and racism, only to be faced with yet another obstacle...war. Students at WMC are still pressing on to achieve their goal of peace.

October 27 was a day of international protests, rallies, and teach-ins against war and racism.

There were protests in over 130 cities across the globe. Over 5,000

gathered in New York City alone to protest against the war. And, students from WMC made their long journey to Washington, D.C. early Saturday morning to follow up on the goals set in the first protest.

The second protest in D.C. was also sponsored by A.N.S.W.E.R. - a broad coalition of peace groups, religious organizations, student groups, anti-globalization, and anti-racism groups who oppose war and racist attacks, and defend civil

Losing a WMC employee

RYAN PARAMESHWARAN
Staff Writer

Many members of the WMC community were shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic passing of a member of our building and maintenance staff. Charles Tucker, who was employed at WMC as a Steam Room Technician, passed away on September 26 due to cardiac arrest. He was found in the college's steam room plant on Union Street.

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, enumerating on Tucker's death said that initial concerns were raised when Tucker did not respond to radio calls made to him.

Subsequently, Campus Safety dispatched an officer in search of

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Will WMC go smoke free?

MARCUS WOODS
Staff Writer

Should Western Maryland College ban smoking from everywhere on campus, including residence halls? This was one of the questions discussed at the last All College Council Meeting.

The All College Council is a group of student leaders and faculty who meet together once a month to discuss pertinent issues on campus. They discuss a wide range of topics from parking spaces to a new residence hall.

Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Life, says that there are three main reasons why the college would ban smoking from the residence halls. Smoking is a safety issue, it has always been a health issue, and it is a damage issue.

Although WMC has never had a fire that completely destroyed an entire dorm, WMC has had fires caused by cigarettes that have destroyed a dorm room. The Residence Life Department also spends a lot of money each year replacing carpets with burn marks.

Banning smoking from all residence halls is just one of a few options the college is considering at the moment. There is also a chance that the college will make some residence halls smoke free, but not all.

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Green Terror Homecoming



BRAD WIDNER

Senior class representative Jeremy Keil, Senior Queen Claire Adams, Junior Prince and Princess Andrew Parsley and Emily Seal, Sophomore Lady and Lord Eliza Wick and Tom Marshall, and Freshman Duke and Duchess Bryce Kehoe (representing) Bradley Stewart and Felicia Donaldson. See page 12 for photo collage.

Jan Term trips cancelled

LEROY McDUFFIE
Co-News Editor

In past years, WMC students have spent their brief January terms seeing the world—and getting credit for it. However, due to the terrorist attacks on September 11, and an increased concern about travel, many students won't be sending postcards from exotic places home.

This year, the January term trips to Italy, Egypt, and England have been cancelled.

According to Leon Checca, class of 2005, "They [school] shouldn't cancel the trips, because

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Cutting the ribbon in honor of completed Lewis Halls

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

Everyone has watched and waited as construction workers slaved over the WMC campus to finish off a much needed face-lift. Recently, the brick walkway that connects Decker College Center to Main Street has been completed.

But what really caught this community's eyes occurred on October 26, 2001, where students and faculty alike celebrating the \$8 million renovations of two campus buildings.

Have you guessed it yet? It's the newly renovated Lewis Hall of Science, rededicated as Eaton Hall, and the restored Lewis Recitation Hall.

To many biology, physics, and chemistry majors, this is home. Science students, among others, rejoiced cheerfully.

The buildings were named for Thomas Hamilton Lewis, WMC's second president, who led for 34 years.

The ribbon cutting ceremony and reception occurred at 4:30 p.m. in the Science Center Plaza and it was followed by a tour of both buildings.

Just to give a little history, Lewis Recitation Hall was built in 1914 to house the science departments. It now plays host to the departments of sociology, economics, communications, and business administration.

Lewis Hall of Science, or Eaton Hall, is fairly new to the campus. It accommodates the physics and computer science departments, and also supplies computer labs as well as lab space for biology, chemistry, physics, and oceanography courses.

As announced in the September 13 issue of the *Phoenix*, the Eatons, former WMC trustees gave a \$8 million bequest, which is the largest to ever be made to the college.

The bequest will also aid the endowment, which President Coley hopes to triple over the next decade.

Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance explained, "One hundred percent is going to the endowment."

Thus, the members of the WMC community will see the construction workers no more and they will no longer hear the sounds of heavy machinery as they make their way to their morning and afternoon classes.



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Students (from left) Kara Moran, Keith Long, Hetz Carly, Merri Hollinger, and Susan Miller join WMC President Joan Coley, Provost Sam Case, Board Chair James Melhorn and Dr. Robert Borer for the official ribbon-cutting for Lewis Recitation Hall and Eaton Hall.

No more bake sales-Where have all of the brownies gone?

WALTER ZALIS
Staff Writer

Smelled those sora-baked cookies in Decker lately? Perhaps you have tasted something off the grill from a fraternity while viewing a Terrors football game? Well, not this semester, and probably not for a long time.

Since the beginning of the 2001-2002 school year baked goods sales have been suspended from Western Maryland College. Several student organizations, including sororities and fraternities, are wondering why this occurred. According to the Carroll County health department, the food served at the summer Ravens camp at WMC was unacceptable in preparation.

"A health worker while viewing the practice purchased some snacks from the vendors at the stadium, and had questions about it. He investigated thus what happened," stated WMC's Mitchell Alexander.

Before further investigation on what this baking banning is all about, some facts are essential consideration.

First, these new rules are not new at all. They have existed the entire time and second, this bake sale banning is not just taking place at WMC. It is a Carroll County wide rule.

What exactly did the groups of the school violate in preparing such merchandise? Guideline 7 states, "Packaged goods sold to be consumed off the premises shall have a label stating the name and address of the processor... Records are to be maintained for the duration of the event."

The health department would also point

out that guideline 8 was violated, which states, "All foods are to be wrapped or covered to protect them from contamination by dust, dirt..." and other particulars.

Such food must be pre-packaged and not opened to the air. The health department found these rules were not followed at the Ravens camp vendors, thus preventing sale of food at campus events from groups without permit.

As for the permit, there is still question as to whether or not a group at WMC can procure one and sell food once again. The answer is yes, it is possible to apply for a permit, but there's really just not enough permits to go around. Only 14 permits a year are allowed to be handed out to a certain group.

Another important concern is whether the

permits should be given out by group, or by site? This is one of many questions that Mitchell Alexander hopes to have answered by next week.

If 14 permits are allowed to be given out to each group, then soon under the guidelines, food may be prepared again here at WMC and sold by the different groups and organizations. If it is indeed under site however, acquiring permits will be hard to come by.

There has been an affect on groups who relied on the sales. This was a great form of fund-raising, so what will these groups do now?

Hopefully bake sales will return to WMC soon enough once there is a settlement on the amount of permits given out to campus. After all, who doesn't like chocolate chip cookies?

Campus Safety blotter

TAMMI SLATER
Assistant News Editor

10/11 9:30 a.m. Burglary in Elderdice Hall
10/11 3:30 p.m. Theft in Albert Norman Ward Hall
10/12 2 a.m. Gone on arrival in Albert Norman Ward Hall
10/ 12 4:30 p.m. Trespassing in Albert Norman Ward Hall
10/13 1 a.m. Trespassing campus wide
10/14 5:51 p.m. Harassment and intimidation of an individual in Rouzer Hall
10/15 1:08 p.m. Property crimes and damaging in McDaniel Hall
10/16 6:50 p.m. Property crimes and damaging on golf course
10/18 2:30 a.m. Improper conduct and indecent conduct in Garden Apartments Bldg. 3
10/19 5:08 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption off campus
10/19 3:37 a.m. Alcohol violations in Gunn Plaza
10/20 Vandalism in Rouzer Hall
10/20 Vandalism in Rouzer Hall
10/20 5:15 a.m. Property crimes campus wide
10/20 6:38 a.m. Property crimes and defacing in Rouzer Hall
10/20 1:59 a.m. Alcohol violations for un-



derage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall
10/20 2:40 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Garden Apartments Building 1
10/21 Alcohol violations for possession of alcohol in public areas in Blanche Ward Hall
10/21 Failure to comply with other college officials off campus

10/21 3:35 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption off campus
10/22 1:45 a.m. Harassment for intimidation of an individual in Rouzer Hall
10/23 1 a.m. Property crimes for damaging in Rouzer Hall
10/25 1:53 a.m. P.O.C. (Rules/Criminal laws) Traffic violations

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Should WMC ban smoking?

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JESSICA WATSON

There were some questions raised as to how this new policy will be enforced. Sayre says that this job would fall under the jurisdiction of the Residence Life Department.

He believes that enforcing the policy is one of its biggest issues.

Just ten years ago, smoking was permitted on campus anywhere. When the school changed to its current policy, which only allows smoking in dorm rooms that are not on substance free floors, there was little opposition.

It is important to note that the

college has not changed the current smoking policy.

The Department of Residence Life encourages students to write letters with their stance on the issue, so that the college can make a student friendly decision.

WMC employee passed away on September 26

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him.

Campus Safety officer Josh Bronson found Tucker at the steam plant at 11:58 p.m. and immediately called in for medical assistance.

Tucker was then rushed to Carroll County General Hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Tucker worked primarily on the weekends and nights between 4 p.m. and 2 a.m. He was born in Baltimore, but moved to Uniontown several years ago, where he resided. He worked at Carroll County

General Hospital before joining the WMC building operations and maintenance staff in 1998.

Joe Bentz, the director of building maintenance and operations, remembers Tucker as "a very dedicated and conscientious worker." He also stated that, "Tucker did not have a single mean bone in his body and was also a person who would go well above and beyond to do his job duties, and to help anybody on campus."

Bentz stated that they were aware of Tucker having a history of heart ailments and he personally

had advised him not to strain himself on several occasions.

Darlene Westervelt, a friend of Tucker, stated that she was devastated to hear of his death. She said that he was always very friendly and courteous. She also said that she remembers him as a person that would go out of his way to help others.

Tucker's funeral was attended by friends, relatives, and members of the WMC physical plant staff. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Helen.

Jan Term travel put on hold

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the terrorist wants us to stop what we [Americans] normally do. They [terrorist] want us to be afraid to live our daily lives. I feel safe flying now than ever before, due to the heightened security."

For many years at WMC, the study abroad programs been a unique part of the academic program, gaining media attention for their unusual, non-classroom nature.

The cancellation of the January Term trips left many students upset. Although the trips were cancelled for this year, students understand the reasoning behind the action.

They understand that the safety of WMC students is the top priority.

The State Department has re-

cently issued warnings to all Americans that are en route, or are currently overseas to be at a higher sense of awareness. This made the school decide that it would not be in the best interest to send a group of students overseas with the current situation.

Many students that wanted to go and study abroad this upcoming January were disappointed, but they ultimately agreed with the college's decision to cancel the programs.

This was the consensus of most of the students that had planned to participate in the program.

Although there are many students that wish the trips will continue, all of them know that other opportunities to study abroad will occur sometime in the near future.

Academic Affairs burglary

JESSICA WATSON

Co-News Editor

Although some may not realize it, theft is a very severe offense. Through the campus safety blotter you often hear about theft among students, but it is quite rare to hear that an office was broken in to.

Between the evening of October 11 and the early morning of October 12, the Academic Affairs office was broken into and robbed.

The last person left the office around 7:30 p.m. and the incident was reported to Campus Safety at 8:33 a.m. by an office worker. Campus Safety believes that the perpetrator acted within these two time slots. Members of Campus Safety unleashed a full-fledged investigation of the crime scene.

"It appears as though someone

entered through the window," says Michael Webster, director of the Department of Campus Safety. Property stolen from the office included "a privately owned palm pilot, a privately owned cell phone, college owned diskettes, a college owned zip disk, and a fax machine."

Campus Safety considers this to be a "pretty serious crime." In addition to their own investigation, the city police also inspected the crime scene and took fingerprints, which are in the course of being processed.

"We're following up on leads," Webster says. As of right now, Webster assures the WMC community that they are doing everything in their power to bring a close to this incident.

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Kate Arnie, Director of Career Services

MBTI assessments but me completed and returned to CAO by Thursday, November 8. Those who register by noon on Wednesday, November 7, will enjoy lunch from the Washington Grille.

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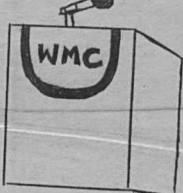


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Dr. Ruth Mazo Karras
Professor of History,
University of Minnesota

Students continue to search for the real A.N.S.W.E.R.

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1,000 people. It was centered around putting an end to the war, but also branched off to touch topics on racism. They started out with a picket line in front of the *Washington Post*, where they stood and chanted for about one hour.

"One, two, three, four, we don't want your racist war!"

This provided the media with a chance to cover what some call the other side of the story.

"The media and press has the American public thinking that everyone is pro war," says Garrigues. "Protesting in front of the *Post* puts pressure on the media to give us coverage and to not just report on events regarding support for war."

The protestors were also supposed to rally and protest in front of the White House.

"As we marched closer to the White House, we noticed that police had the place barricaded. They wouldn't let us through," says Prisky.

Apparently a permit was obtained to protest there, but for safety reasons that permit was retracted. Some protestors felt as if their freedom of speech had been violated. They brought up that everyone else was allowed to do so, why not them?

As they made their way past the barricade, taking an alternate route, they noticed a banner that read "Kill all Muslims and let Allah sort them out."

"The people holding the sign hid behind it so that we couldn't see their faces," Prisky said. "I thought that was kind of cowardly."

Some protestors carried pieces of chalk along with them. They drew out peace signs in the streets.

Finally they made their way to a progressive church for a teach-in. Teach-ins are where different speakers, who specialize in diverse topics, get up and speak and educate the population on such topics. Issues open for discussion included U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, tension between the Palestinians and the Israelis, the history of Afghanistan, and racism.

"UNICEF, a humanitarian group, estimated that 100,000 children in Afghanistan would die from the bombings and from starvation," Prisky said and she was devastated to learn this.

"The teach-in was very helpful because there was so much information," Garrigues said. "What sticks out the most to me is that America gave about 3 million dollars to the Israelis for war. We don't spend half that much on our own schools and to educate our youth."

Overall the protest, march, and teach-in brought out a lot of feeling, emotion, and opinions from those who participated. For a couple of students, this was their first time

being a part of something so immense.

"I really enjoyed it. It was really moving, educational, and it was also diverse, so I got to mingle with a whole lot of people," Garrigues said. "Originally, I expected it to be with a whole bunch of hippies who didn't know what they were talking about. But instead there were old people, young kids, and a wide variety of faces."

"It was very exciting. I wanted to protest because I don't agree with the bill that Bush just signed," says Zenquis. He is referring to the bill Bush signed that allows the government to target people and tap phones as well as emails in an attempt to find the terrorists. "I think that this bill could have a negative impact on us and an infringe on our lives. I also don't agree with the racial profiling that has been going on."

In terms of the future, those who attended the protest were encouraged to become organizers themselves and to build support for a peace movement.

"Silence is sometimes seen as a way of agreeing with what is going on," Prisky said. "I feel it's important not to be silent, especially when lives are at stake."

Protestors were also encouraged to take



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a pledge for peace, which was sponsored by International A.N.S.W.E.R. They were asked to sign their name, stating that, "I pledge to take action to promote peace and stop racism, hate crimes, and U.S.-sponsored war, in the Middle East, central Asia, and throughout the world."

It was not mandatory for anyone to sign the pledge, but those who did might be called to call or write their elected officials and the media, organize a teach-in or house meeting, organize and/or join a demonstration or vigil when nationally coordinated actions are called, etc.

Although people across the world are protesting against war and racism, the lack of media coverage makes some question whether or not anything really makes a difference.

"It's hard to get the message out to the public because it is not the type of thing that the media is quick to cover," said Prisky.

The purpose of this international day of protesting was so that people who are less informed can get the right information regarding foreign policy and civil liberties. From this they can base their opinions on fact rather than on hearsay. The American public should be made aware of the reality that "not everyone wants to go to war."

"It wasn't some vast protest," Garrigues says, "but it made me feel like I was actually doing something big. I know that it might not be significant right now, but if we keep trying and if people educate each other, eventually we will make a difference."



INTERNATIONAL A.N.S.W.E.R.

This is one of the many marches that have been held in Washington, D.C. since the attacks on September 11th. The marchers are protesting to end war and racism.

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markproject Theatre + life

The gospels are old stories, and they're good stories. But often it seems like they're told from a distance, by guys in robes with fancy voices. What would it be like to hear the people who were around Jesus talk right to us? Mark, a first-century writer, worked really hard to help people get a clear picture of what was going on in and around Jesus and his crowd, and what it all meant. And it wasn't boring.

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Correction

The October 10 issue ran a story on students rallying in D.C. in search of A.N.S.W.E.R. The name Cathy Pendorf was misspelled.

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Fall break shows that a moderation is needed at WMC

Steve Sharkey shows the atmosphere at other colleges in America

I would just like to start out by telling any other student that they too can send a letter to the newspaper editor. In fact I encourage it strongly. If you want to say your piece on any issue go ahead and do it. That way this editorial section can become more of a student forum for debate.

Everyone loves fall break and I am one of those people. I decided to go up to my best buddy Neil's school, Genesee State in New York. We got there around six o'clock on Friday and there was a lot of people having fun. We started drinking at around eight o'clock and there was an occurrence rarely seen here at WMC - more than two parties to go. We went to one and played to beat and we had a blast. Then we walked to a pizza place that was open until three o'clock. This sounds pretty normal except for the fact that I did not see one resident assistant or campus police officer.

Everyone was having a good time and I was loving it.

The first night was fun but the next night was downright crazy. We decided to pregame at a friend's house. From there we had a choice between a multitude of parties. The final decision came down between a self-proclaimed "fat lingerie party" and the IB. Because of the

shorter walk we went to the IB, a large college bar that was just off campus.

This bar let anyone who was under 21 in that had any kind of ID at all. One of the people in our group got in just because someone else had an ID with the same color hair. We went into this bar and it was like a big clubroom. Naturally there is a lot of beer flowing and a lot of college kids having fun. There was a lot of writing on the wall and the music was really cool. Our group was standing in a circle talking. All of the sudden my friend

needs a bit less restraint. I am not advocating an animal house college but I do think we should be allowed to have a little fun responsibly. Every party basically vanishes at 1 AM.

That is because of quiet hour rules. Now yes I understand that 99.9 percent of all college student need to wake up by 8 am on Sunday to get to church - That's why they live in college dorms, for the peace and quiet.

Because of these questions regarding quiet hours I am going to propose an idea that I hope goes

tion with the Westminster City Police. Some people claim that they have been ticketed by both groups for the same infraction.

I have also heard that Campus Safety has gone down main street near the Shell Station. Many people came to Western Maryland College to get away from their parent's rules and the people who live off campus are trying to get away from this college's rules. They are trying to live as grown-up citizens knowing full well that infractions cited by the Westminster P.D. are fully valid.

This whole thing makes me pose the question, If I am partying back at home on Long Island NY can campus safety bust me for an open container in my backyard?

and some kid get into a shoving match. My friend punched out the kid and all hell broke loose.

He punched out another kid that lunged towards him and then at that point I grabbed my friend and pulled him out of the bar, pushing people out of the way as I went. Then I came back in to get the ladies and we left. It turned out that the guy was being a big jerk and pushed my buddy for no reason.

Now there is a big moral to this story. Moderation is key. I will admit that Neil's college might be a little bit too rowdy, but I will also have to admit that I had a hell of a time out there and that our college

over well.

It is that everyone start partying two hours earlier than usual. So that means pre-game two hours earlier and get to any other party two hours earlier. Now if everyone did this it would work out great.

Of course we are all programmed to start partying at 9:30 and no earlier so this could fail but that only leaves us 3 and a half hours and that is not enough, this is college after all. If we start at 7 p.m. instead we would all be having a good time for much longer.

I am also hearing rumors that campus safety is going off campus and writing people up in conjunc-

This whole thing makes me pose the question, if I am partying back at home on Long Island NY can campus safety bust me for an open container in my backyard? Are they going to start coming after us like big brother?

Now the area where most off-campus students live now is on Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The college used to own many of the apartment houses surrounding the college.

Many years ago the college sold them in fear of being categorized as slumlords. I am now lauding the college in their effort to clean up the surrounding areas which they once

owned. Especially all of those students drinking beer, a drug that I think has much more severe consequences than that of heroin (a drug that never makes an appearance on Pennsylvania Avenue anyway).

Now if these rumors about campus safety going off campus are true I am also happy for personal benefit. This means I can party, drink and conduct offbeat shenanigans on campus much more with the full knowledge that campus safety is protecting me while they are at the Shell Station or on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Another possible explanation for Campus Safety going off campus is that they are doing their true duty as Americans. I have heard rumors about Westminster being a hot spot for as George Bush calls the "evildoers" - essentially the college students right off-campus. They are plotting to overtake the campus with their wits and their sociology textbooks.

All in all I am not necessarily making a rant at campus safety or residence life as people, I am in disagreement with their policies which they themselves do not make. These policies come from a higher source and from exactly where I do not know. I guess I am going to try to investigate where and why this is happening and what the college's plans are for this program.

Things could be worse, so stop complaining

Dan Hamvas shows that complaining about GLAR really isn't needed

I know: I am just a crazy Hungarian. But I still do think that this bitching is starting to get on my nerves. GLAR, this GLAR that... OK, I have to be honest - there are a couple of things that I don't like about GLAR either; I'd even venture the word "dislike" in relation to certain features.

But this is ridiculous. "Last year

skin (not to mention germs, which pretty much die at high temperature, at least that's what they teach us in Hungary in Biology class), you may still bitch about hygiene.

I personally think that this whole issue is just a big balloon fed by the helium of wealth. Even if some horror stories are true, nobody is going to die because of 2 extra germs - the food in GLAR can't have more germs than people consume, eating a pizza without

tached to a big bottle "liquid nourishment" for days - it was with me even on the toilet on my 3 day diarrhea trips... Hard-core salmonellitis...

Now do you think I stopped talking to my Mom because of that? Of course not... I sliced her up into pieces sold her organs on the black market and sewed the rest in my futon... Of course I ate her food - I was on a microwave meal plan with her.

trying their best efforts to fulfill your needs. So if they are rude - tough luck (and I know they can be rude. Hey, sometimes they are even rude with me, and I work for them).

Besides, not everybody is so sophisticated in matters of communication as us, college students (oops, did I just generalize? Looking at the manners and behaviors of some 70% of our 1600 student body, I guess I should revise that,

Even if some horror stories are true, nobody is going to die because of 2 extra germs - the food in GLAR can't have more germs than people consume, eating a pizza without their hands washed.

I was getting ice, and chunks of hard-boiled eggs fell into my glass." So what?

Take another glass and go to the other ice-machine. "The egg was extremely warm, and it wasn't even sitting on ice" - that means in kitchen terms: it was freshly boiled; we eat it at home all the time that way, and (oh, my god!) we're still alive.

As to the lipstick marks: with today's suck-resistant lipsticks it might well be possible that marks thrust their evil claws in glasses and cling to them.

But I dare offer a ride through the dishwasher machine (Six Flags is for the kids; this is the real thing) - if you come out and still have any

their hands washed.

And have you ever thought of it this way: the chewing gum, the egg and other strange objects landing in inappropriate places might well be results of a fellow-students pranks (the same people who relieve themselves in the hallway of second floor Rouzer). After all, it's GLAR people who have to clean up the mess - why would they make it?

And to the people who feel like they "cannot trust GLAR food any more," here is a little anecdote. In 1992 my Mom served me spinach that made me sick and I was throwing up everything - I had to go to the hospital where I had a freaking needle sticking out of my arm at

As to the employees being rude. Here's a hint, children: what do you observe about yourself when you work 16 hours a day, 6 days a week?

Because, even though they do slaves' work, the people in the back part of GLAR are only human too. And they easily get fed-up with some bitching college kids who don't like that their food might be touched by bare human hands, because they "might end up with AIDS or something" (whereas if I had a buck for the times I observed people use the little boy's room, and walk out without washing their hands, I wouldn't have to go to college any more... I'd run the place); especially when they are

ha?).

And last, but not least, let's not forget that while people here complain and throw nauseatic fits over how bad the food is (handled), there are millions out there in a place that you never even heard the name of, where people would be (and actually are) dying for a crust of 2-week-old bread playing in all shades of green.

So please refrain from further bitching if possible, and show that you are good Humans by actually giving a thought before presenting pseudo-problems... Thank You!

-Dan Hamvas is a junior communication major

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from attacking us in some way without destroying their network - our military action is just one component to that.

That is because we have to make sure that all nations will be afraid to harbor such individuals.

The other component of prevention is by beefing up our Homeland Security.

With both of these measures in place, I feel that we have a solid chance of being successful in the long run.

I think that the protesters over the weekend just fail to see the importance of both of these two things for the long run success.

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Note:

The anonymous article on pg. 6 contains strong language. We felt that by taking out some of the language, some of the emphasis was lost.

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What can we do to protect ourselves?

Donna Hurd discusses her thoughts on what we can do to improve our security.

"The task for us is difficult, but not impossible," said Tom Ridge, America's new director of homeland security.

Protecting ourselves against the evil actions of the terrorists will not be an easy task



for Americans. But I believe that we all need to wake up. Stop believing that this war will not affect you. It will inevitably have a huge impact on our future and the lives of our children.

As citizens of the United States it is time for individuals to step up. We need to become more alert and watchful of what is going on around us.

There are other ways, besides the military actions taken that can save us from attacks. In Israel, there are signs that urge people to report suspicious packages and activities to authorities. While some Americans are beginning to do this, others need to wake up and take part in our defense. Although it is important for the government to

do more, it is essential for citizens to become more involved, educated, and equipped to protect ourselves.

The Founders of our country included in the Second Amendment the necessity of a homeland militia that should be well regulated.

They intended for the people to be another line of defense against attacks. This establishment of defense will be critical to our nation's success.

The media can also play an important role by promoting self-defense and keeping the public informed. Just like friends send e-mails saying don't open an attachment because it contains a virus, the media can caution citizens against opening unknown packages that may contain a deadly biological agent.

Also, the media needs to pay closer attention to foreign news. Networks have ba-

We need to know what our enemies are thinking, saying, and taking part in at all times.

sically ignored news from overseas for too long. They no longer think that it is as necessary for Americans to know foreign policies and occurrences. However, this has made many Americans ignorant of the world around them.

It has rendered us defenseless in many aspects. If we are to defend ourselves properly we need to know what our enemies are thinking, saying, and taking part in at all times.

What is wrong with the state of baseball?

Edward K. Schultheis outlines the reasons why baseball has run into problems and what can be done.

Am I the only one who is just somewhat bored with this year's World Series? I mean it's no secret that I am not the biggest New York Yankees fan, but I haven't watched more than two innings of the "Fall Classic" yet. This is a far cry from when it seemed like I was watching every game that I could of the playoffs. What is going on here? What is it about baseball now that makes me think that it just is not as "good" anymore?



First off, I think it has a lot to do with the fact that the Seattle Mariners did not make it to the World Series, as I was hoping that they would do. I'm sure there were many fans out there that wanted the same thing to happen, and they were more than a little bummed when they lost to the Yankees.

Now don't get me wrong, the Yankees are a great team. They have the likes of Tino Martinez, Derek Jeter, Mike Mussina, and Andy Pettitte, but I think I have just gotten tired of seeing them year after year. This is mainly due to the fact of George Steinbrenner's seemingly endless pocket of

money. It seems that whenever a great player is available on the market, like Mussina last year, he can just reach in, pull out tens of millions of dollars and sign him. It seems that only a few select teams are capable of pulling this off and still winning, with the Baltimore Orioles not being one of them.

For you see, whenever poor ol' Peter Angelos tries to "buy" the World Series, it really gets him in a right fielder whose hip is made of Jell-O, but still is being paid his exorbitant salary. In addition, we always seem to end up with pitchers who get injured like Pat Hentgen, who up until this year was a steady workhorse who ate up a lot of innings. This year however, he missed half the season. Coincidence? I think it is more like a curse. It's God's way of saying to Angelos, "Thou shalt not buy the World Series. Thou shalt have to earn it." I think this year, he may have finally started to listen.

Now moving on from there, lets move on to something else that really gets on my nerves about baseball - Money. Now I know that money makes the world go round and I know you have to make a profit, and players have to get paid and blah, blah, blah. But come on, do you really need to make over 10 million a year? I mean I always told (by my grandfather, or a member of the older generation) of the time when professional players had to have another job to make enough money to support their families.

I am not saying that players should have to work two jobs to make enough money to survive, but if I hear another play complain about all the taxes they take out of his salary, and how he is only left with 4.5 million a year, and how he can barely survive on it...I swear. Maybe if you sold one of your 20 cars that you have, you would be able to afford to pay that alimony to your three ex-

The education system in America also could be improved. We need to teach our children to be Americans first and foremost. Too much emphasis has been placed on accepting all cultures and ways of life and believing that all are equally good.

I believe it is important to accept all Americans as equals but dangerous to believe that all beliefs and systems are moral and upright.

Our enemies are definitely not teaching their children such ways.

They are brainwashing them from birth that their beliefs are superior to all others. Stand proud as Americans. Make sure your children realize that American ideals are favored above all others and should be guarded at all costs. If you do not have children yet, make sure you examine yourself. Take a look at what is important to you and make it known. Make it obvious to others where your loyalties rest.

Our President says that this will be a long war on terrorism. Unfortunately, he is probably right in his predictions. So far we have done little to secure homeland defense. This is not just our leaders' fault or the media's. It is partly our own fault.

So although we may be behind, I can't help but stress that it is "better late than never."

Let us learn together how to live, act, and think differently to ensure our safety. For that is the most powerful weapon we have to protect our homeland. This weapon will come from within each of us and therefore can be the most destructive.

-Donna Hurd is a junior English major

wives. I mean really, don't you think that is just a little too excessive? Now remember that I speaking only about the players who do complain about their money problems. There are still a great many players that take their wealth in stride. Good for them.

Finally, contraction. No, I am not talking about what happens to guys in the pool, that is a story for another day. Actually, I am talking about what has been circulating the past couple of weeks. There is the rumor going around that at the next labor meeting, if the players union agrees, that two or more teams will be disbanded. These teams most likely would be the Montreal Expos (sorry Professor Dalton), Florida Marlins, and even the Minnesota Twins. Even though the Twinkies did put together a solid year this season, attendance was still dismal. Is this a good thing? I'm not sure yet. I guess only time will tell, but something does need to happen that will spark interest in baseball once again. I think Bud Selig is hoping that by eliminating the deadwood teams, that baseball will once again be able to make a profit. Personally, I think they are going about it the wrong way, but who am I to stand in the way of "progress."

In any case, what have we learned? For one thing, most people are tired of seeing the NY Yankees in the World Series. Secondly, players are paid way too much and complain just as much about not getting enough money. Lastly, we don't yet know what the status of MLB contraction is, and what it will entail, or even the potential effects of such a drastic move. But, at least we know that contraction in a cold swimming pool is definitely bad and never wanted.

-Edward K. Schultheis is a junior communication major

Solutions for a campus with limited amounts of parties

An Anonymous author provides some solutions for WMC.

Good fella', that Steve Sharkey. Has style and a sense of acid sarcasm. I do like that. Too bad he is so right. Because I've heard rumors too.

First, I've heard rumors about a former Playboy party-campus, and then I heard others about a prospective party-campus. Either way: Sharkey's right.

The only flaw of his article is that it does not offer solutions. So here it comes, what is called in fancy-shmancy English: constructive criticism; with a little touch of schizophrenia to be as objective as possible.

Quick revision of the problem, according to Sharkey: "Any chance of a party happening here has been obliterated by strict enforcement of all college policies."

Facts drawn from the distributed doCS pamphlet: the number of alcohol violations in 1998 — 4 arrests; disciplinary actions: N/A; 1999 — 3 arrests; 149 disciplinary actions; 2000 — 2 arrests; 215 disciplinary actions. Oh my God, we're growing to be a nation of alcoholics. "Solution: stop parties, then college students will stop drinking..."

BULLSHIT!!! They will just drink more. Set up dry dorms, and they will get smashed off campus, come back, throw up (or not, and have alcohol poisoning) and die in their rooms. "So stop off-campus parties too... Stop parties altogether, ban alcohol, prohibit fun, stop life on Planet Earth... AAAH!!!!!"

OK, I hereby regain composure. I went too deep into the empathetic (get it? M-pathetic) experience of Residence Life's and Campus Safety's efforts of prohibition. So, they think they can stop beer by busting the book-baggers?

Well, if I had a dollar for every clink of beer bottles heard in Rouzer, then all Campus Safety would see of me would be the back of my Lexus SUV, and Heidi Klum riding shotgun waving them good-bye...

Let's go then to the core of the

Well, if I had a dollar for every clink of beer bottles heard in Rouzer, then all Campus Safety would see of me would be the back of my Lexus SUV, and Heidi Klum riding shotgun waving them good-bye...

problem. Why do people drink on this campus? Hmm... Could it be, because there is nothing else to do? We're stuck in a little town on the ass of the world (still, mad props for the excellent learning-environment), which is so boring when it comes down to parties, clubs, dancing, (or in one word: "life"), that even the dead people in the cemetery rock it harder than the youth here.

And if we start making the best of what we got, then we get written up for "noise violation."

So we drink, because alcohol can be absorbed in quiet. And I drink a lot. But how is it, that in 90% of the cases it's the freshmen ending up with alcohol poisoning and not the upperclassmen?

Blame the freshmen, blame the alcohol, blame peer-pressure, blame Canada, but in reality we all

know who and what is to blame: parents raising their candy-ass kids in a bulletproof womb, and the greediness of retards who just don't pay attention to what they are being (literally) taught about the guidelines of drinking. And it is just a strange coincidence that these are the same freshmen who are not allowed to have cars on campus?

"So what can we do?" Well, we might get a shuttle running for weekend nights that could take people to more frequented areas with clubs. "No people to drive,"

there is danger of common area damage."

You know what? Why don't we all just go and play Monopoly on Red Square? Or make the professors give us more homework, so that we'd have no time to party? Or label party a "criminal activity" and stop it legally once and for all?

But people would still be drinking alcohol. Because having a beer sounds ridiculous on a criminal record.

Enforce it though, and people will just drink in secret (have you ever heard of the Prohibition?). And they'll drink more than they normally would, because they'll be afraid that they won't "finish it off" so that they won't get busted (because it only counts in the hand, and not in the stomach), or simply they don't know when the next opportunity will come.

Then why don't we have clubrooms operating at least one night on the weekend from 10 PM

to 3 AM. "Too loud." What?

"Some people are trying get sleep." So what? This is a democratic country, or what? Majority rules, and the majority would like to party. But fine, let's respect the minority (I still wonder how many of the "noise violating" parties were actually busted upon request of anybody?).

I guess that only leaves the choice of partying off campus. But we are out of control there, right?

Well we could have suite-parties!!! "No way! Too loud, plus

I can't tell if any of the listed methods would work on the long run, and if people would drink less or do it in a more civilized and social manner (sorry Steve, I just don't want to raise false hopes).

But what I know is, that they are **SOLUTIONS AND OPTIONS**. And those are what we need. Not slaps on the wrist. And to be honest, I think that even if the system changed there would still be retarded people who would cross the limits (instead of pushing them). But there always were and will be stupid people. Why should the rest of the population suffer because of couple of idiots?

Why is everything measured in America based the lowest end of the scale?

When we are going to grow up and realize that we are not equal in our personalities and actions, and the ones higher shouldn't be lowered to the idiots' level (instead of idiots growing up).

When we are going to take responsibility for our actions individually and not as a group?

Or when will then learn to outcast those, who by acts of stupidity and ignorance break the system down for the rest of us.

Because of the "stupid" or apathetic people's fault that we all have to suffer — both on the party side (no self-control), as well as on the control side (because prohibiting is the easiest solution to problems we are not willing to deal with).

Two more wisecracks before I cut it off. If you raise by punishment, you teach to lie; and if you stop beer in America — you kill sports and social life.

College smarts shining through for WMC's "Room 402"

Brandi Thayer discusses the "Room 402" fake ID incident

It all began innocently enough. Four guys, one band, and tons of hype over a gig in Westminster. Sophia's bar on Main Street to be exact. Mike Wiles, Bill Deavers, Chi Sakosi, and Matt Schwaninger of "Room 402" promoted their band's gig for a week ahead of time, in the normal ways: flyers and word of mouth.

Now, had there been flyers with the gig time, date, and place, there would have been no problem. But, it did not turn out that way. How funny would it be, to write "Bring your fake ID's" on the bottom of the flyers, before distribution? Come on, we are college students and we KNOW, that if you are going to get into a bar, it is not going to be through the use of a fake ID, you're just going to walk in, sit down and get served.

Word got around that everyone should gather up their fake ID's, disperse them to their friends (as if they have more than one), if they have access to any at all? The rumor didn't vicious, hurting any-

one, or even serious. All that it was, a "funny."

The portion of the flyers that included the "Misdemeanor" were cut out of the flyers, before being distributed on campus. But, it is never that easy.

There were undated flyers that still got dispersed to our friends who live off of campus, in Westminster. At this point, Mike Wiles was reprimanded by his RLC for distributing undated flyers.

The thing is, they just got out there, there was no real way to stop it, and word of mouth is more powerful than any piece of paper. The other thing is, that Mike did not give out the undated flyers on campus, he only put up the "good" flyers in Blanche Ward, and personally handed them to the guys on his floor.

Still not happy about the rumor that (god forbid college kids enter a bar) the WMC Campus Safety were going to come and invade the bar like a SWAT team, the owner, known only to us as "Sonny," had a few words to say. "The liquor board's going to be on me like flies on shit," he said.

Pretty self explanatory, but not very relevant. Sophia's associates hired Mike's band to play at their bar, knowing full well, that they were not all the legal drinking age, and the crowd they were going to

"We are officially the most hated band in Westminster!"

"Room 402"

being in, were not necessarily either.

Scheduled to play from 8-midnight, Mike received a call 3 hours before the gig was to begin, Sonny canceled out.

I arrived at the bar around 10:30 p.m., to watch my good friends play and shake their money makers. Well, Never have I laughed so hard in the middle of a sidewalk as when I pulled up to the front of Sophia's. There, written on a big white sign were the words "Tonight's Music Canceled. We DO NOT accept FAKE ID'S." Duh.

How much do they think study-

ing up there on the hill has fried our brains? We like to think that we are smart enough to know, that if you are not of legal age, chances are, you are not going to get into a bar to drink. To sit there and hang out, maybe, but not to order.

So without the aid of a Mafia Man to find us an endless supply of Fake ID's, there was no basis to the rumor that had gotten out of hand. Since there was no music, I turned around and disappointed, went back to the college to seek out the guys to find out why Sophia's felt the need to put a ridiculous, common sense sign.

I found Mike lazing around campus, and after learning the story told above, he told me that the band was going to be playing at the upcoming Homecoming Weekend Bonfire.

So take two, I show up at the bonfire Friday night in time to hear, "We are officially the most hated band in Westminster!"

My mouth dropped open as I didn't hear people agreeing with the band, but supporting them with an uproar of cheers. They were obviously not bad, as we all stood

there all night listening to them play, (common sense failed us as we put "parrying" college kids around a fire) and we came to a general conclusion for everyone there that night.

Although there were no Sophia's signs or fliers thrown into the bonfire that night in protest or riot, not only were the voices of Room 402 still heard, but the voices of the students of Western Maryland College were heard as well, loud and clear, cheering on the entertainment and business Sophia's lost that night, all in lieu of some small, backless rumor.

STUDENTS:

Do you have a response to any articles which have appeared in the Phoenix? If so let us know what you think, come to a Phoenix meeting. It is every Monday night at 6 p.m. The office is located in the basement of Rouzer, right beside Rouzer lounge.

Residence halls plagued by students' dirty hands Fire alarms are not funny

Michael Wiles laments the fact that the residence hall bathrooms lack soap and paper towels.

I understand we are at war, but I am not going to talk about it. What good, really, could come from me sitting here talking about how this national nightmare never ends, and how there is really no end in sight? No good at all. For that reason, I am going to talk about soap.



When I first came to WMC my freshman year, I was surprised to learn that the Residence Life Department did not supply the resident hall bathrooms with hand soap. When I asked my RA whether or not there would be soap placed in there soon, he laughed at me. Now that I am an RA myself, I fully understand his enjoyment of my question.

It would seem that Residence Life, for "maturity reasons," has refrained from putting soap dispensers in the residence halls as a policy, based on the idea that if soap were given to students, they might do something evil with it....like kill the germs on their hands. Residence Life, as of late, has been entertaining the idea of placing soap dispensers in Rouzer Hall and Whiteford Hall, at least on a trial basis.

Now, I can understand the logic behind this idea, at least to a point. It would not bode well for the school if first-year students were continually denied an item I believe is even offered prisoners, as that sort of thing might give the new students a bad impression of the school, which would be unfair.

because every public building here has soap in the bathrooms. What I cannot understand are the "maturity" concerns of Residence Life, and how, in light of these concerns, they feel that testing something out in the freshmen dorms is a good idea. Not to knock the freshmen in any way, but experience has shown me, as I am sure it has shown many people, that the freshmen dorms are a breeding ground for immature and just plain unwise practices.

Then again, I live in an upperclassman dorm where people urinate on the toilet paper supply, so my point that upperclassmen are more mature is, well, not even remotely valid or even based in fact.

What shocks me most about this whole matter is that, for \$26,000 a year, a decent portion of which goes toward housing, we have to live in inherently unsanitary conditions. When I contracted mono my freshman year, despite not having coming directly in contact with a carrier, I was shocked. Now, having lived on this campus for most of the last two and a half years, I fully understand how this sort of thing can happen, and have in fact seen it happen again and again.

Why else would practically the whole campus get sick at the same time? The message is clear: at WMC, you pay to watch out for yourself.

I mean, at less than half the price, UMCP puts soap in its residence hall bathrooms, and, while WMC is the better school, it is hard to enjoy something when you are sick in bed.

This might seem like a small problem in light of all that is going on in our collective lives, but it is truly

just one more little defeat, one more little kick, and one thing to be angry about at the end of the day.

I am not sure about everyone else, but, what with all that is going on these days, I could sure use one less thing to be angry about at the end of the day.

-Michael Wiles is a junior English major

Erin Romanski discusses her experience with a 4:45 AM fire alarm on Homecoming weekend.

What homecoming weekend would be complete without the parade down Main Street, the Green Terrors winning big at the football game, and oh yes, the fire alarm being pulled in Albert Norman Ward Hall?



Yep, at about 4:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 21, someone found it necessary to wake-up the sleeping, exhausted, not to mention hung-over residents of ANW. By playing a middle school prank, they succeeded in doing just that. Alright, fine, we get it. Ha ha. Joke's on us. This would not even be an issue had it not been about 40 degrees Fahrenheit outside. And most pajamas do not prepare you for the Nordic cold.

In addition to the unbearable weather conditions, the reaction times of the nearly unconscious residents was not exactly up to par. What's more, some people continued

to sleep through the noise, or take their sweet time picking out shoes and a jacket before blazing the Arctic.

Twenty minutes later, had it been a real fire, the building would have gone up in smoke, along with its inhabitants.

The main issue here though is not so much the annoyance of climbing out of bed, the bone chilling weather, or even being ripped from a deep sleep not long after finally passing out maybe one hour prior. Moreover, it's the fact that the alarms themselves are not exactly strategically placed throughout the building, but one in the hall.

For those of us living in a suite, sometimes closing the outer door, the sound of the alarm fails to register "fire" in our intoxicated brains right away. Therefore, had it been a real fire, and not the cause of some bored college student, most of us would never have made it out in time. But that's ok, because as I was informed by one fellow student, residence life wholeheartedly encourages us to bring our own fire detectors to school. How nice to be left with the option of preventing your own cremation.

My point is that whatever message the culprit was trying to get across or attention received, it was ineffective.

Whoever has nothing better to do with their time than to rouse a bunch of cranky college students out of a sound sleep needs to take up a hobby.

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major

U.S. military action is just

Matt Hurff points out that protesters this past weekend have not considered several things.

Over the past few days I have been reading about protests of the U.S. military action in Afghanistan in cities like Los Angeles and St. Paul, Minn. and I call this pro-

fense Secretary Rumsfeld saying that the military has been very careful in avoiding civilian targets despite the fact that the Taliban has been using civilians as shields.

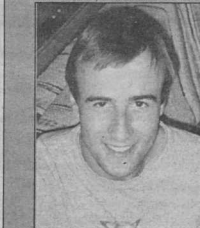
In fact, he said on CNN.com "...No nation in human history has done more to avoid civilian casualties than the United States has in this conflict."

Since we, as civilians are not in Afghanistan and are not there to see the fighting, it is not clear whether this is true or not. However, I would tend to believe so, especially considering the heartless manner in which the Taliban and bin Laden have conducted themselves with their other heinous crimes.

I also find the fact that protesters feel that military action is unnecessary and that we should just worry about defending ourselves through peace.

To be honest, I do not think that radicals that could attack someone as viciously as bin Laden did to us would EVER want to make peace with anyone different from themselves.

And because they are being defended by people with a similar mindset, there is no way we'll ever be able to prevent them



test into question.

I could understand the protest if the people had a problem with the way in which the United States has been conducting itself in the war. However, so far I feel that our government has been very careful.

I have constantly seen reports by De-

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Pro-Con

Do you have an idea that you would like featured as a Pro-Con? If so contact Matt Hurff at x8600 for more details of how you could argue your point-of-view for the Phoenix.



WMC's Greatest Unknown Asset

DONNA HUBB
Staff Writer

Many students walking through Decker may not recognize him, but to those whose lives he has touched he will be hard to forget.

Mike Webster, the director of Campus Safety, devotes much time and effort to the college. But, students and faculty know little about the man behind the badge.

Born and raised in New London County, Connecticut, Webster seems to have been born into the profession.

He received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University, worked on an associate's degree from Bunker Hill Community College in Fire Prevention, Protection, and Emergency, and is a certified paramedic in the state of Maryland. Currently, Webster has been working on his Masters in Human Resources Development at WMC.

Webster's prior experience to Western Maryland College is impressive, starting out as a campus police officer at Wentworth Institution, in Boston, where after 18 months he was promoted to sergeant. He then moved on to Emerson College in 1986 as lieutenant in charge of Special Services, where he was once again quickly promoted to deputy chief of the police department and assistant director of Public Safety.

He also was in the Coast Guard Reserves from 1987-1991, stationed at Station Point Allerton doing Search and Rescue patrol. With his extensive background in safety, rescue, fire prevention and criminal justice, he has been extremely qualified and well-suited for Western Maryland's campus these past eleven years.

Perhaps this is best supported by his fondness for Western Maryland College and its surroundings.

As a father of three, Webster seems to really enjoy the change in scenery, now living in Littlestown, PA. "People here don't realize, because of lack of exposure just what a friendly, family place it is," he said. "Most stu-

dents don't think about who I am, or perhaps if they do, don't like me because of who I am, but I cannot walk from Campus Safety to the information desk without at least four students saying "hi" to me."

Webster loves his job at Western Maryland and it shows.

He spends countless hours working on cases and truly cares about the students and their safety. Even when he's on vacation he re-

shocked by how much of her blood I had on me. It was up to my elbows, like I had just dumped my arms into a bucket of blood," recalls Webster.

This type of job requires a different mindset.

Many times tragedy shows itself and is not always easy to forget. "You need to put it in a box and put it on the shelf or you'll never go to that second call," advises Webster.

The most interesting and weird experience of his Western Maryland career was with a student who came to him claiming to be raped at knife-point. She had been receiving threatening letters through campus mail and even after graduation at her home.

The girl was extremely upset and Campus Safety and Westminster police spent thousands of dol-

lars on the case, even calling in the FBI for help. Later, they would receive a letter of apology admitting that the student had done it all herself.

"It was a career-changing experience for me. Scary thing was, she was a social work major," jokes Webster.

Although he has a sometimes strange and busy life, Webster still finds time to enjoy his family. His wife, Lori, is the most influential person in his life and his children (Cali-10, Emma-5, and Everett-4) are extremely important to him. The family enjoys sailing on the Bay from the Eastern Shore and in Annapolis, NCAA hockey, and Disney movies.

Between his family life and career little time is left for Webster to pursue his own hobbies, but he loves sailing his 1989 20 Weekender sailboat and Playstation. "When you work full time and you're a dad and you're a graduate student, that can become your hobby," says Webster.

Perhaps one of the most valuable lessons that can be taken from Webster is to take life for all it can give you. You'll never know where you might end up.



Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety.

mains loyal to WMC, leaving the number of where he will be and always keeping his cell phone on and with him at all times.

Matt Warehime, Campus Safety officer in charge of community relations, considers Webster a friend not just his boss. "He does a lot for us; he is a very compassionate and generous manager. He works with you. He has no problem coming in and putting a uniform on," says Warehime.

Junior Emily Seal remembers how impressed she was by Webster's generous nature while he was helping a friend of hers obtain a Peace Order last year. "He was so helpful, and humorous. He made us both feel at ease and you can tell that he really cares about the students," says Seal.

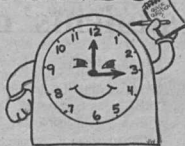
Webster's line of work is one less desirable for some people and he has seen and experienced some tragic things.

He still remembers the first death he ever witnessed. It was a developmentally challenged woman in her mid-20s, who was hit by a trolley at Wartooth Institute and he was first on the scene.

"It was before time of rubber gloves and I remember being

60 SECONDS

What is your favorite scary movie and why?



By: Courtney Federoff



"Candy Man" because it's really, really scary & creepy."
Amanda Peters '04
Undecided

"The Exorcist" because I was scared s---less at 12 [years old]."

Jorge Marcos '03
Music



"The Exorcist" because that chick's head spins around and that green puke flies out of her mouth. It was just awesome."

Brad Barr '04
Undecided



"The Exorcist" has always been an all time favorite of mine. The fact that the movie is based on a true story makes it thrilling and chilling, and that little girl is freaky as hell!"

Liz Creighton '04
Communication



"The best one so far is 'Hannibal' because that's the only one that I was grossed out by."

Aernelle Quashie '05
Undecided



"Would have to be 'Scream' because it's funny and the actors are very dramatic."

Terrae Whiting '02
Psychology



"Nothing scares me. Ha ha."
Harry Halloween '05
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Origins: A look at Dr. Colette Henriette from Madagascar

CLAIRE ADAMS
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Nearly half way around the world from WMC, rising out of the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Africa is the island country of Madagascar—a land filled with amazing wildlife and landscape, a land that Dr. Colette Henriette, study abroad coordinator, called home for 30 years.

Even though Henriette, who also teaches French, has lived in the US for over 20 years, Madagascar is not a distant memory of her past.

With glowing eyes, a smile that seemed impossible for her to restrain and a melodious French accent, Henriette explained, "It's not talking about Madagascar that is the problem, it's getting me to stop."

Henriette lived in the capital of Madagascar, Antananarivo—a name that means "the land of the thousands," which lies nestled in the island's highlands.

As the fourth largest island in the world, Madagascar comprises of white sand beaches, limestone peaks, thick forests, and coral reefs, according to www.pbs.org. Henriette said universally though, the island's clear, bright, unpolluted sky is one of its most beautiful aspects.

A wide array of creatures inhabit the country and its surrounding waters as well, including the humpback whale and lemurs.

But not all animals on the island are wild. Henriette remembered as a child she had a pet Lemur, named Maki, who slept cuddled in the crook of her neck because he liked her hair.

Madagascar is not only diverse in its wildlife and landscape, but also in its population.

In the late nineteenth century, France colonized Madagascar, bringing a European twist to the already diverse nation. Henriette explained that prior to the colonization, the country

was a very popular resting point for traders and pirates alike from around the world.

While today the pirates remain only as fodder for good stories and Madagascar stands as an independent country, diversity is still apparent among the country's 18 separate tribes, each with their own dialect.

In addition to the separate dialects, Henriette said that both French and a universal native language, called Malagasy, are spoken.

Henriette explained that her heritage, re-

flective of the country, is both French and Malagasy (a term used also for natives of Madagascar).

It was like you had two separate worlds. At home it was functioning like an African family and at school it was a French school, it functioned like a European school," she explained.

Henriette added that different languages and customs were used in different situations. "It's like changing gears and you don't even think about it."

Along with her heritage, Henriette recalled the traditions and customs of Madagascar. One custom in particular, led Henriette to experience culture shock in the US.

"We have a great deal of respect for older people, I mean huge respect," she explained. Henriette said she was shocked by the lack of respect shown on many American sitcoms, such as "Roseanne."

Not only do Malagasy respect their elders, she said, but they also respect their deceased relatives.

Traditionally, she explained, Malagasy use a form of mummification, and roughly every five years they'll go back into the graves of their loved ones.

The deceased's bones are cleaned and then wrapped in pure silk. Through parties with food and music, those of the past are remembered by all of their family members.

"It's like bringing them back alive," she explained. "The purpose is that we do not want them to be forgotten."

As study abroad director, Henriette often expresses the importance of opening one's mind to other cultures to her students. "I encourage students to go off the beaten path and see the world."

To learn more about Madagascar, visit www.pbs.org/edens/madagascar.htm or call Henriette at x468.

The Origins column explores the heritage, people

and places behind those at WMC. It goes beyond a face, name or nationality to show what makes a person unique. Perhaps you have a friend or professor that has fascinating "origins" (who doesn't?). If you'd like to recommend someone to be featured in the Origins column, please call *The Phoenix* at x8600.



COURTESY OF DR. COLETTE HENRIETTE
On a visit home to Antananarivo, Henriette ran into her friend and former house maid, Flo.



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Ask Kitty for advice

CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

Write to Kitty (Box 540) for advice on whatever it is that is on your mind. Kitty offers her perspective on your issues.

Kitty presents a forum for people who would like to look at their issues in a different way. A new way to look at your problems, and completely anonymous!

Dear Kitty,

All work and no play is no fun at all, isn't that what we all say? I'm not really a "party-type" person but a couple friends talked me into going to one. I got there and it was packed with sweaty people, many of them reeking of alcohol and beer. I decided not to go along with my first impression and made my way across the crowded dance floor.

The music was blasting and there wasn't room to breathe. I didn't understand how this is fun. I felt out of place. Some say that half of college is partying and getting drunk, but maybe that's not the life for me. I think I have better things to do with my time. Is there something wrong with me for not wanting to be "lvin' it up"? Why am I different? -Dazed & Confused

Dear Dazed & Confused,

That saying "You don't have to drink to have fun" was not something invented to keep people down. There is much truth in that, and if you have more fun not drinking or going to parties, then you shouldn't go.

Remember too that those two things don't have to go together. Many people go to parties and don't drink, and all parties aren't like that either. There are a lot of people who don't like big groups, loud crowds, and that type of atmosphere.

Many people have small "chill" parties or even not go to parties at all. There's nothing wrong with feeling more comfortable in different situations, like going to movies with friends, listening to music, playing games or even just talking.

Personally I find all these are very fun things to do, and experi-

encing new things like visiting unknown places, meeting different people and learning can be very broadening and also very fun in my book. Everyone is different and there are many ways to "Live it up." Be inventive, be comfortable, and have fun!

Dear Kitty,

This is a little embarrassing, that's why I'm writing a letter to an advice column rather than ask anyone. Here it is, I have a boyfriend that I'm crazy about, but the other night I had a dream about another guy, his best friend! And it was a dream about...us kissing and stuff...you know - I'm so mortified!

I feel like I cheated on my boyfriend and now I'm so embarrassed around the guy I had a dream about. I feel like they both can tell something's up because I avoid eye contact and get all red and stuff. What do I do? Do I have to tell? And what does it all mean? -Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Many people have dreams about random things. It doesn't have to mean anything. Some people think dreams are very important, but it really comes down to individual interpretation. You will have to decide for yourself what you deem this dream to be, but it sounds like this dream is really affecting you.

I can't tell you what to do, it's your life, but maybe it will help to stop and think about how you feel, like why are you so embarrassed? It was only a dream, it didn't really happen, but you feel like you cheated. Perhaps you are attracted to this friend, it is natural to be attracted to people you are not dating, it's only human.

Maybe there is something going on with you and your boyfriend that you are worried about, and are avoiding thinking about. You say you are crazy about your boyfriend, if so then think about why you are letting this get between you.

It could also be nothing, but once you understand how you really feel about the situation, then the answer will be clear to you.

Horoscopes for a fun Halloween

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ
Features Editor

Scorpio

October 24 - November 21
Happy Birthday Scorpio! This is going to be a great time for you. There are parties all over campus celebrating Halloween, so go to a few of them. But don't party too hard in case your friends throw you a surprise birthday party. Your numbers of luck are 2 and 21.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Halloween is a great time to play tricks on your friends. Just keep it simple. It's just fun, remember? And don't forget they will want to get you back! Your numbers of luck are 5 and 16.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Be creative and write a Halloween story or script. It'll get your mind off your homework for a while, and it will be lots of fun seeing what you create. Consider sharing the story with your friends and encourage them to write one too. Your numbers of luck are 1 and 10.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Beware of that pumpkin you carved. Halloween spirits lurk in spaces least expected, and who would think an innocent pumpkin could turn evil? Your numbers of luck are 1 and 20.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

So you think it's silly to be in college and still dress up for Hal-

loween? Well you're wrong. So get a costume, get dressed up, and go party hopping! Your numbers of luck are 7 and 14.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

There are lots of ghosts on campus so beware if you live near one.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Things are finally going the way you want them to, so celebrate by throwing a party! What better time than Halloween to have a gathering of friends? Dress up and get down. Your numbers of luck are 6 and 15.

Leo

July 23 - August 22

Get off campus for Halloween and see a movie or go to the mall. Since dressing up isn't really your thing, don't let people talk you into it. Do something that makes you comfortable instead. You'll be glad you did. Your numbers of luck are 13 and 18.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Take the opportunity this Halloween to dress up in your dream costume. You know you have one in mind, so go get the stuff for it, and dress up. Have a friend take a picture of you. You'll be glad you did because it will bring you good luck! Your numbers of luck are 17 and 23.

Libra

September 23 - October 23

Trying to find something unique to do for Halloween? Use your creative brains and host a scary movie party. Tell people to come dressed as characters from movies. Your numbers of luck are 3 and 22.

Graphic by Jessica Watson, News Editor.



Scorpio

You never know what might happen on the night when the spirits supposedly come out to play... Your numbers of luck are 9 and 19.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Don't feel like partying? Then go rent a bunch of scary movies, invite some friends over, pop some corn, and have a Halloween celebration done your way. Your numbers of luck are 8 and 24.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

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COURTNEY FEDEROFF

Western Maryland's cheerleaders wait to cheer on the football team as they charge the field before the Homecoming game.



COURTNEY FEDEROFF

Students with lots of school spirit chat at the party after the Homecoming game. The party was held in the tennis courts under white tents.



BRAD WIDNER

Senior Shelley Sorensen, who was in charge of all the Homecoming festivities, speaks to the crowd at the football game to rally the crowd.



COURTNEY FEDEROFF

(Above) Students, including Jen Pohl (center) and Lahna Catalano (right), dance their hearts out at the after game party where Glar served food. (Lower Right) Spirited students lay in the grass to make the letters WMC.



COURTNEY FEDEROFF



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(Above) President Coley takes time to mingle with students at the Homecoming game. (Upper Left) A future WMC student, enjoys the beautiful weather and wonderful hill, perfect for running up and rolling down.



The band, Full Effect, kept the tennis court dance floor crowded with students and alumni.



COURTNEY FEDEROFF

Once again a beautiful drawing appeared on the chalkboard in Decker's Ensor Lounge. This one depicts WMC's Homecoming at the drive-in Bair Stadium.

Sports Column: Rick Grams reflects on the Seattle Mariner's season and their place in history

During the 2001 baseball season, the Seattle Mariners tied the 1906 Chicago Cubs by winning 116 games during the season.

They unfortunately also share another feat with those Cubs by failing to win a World Series title.

The Mariners were knocked out of the playoffs by losing to the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series.

Seattle now joins a list of teams that had excellent regular season records, only to fall short of winning it all.

Years from now, fans will look back and see a team that "choked" in the postseason. While this is true, the Mariners deserve a better reputation.

Before the season started, many experts and baseball fans picked the Mariners to finish out of the playoffs, after losing superstar shortstop Alex Rodriguez to division rival Texas.

With the acquisition of leadoff hitter Johnny Damon, the Oakland A's were supposed to run away with the division. In Spring Training, manager Lou Piniella said that he expected the Mariners to finish with a winning percentage of about .500. Instead, Seattle had a record-breaking season.

The Mariners caught fire out of

the gate, and led the division from the first day of the season.

Sparked by probable Rookie of the Year Ichiro Suzuki, along with solid pitching and defense, the Mariners were up by 20 games at the all-star break, and never looked back.

In recent years, Seattle had traded away pitcher Randy Johnson and outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr., both often regarded as the best at their respective positions in the league.

However, the team did well in these trades, getting players like Freddy Garcia, Carlos Guillen and Mike Cameron in the trades.

They also did well in the free agent market, signing John Olerud and Arthur Rhodes, bringing in Ichiro and Kazuhiro Sasaki from Japan.

With the money saved by not signing Rodriguez, Seattle added Jeff Nelson to an already strong bullpen as well as bringing in Suzuki.

The Mariners were a team that was supposed to be demoralized after losing their third superstar in the recent past.

However, instead of falling out of the playoffs, Seattle tied a 95-year-old record. They should be remembered for beating the odds and putting together a great season.

However, they will always be remembered for losing in the playoffs.

Instead, Seattle ran into a team that seems to be unbeatable in the postseason, the New York Yankees.

Although it looked like someone would finally beat the Yankees in the postseason, the A's Oakland was leading them two games to none and had two chances to beat them at home in a best-of-five series.

Unfortunately, the Yankees ran off three straight wins to knock the A's out of the playoffs, and didn't slow down against Seattle. New York advances to meet the Arizona Diamondbacks in the World Series, and Seattle's season is over.

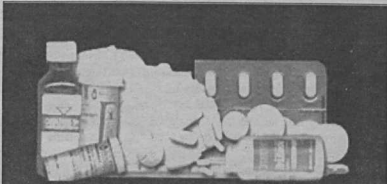
Like the 1997 Baltimore Orioles, this year's Seattle Mariners led their division from the first day of the season and failed to even reach the World Series.

However, those Orioles were expected to have a good season, these Mariners were not supposed to be close to first.

Winning 116 games is an achievement in itself. Instead of being remembered as a team that choked, the Seattle Mariners should be remembered for winning 116 games.



Field Hockey goalie Becky Arnold awaits the challenge of a shot on goal. Read about the Field Hockey team on page 16.



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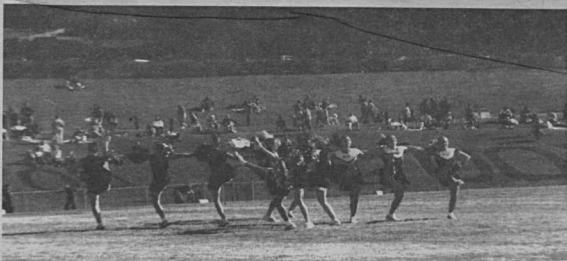
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BRAD WIDNER

The Phoenix Sports staff, as well as the Green Terror football team, appreciates the work of the Green Terror Pom Dance team.



BRAD WIDNER

"Get out of my way, that puck is mine" - Here the Green Terror field hockey team plays in a game at home. Although the field hockey team did not make it to the playoffs, they are still looking forward to the ECAC

Men's soccer clinches a bid in the Centennial Conference tournament

RICK GRAMS
Staff Writer

With a 2-1 win over Washington College on Saturday, the men's soccer team secured a birth in the Centennial Conference tournament.

The win, WMC's thirteenth of the season, made the 2001 Terror the winningest team in the 75 years there has been a soccer program on the Hill.

In the game that clinched the second consecutive playoff berth for the Terror (13-5), juniors Ryan Tetteris and Chris Wincke both scored goals.

The assists came from freshmen Leon Mach and Tim McCallum.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Defibaugh had seven saves, "some of which were spectacular," according to Coach John Plevyak.

Asked how it felt for the freshman class to be such an integral part of a history-making team, Mach said, "It feels good to have come in and made an impact. I think we have contributed a lot to the team and the school."

Mach added that the upperclassmen, particularly the seniors, have played a large role in the success of the freshmen and the team. "They made us feel at home," he said.

He credited Vinny Pedalino and Defibaugh as great influences, and said that all of the seniors will be "unable to be replaced."

Plevyak said that this group of seniors has won more games in their four years than any other group in WMC history.

On the path to the playoffs, WMC knocked off Dickinson 3-1 on October 24 at home.

Pat Danaher, Trevor Brown and Tim McCallum had goals in the game. McCallum also had and assist, along with Tetteris and Pedalino. Defibaugh had six saves in the match.

The Terror also beat Ursinus 3-1. Barclay Loose, Thomas Kane, and Pedalino each scored, with assists coming from Pedalino and Mach.

Loose's goal came on a free kick. Defibaugh had six saves during the game, which was played on October 20.

On October 16, the team traveled to Lancaster, Pa. to take on Lancaster Bible College, a game won by WMC 2-1.

Dave Filo scored the game winner with 14 minutes left in the match. Dan Szanto scored his first goal of the season off of a Brad Russell assist.

Junior Brent Kahuda saved four shots in

goal for the Terror.

October 13 was Senior Day for the team, and the team responded with a 4-1 win over Muhlenberg in front of the home fans.

Seniors Loose and Pedalino had big games. Loose has two goals and Pedalino had a goal and an assist. Tetteris assisted on one of Loose's goals, while McCallum scored off of the Pedalino pass. Defibaugh had seven saves.

WMC suffered what would be the team's last loss of the season on October 9, 1-0 to Rutgers University-Camden.

Defibaugh was able to keep WMC in the game with two saves, and the Terror had four shots in the final minute of play, but could not find the back of the net. This was the only out-of-conference loss for the Terror on the season.

Plevyak described the season as "awesome," adding that it is "pretty incredible that we beat Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, and Frostburg."

The team broke the 1980 squad's record for single season victories and earned the second seed in the conference playoffs.

Plevyak said, "The Terror will face Muhlenberg at Johns Hopkins on either Friday or Saturday."

Here's what is coming up in the following issues of the Phoenix...

1. Coverage of the Green Terror football's team continuing quest for the Division III National Championship
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Green Terror Sports Profile: Lauren Cernak

TAMMI SLATER
Assistant News Editor

A passion for the game, a deep love for the sport, and a desire for team camaraderie is what Lauren Cernak loves about field hockey.

The senior English major has been a part of the WMC field hockey team since her freshman year and has watched the program grow tremendously. As a freshman Cernak was one of five freshman players, and feels strongly that the program has taken great strides since.

In Cernak's sophomore year the team received a new coach, along with a new philosophy and approach. The arrival of new Coach Mindy Manolovich is whom Cernak credits greatly for the turn around in the program.

"She brought a new philosophy, uprooted things, made the players more serious, gave routines and really just gave us the potential to be good," Cernak said.

Jumping from a record of 5-11 her freshman year to 10-9 her junior year was a tremendous step for both the program and the players.

"It's been so awesome to watch the program develop over the last four years," Cernak said.

As the only senior on the team and Captain, Cernak held many leadership responsibilities.

"I feel I have a lot to offer on the field, communication wise, to help point out problems and help people improve," Cernak said.

However, she is quick to explain that the duties were not all her own, but split up between four other players on what the team calls "leadership council".

The council consisting of Cernak, Sara Hansen, Jessica Stewart, and Marcie Parke share duties of leading the team whether it be in pregame warm ups or carrying equipment.

"Being Captain has been great espe-

cially for a team where every player wants to be here. It's been really fun being the Captain," Cernak said.

However, Cernak says that being elected Captain was not the most satisfying moment of her career, but that "Playing every single minute of every game my senior year was the most gratifying."

Finishing the season with a 13-4 record, Cernak attributes back to the players and work ethic.

"I see leadership qualities in so many people on the team besides the coach. People step up when you least expect it, and it's great to know that those are the hands I'm leaving the team in."

Everyone has a voice and role whether you play every game or not, and it comes with the great attitude and determination on the team," she said.

The team's recent game on Wednesday, October 24 against Washington College was a prime example of the drive and unity the team possesses.

Beating Washington 2-0, who stands as the number one team in the conference, proved WMC has a lot to show. Cernak feels the team went out big with the Washington game saying, "We showed the rest of the conference to watch out next year."

Cernak plays the position of sweeper on defense and feels that the defensive unit is who helped teach her the most about herself as a player.

"The defensive unit is real close. We huddle before every game, and they are the people who helped me out the most in practice and games."

I learn from them, and through working together and learning each other's style of play on the field," she said.

For a team who was nationally ranked for six weeks straight for the first time ever, Cernak says her expectations for this season were greatly surpassed.

"I was hopeful and believed we could have a better record than last year, but it was more a hope than an expectation. But after

our first game against Susquehanna where we won 3-0, I knew it would be a good season because we just clicked together on the field," she said.

However, after an 8-0 winning streak, WMC lost their first game to Muhlenberg College followed by Gettysburg College. Though extremely disappointing the team used the two losses to regain their play and attitude.

"We didn't let it bring us down but we had a few let down games like Johns Hopkins, but we came back and beat Goucher College, Haverford, and Franklin and Marshall."

After two losses we sat down as a team to get our direction back because we got a little down.

We figured out we wanted better to compete in the conference championship, and the coaches all really helped us regroup in practice," she said.

The team unity, enthusiasm, and passion are what Cernak says she will miss the most.

"I love all the different personalities and dynamics of a team. What could be better than Division III hockey? It's fun, and everyone's there because they want to be, not because they are getting money to play," Cernak said.

Cernak feels this season was the ultimate ending to her four years playing at WMC saying, "It's a great way to go out as a senior. We've come so far in four years."

The freshman are very lucky, they have four years to go through this program and coaching staff.

Additionally, Cernak will miss the coaching staff she had the opportunity to work with.

Serving as motivators and mentors first, and coaches second, Cernak feels the coaches, both head coach Manolovich, and Assistant Coaches Natalie Hannibal and Laura Emory really shaped her as a player.

"I feel I owe so much to Coach Manolovich, and I'm so grateful that she came to our program when she did."

I credit her for what she's done for this program, and for the dedication she instilled within us.

She believed in us from the start, and I really respect her as a person. She's very professional on the field, but also really interested in her players as people also," Cernak explained.

Furthermore, Cernak recognizes the Assistant coaches for "giving me confidence, motivation, and a lot of personal attention on defense that I had never received in the past."

While the season has drawn to a close, and Cernak's field hockey career at WMC is ultimately over, she is certain that she will always be involved with the sport.

"Field hockey will always be in my life in some way, and in the future while I'm teaching I also hope to coach a high school team one day," she said.

To the players she has shared not only the field with, but also endless memories Cernak stresses making the most of your time at college, and to go after what you want and you will always be happy.

"Don't hold anything back. Four years will go by so fast. Give everything you have and put your heart into it. Remember not to take the opportunity for granted, but have fun doing it," she said.

For a team that has made a name for itself this season, Cernak says, "it's great to know these are the hands I'm leaving the team in."

Once a team that was looked at as an easy win, is now looked at for great competition and finesse of the sport and Cernak is certain that "We'll be in the conference championships next year."

Cernak even plans to come back next year to visit and watch her old teammates from the sideline as they take on the name and reputation that they have created for themselves.

Woman's soccer ends season on a good note

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

The season has come to an end for the Western Maryland College women's soccer team as they completed their season with a sub .500 record in the conference.

Despite their less than spectacular record, the team finished the season winners of three of their last four games and hope to take their late season surge into next year's campaign.

The Green Terror hoped to end their season on a good note in their last game against Washington College on September 23.

On the road, WMC came out sluggish and allowed two quick goals in the first eight minutes of the contest and went into the half down 2-0.

In the second half, sophomore Christine Mayne stepped up for the team scoring two goals to even the score at 2-2 and sent the game into overtime.

In the extra period, junior forward Melissa Merson brought home the win for the team with a strong shot past the Washington College goalkeeper. The team was happy to end their season on a good note.

"I think the way we ended the season is the way the season should have gone," said freshman Brooke Boughner.

"We showed our full potential at the end of the season."

Four days earlier, WMC looked to continue their late season success in another road game against

College of Notre Dame.

The Green Terror offense started the game off quickly with two goals from freshman Katie Kirley and one goal from Merson in the first half as they cruised to a 3-0 shutout win.

The defense was very stout in the contest and junior goals Alice Litsinger and Candi Kuligowski combined for the shutout.

The team faced a difficult challenge on Senior Day when they faced tough conference rival Johns Hopkins. The day belonged to the Blue Jays who dominated, putting up six goals in the first half in route to a 7-1 win over WMC.

Starting to play consistently well late in the season, the team hosted Swarthmore College in a home game on September 13.

WMC used two first half goals by freshman Laura Cavery and Boughner and held back a late rally to pick up a 2-1 home win.

The 2001 squad had a tough year as they had many problems scoring points throughout the season, but the future looks bright for the team.

"This season was a challenge with new players working with returning players and the our success at the end of this season is what we hope to translate to next season," said Mayne.

The team is mainly composed of young players who made strong contributions to this year's team and with more experience, the program is expecting big things for the future of women's soccer at WMC.

WWF Column: The underrated star, DDP

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

It's time for the WWF and the "smart" vultures called internet wrestling writers to understand the greatness of one Diamond Dallas Page.

Page, an athletic wonder who didn't wrestle his first match until he was thirty five, an age when many wrestlers are retiring, is one of the few over-40 wrestlers who have the ability to put in great ring work. (Sting sticks out as one of the other few capable of the feat.)

The fact that he's 45 years old and can still go does not in and of itself make him great. But the man has the ability to get fans to buy into whatever he's doing.

When WCW was in it's last few weeks, DDP was one of the few workers in the company who continued to work on his craft, and better himself in and out of the ring.

And DDP was always there to bail the company out. When Flair was getting too old and flabby to perform, the company needed a cocky devilish heel. DDP gave them just what the Doctor ordered. He won his first world title in a match that featured five over-40 wrestlers, yet managed to be a classic at Spring Stampede 1999. His mic work as a heel gave the company a new Flair for months.

Later on, when Vince Russo decided to allow David Arquette to be WCW world champion, the company trusted DDP to carry the ridiculous story.

He and Jeff Jarrett were able to

do some good work, which included an incredible triple cage match, to make the entire Arquette storyline watchable.

Once the WCW was bought by the WWF, only two main event caliber wrestlers moved from WCW to WWF. They were Booker T and DDP.

Booker T was given every opportunity at first. He was put into programs with The Rock and was booked in matches with Kurt Angle, Stone Cold, and Chris Jericho.

But DDP was given a terrible stalker angle. He was to portray a lunatic who stalked The Undertaker's wife. The story sucked. Worse, DDP never got to get to The Undertaker.

Every time there was a confrontation, the WWF refused to allow Page to get the better of The Taker. Yet Page made people get into the rivalry. His great mic work carried the story. He carried the Undertaker, not the other way around.

After a few months, we have the new DDP. DDP has a book called Positively Page. It's a good read, and it discusses his career as a bartender and his late run in wrestling. The focus of the book, however, is the man's positive attitude toward life.

The WWF decided to take this concept a step further.

They now have Page portraying a Tony Robbins style motivational speaker, but taken to an extreme.

He attempts to encourage wrestlers by telling that losses "aren't a bad thing. They are a good thing." The gimmick was poorly received at first, mostly because it sucked. But Page worked it, and with his work made his first in-ring appearance in months last week.

He had one of his motivational speeches with Kane. After DDP worked Kane and the crowd for several minutes, DDP did something no one has been able to do in a while. They cared about what Kane did. Kane had enough of DDP's ranting, and choked-slashed him. The crowd went crazy!

DDP had taken this weak gimmick that looked doomed when it started a few weeks ago, and made fans totally buy into it.

But that is the magic of DDP. He made something work that shouldn't. Because fans like DDP, and he has the ability to get a reaction out of seemingly nothing.

I hope that DDP makes a few main event appearances in the next year or so before he retires. He's earned it. More importantly, people will like it. A DDP Rock or DDP Austin feud would rock.

Still, I have a feeling he'll be forced to work with less talented wrestlers, and carry more feuds.

At least I appreciate him.

Trivia: Records Edition

1. Who holds the record for the most rushing yards in Michigan football history?

2. Who is the all-time scoring leader in Duke basketball history?

3. Who is the all-time scoring leader in college basketball history?

4. Which college program holds the record for the most wins in college football history?

5. Who holds the record for the rushing yards in Ohio State University football history?

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X-C team is strong at Centennial Conference Championships

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

The Western Maryland College cross country team finished their season with a strong showing at the Centennial Conference Championships over the weekend. The men came in eighth place and the woman finished in 5th on a rain day in Carlisle, PA.

Once again, senior Jill Krebs led the way for the Green Terror woman, placing seventh overall in the meet with a time of 19:51.

The New Windsor product finished her career by becoming only the third player in history to garner first team Centennial Conference three times.

She was followed by fellow senior Diana Pool in 28th place, freshman Colleen Lawson in 31st place, and sophomore Jen Pullen who came in 46th.

On the men's side, sophomore Jimmy Thayer led the way for the Green Terror, coming in 50th place in the meet with a time of 29:12.

Less than a minute later, fellow sophomore Ryan Melhorn

ticked the tape in 55th place, and John Reagan followed in 65th.

"I think that I could have done better (in the race), the weather was really bad and I was running by myself, but I was happy with how I placed," said Thayer.

A week earlier, the team drove down route 15 for the annual Gettysburg College Invitational.

The woman were less star runner Krebs who for the first time in her career missed the race, due to an injury.

With their top runner out, the runners picked up the slack with some of their best times of the season.

Leading the way was Pool who ran to a career best time of 18:34, followed by Pullen at 19:46. Junior Ellen Miller also stepped up, with her career best time of 19:54, as the team placed ninth in the race.

The Green Terror garnered a 20th place out of 29 teams in the race.

Leading the way again was Thayer who had a strong time of 28:55 and Junior Dave Profili who ran well in a time of 29:34.

As the 2001 campaign comes to a close, the team has to say good-bye to many talented stars who have been the cornerstone of the program.

Seniors Krebs, Pool, and Jayne Karolow have all been strong contributors to the team for many years and will be hard to replace in the years to come. "I'm worried about losing their personalities than their athletic ability," says Miller.

"Athletes can be trained, but it's hard to replace good people."

The team picked up strong performances during the year from freshman Lawson and Chrissy Dachtile who they will look to for big things in the near future.

On the other side, the men's team is graduating only one senior, and the team expects a strong season in 2002.

"Next year is looking very good if we put in the time over the summer and with coach bringing in new recruits, we should be very good," added Thayer.

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Green Terror football wins fifth consecutive Conference title, destroys F & M on Homecoming

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With two weeks left in the regular season, The Western Maryland College Green Terror have won their fifth consecutive centennial conference title, securing their fifth consecutive trip to the national playoffs as well.

The Terror actually qualified for the playoffs this past weekend, and they didn't even play a game.

Dickinson did The Terror a huge favor by defeating Johns Hopkins, which guaranteed The Terror the conference and the playoff spot.

This happened the week before The Terror hosted Franklin and Marshall for homecoming.

The Terror proved to be a bit too much for the Diplomats, as Western Maryland squeaked by with a 54-0 shutout.

Terron Powell continued dominating defenses and setting records. His seven catch, 138 yard, two touchdown performance lifted Powell into the record books as the leader in receptions in WMC history, as well as setting the new conference record for career TD's.

The defense posted their first shutout of the season. Senior Defensive lineman Josh Gaeltmore had a career day, contributing ten tackles, six of which were solo. And despite no sacks, he applied pressure on the F&M quarterbacks all day.

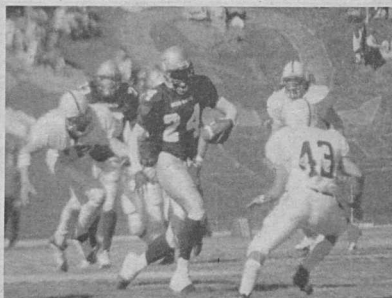
The F&M win came a week after the Terror handled Dickinson 47-21.

The highlight of the contest was the play of Sophomore kick and punt returner French Pope.

After coming close on several returns this year, Pope finally broke through and scored on a punt return. Amazingly enough, the return came after Pope had dropped the punt originally, but scooped it off the ground and scampered for the TD. Less than ten game minutes later, Pope matched the feat again. He returned his second punt of the game for a TD. He even came close to a third one late in the contest, but was tripped up before bringing it to the house.

The two wins bring the Terror to 7-1. Despite the playoffs and the conference being locked, they still have two big games left.

They head to Florida to face IAA opponent Jacksonville state and finish the season with conference rival Johns Hopkins.



Terron Powell breaks through the Franklin and Marshall defense. Johnson gained 124 yards in the Green Terror 54-0 Homecoming win

Field Hockey misses conference playoffs, looks towards ECAC

GREG LEDEKER
Sports Editor

It has been a great season for the Western Maryland College Field Hockey team as they completed their 2001 campaign with a school record 13 wins and only four losses, but were left out of the Conference title tournament.

"We are very disappointed at missing the playoffs, because we had the best overall record in the conference," says freshman Laura Ford.

While compiling the Conference's best record overall, the team will be unable to fight for the conference crown.

Despite the setback, the near and post future looks very bright for the Green Terror.

On October 13, WMC looked to make school history by registering their 11th win of the season, thus breaking the school record of 10 wins set in 1948.

Needing to win to continue their hunt for the Centennial Conference title, the Green Terror fought hard and pulled out a tight 2-1 victory. The team picked up key goals from junior Tracy Kessler and the game winner from sophomore Kim Camponelli.

With every game important in the title chase, the Green Terror looked forward to a tough game against conference rival, Johns Hopkins. The greatly anticipated conference clash was almost overshadowed by the weather as the game had to stopped halfway through due to the rain conditions. Continued the next day, the first

half was tightly played and the teams went into the half scoreless.

In the second half, WMC played tough, but allowed two key goals to the Blue Jays and fell by a 2-0 score. The loss all by eliminated the team from the conference playoffs.

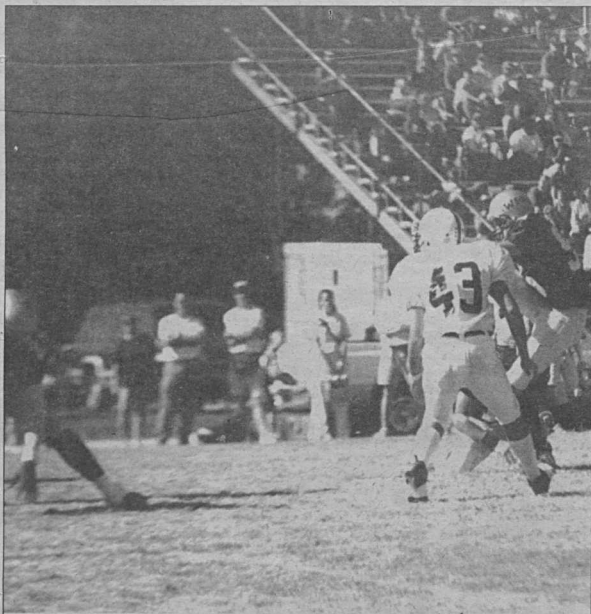
"We are very disappointed because we felt that we could have made a big impact in the tournament," says freshman Kristin Barrick.

Despite already being eliminated from Conference title contention, the team looked to make a statement in their October 24 match against conference leader, Washington College.

The opposition came into the game with only one loss on the season, and the Green Terror responded to the challenge by playing tight defense and using offensive surges to post a 2-0 road win. With the game scoreless at the end of the first half, the team used goals from Kessler and Barrick to beat the conference's best team.

While they are out of the Conference tournament, the team's postseason future is still bright because they can still earn a bid to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament (ECAC), which takes place in less than a week.

Losing only one senior of their record setting squad, the young Green Terror have a bright future for not only the present, but years to come.



Here Green Terror kicker Chris Patterson kicks a field goal under duress during the Homecoming game against Franklin & Marshall. The Green Terror football team romped the Diplomats winning 54-0.



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Green Terror surprises Florida with victory

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The Western Maryland College Green Terror football team is heading back to the playoffs this weekend. This Saturday they head out to Washington Pa., which is in the Pittsburgh area, to take on Washington and Jefferson. W and J had a perfect 10 and 0 season this year, as they won the PAC conference for the 17th time.

W and J has a rich history of successful D3 football. They have made the national playoffs thirteen times, including two trips to the national championship game. The Presidents are the third seed in the south bracket. Western Maryland is the sixth.

If the Terror are successful in
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COURTESY OF DAVID SINCLAIR

The Green Terror entered Florida as underdogs against Division IAA Jacksonville University, but dominated play from the start of the game and won the contest 42-21. Senior Quarterback Jamie Harris returning to the Sunshine state where he played his high school football, spearheaded a offensive attack that controlled the game. On the left, is a photo of return man French Pope getting ready to break a big play at a recent home game

Fire in McDaniel

CLAIRE ADAMS & JESSICA WATSON
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On Sunday, November 11, McDaniel residents were rudely awakened around 4 a.m. by a fire alarm, and quickly found out that it was not a drill, but a real fire.

The blaze started in room 312, awakening neighbors because of the thick smoke, explained junior Tim Saul, who lives three doors down.

"Around 4 a.m. all of the people in the hall were banging on the door screaming 'Fire!' But, I honestly just thought it was a joke," Saul said.

Shortly after the fire alarm was pulled and the entire dorm was quickly evacuated with the help of Resident Assistants and the Department of Campus Safety.

Saul wasn't alone with his initial reaction.

"At first I thought it was a prank," says Connie Williams, a McDaniel RA. "I used to live in Blanche Ward Hall and the false alarms were common there."

Williams also saw smoke coming out into the halls and immediately went to Shonda Wilson, McDaniel Resident Life Coordinator. "I made sure people were ok and that they didn't go back into the building."

Saul noted, "There was a lot of smoke in the hallway and it was coming out very thick and heavy from the room that was on fire."

Since, it was freezing outside and the residents were told by the fire department that it was going to be a couple of hours before they would be allowed back in, Ensor Lounge was opened, where they could wait and sleep.

Saul estimates 80 people gathered in Ensor waiting to hear if they could return to their rooms. At 5

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Rouzer student arrested for possession of semiautomatic rifle

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Staff Writer

On November 5, at about 1 a.m., Westminster Police Department was called to investigate a fourth floor Rouzer student in possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon, a Romanian version of an AK-47 called the SAR-1.

The Department of Campus Safety was first alerted after RA

Michael Baker was informed that 19-year-old Glenn Robinson had possession of the weapon. Upon learning of the situation, DoCS contacted the Westminster Police Department.

Westminster police Capt. Randy Barnes explained that police met with Robinson and searched his closet, finding the SAR-1 with a 30 round magazine attached, and roughly 80 rounds of separate ammunition.

Robinson was arrested and

charged with under age possession of a regulated firearm, a misdemeanor. Robinson was then released on personal recognizance—meaning he promises to appear in court.

Under Maryland state law, one must be at least 21 years old to have possession of a regulated firearm.

Barnes explained, "I don't think it can be used for hunting because of the capacity of the magazine.

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Nuance coming soon to WMC



COURTESY FERROTTI

From left to right, Neo, Raad, Dirt, Brisq and Staccato, of the new R&B band Nuance. For more information on Nuance's upcoming concert at WMC, see Features, page 8.

WMC Anthrax scare

CLAIRE ADAMS
Co-Editor-in-Chief

In the past few weeks terrorism has been introduced to America in a new form—in envelopes and packages. Many government and media offices have been targets of mail anthrax and anthrax hoaxes, and now WMC has become a target too.

On Monday October 29, roughly around 11:15 a.m. a suspicious letter was received in the post office, bearing no return address and addressed only to Western Maryland College.

Mike Webster, director of the Department of Campus Safety, explained that the postmark was also from a foreign country, and included Arabic-like script.

DoCS was quickly alerted, explained Webster. He added that the envelope was sealed properly and picked up by the Westminster Police Department.

Westminster police Capt. Randy Barnes explained that a risk assessment investigation was completed and showed that the envelope was an extremely low risk, so it was destroyed.

The post office employees were not available for comment.

The day after the package was received DoCS sent a campus wide email regarding two websites with helpful information about anthrax and how to handle suspicious packages. Two sites they suggest visiting were:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/Documents/App/Anthrax/10272001AM/han47.asp>

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New honor society for first year students at WMC

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WMC now has a first-year student honor society, the Alpha Lambda Delta Society. The national honorary society, founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois, has over 225 chapters throughout the nation with more than 575,000 students initiated.

The mission of the society is, "to encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals in society."

Alpha Lambda Delta membership is open to all first-year students who are full-time students that have a 3.7 GPA or better. Each member pays a one-time fee of \$25 in dues which includes: a lifetime membership, local and national awards, over \$100,000 in available scholarships, national leadership

workshop, a certificate, and a lapel pin. Additionally, sophomores may compete for 32 Jo Anne J. Trow scholarships that provide \$1000 to each recipient. Senior certificates are awarded to the graduating senior who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA, as well as 20 graduate fellowships of \$3000 each.

For the 42 students eligible, an induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge where parents are invited to join in the honoring ceremony.

Dean Horneff, Associate Dean of the First-Year Program and chapter advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta, selected this honorary society out of many through traveling to other colleges such as Bucknell,

Dickinson, Elizabethtown, Gettysburg, Morgan State, and University of Maryland.

"It only makes sense to have this type of honorary society at our college to compete with other colleges in an academic way. I think it is important not only to recognize first-year students academic achievements, but also to establish WMC and set it apart from other college's," Horneff said.

Penn State University has run the society for 70 years, while Temple has participated for 40 years. Horneff feels this will be a great opportunity for WMC students to join many other prestigious, larger colleges and universities in a competitive academic bond.

President of the society, sophomore James Lipchick, joins Horneff in the belief that this will be a great opportunity to award students for their academic commitment to success, amongst other schools.

"It will put us in a good place, and at a good level to compete among other schools. It speaks volumes for the education and academics at WMC, and I think it will move us up in the rankings," Lipchick said.

Similarly, sophomore vice-president Beth Chaney feels that promoting academic excellence in students' first year sets the pace for all four years, ultimately improving school wide academic commitment and reputation among students and neighbor schools.

"This society is a national academic association so I think it's going to bring more academic prestige to school, beyond the Dean's List. It shows commitment, direction, and will bring another degree of prestige to campus that we didn't have before," Chaney said.

While WMC recognizes students who achieve the Dean's List (3.5 GPA), students feel that Alpha Lambda Delta raises standards and stresses recognition among student academics.

Chaney explained her excitement about her position in the society and said, "I think academics are so important all four years. Plus, the class of 2004 is the founding class, so we wrote the Constitution and established how it will be run. My expectation is to show the rest of the campus that academics is something to strive for, and encourage academic success through laying a foundation for it."

McDaniel blaze awakens residents

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a.m., after they were told it would still be a couple more hours, many students went to friends' rooms to sleep.

Saul added that many residents were worried they would lose their belongings. But later that morning, they were allowed to reenter the building and found that the damage was mainly contained to the one room.

"To the best of my knowledge," Williams added, "everything in room 312 was destroyed, and on the second floor there was

water damage and parts of the ceiling were caved in." The three students who fell victim to the fire are now living in temporary areas.

Phil Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, explained that the process of cleaning and restoring the rooms began Tuesday, November 13.

"To me, the good side of the story is that the system worked very well," Sayre said.

Corrections

In the last issue, Felicia Donelson's name was misspelled in a caption on the first page. Felicia Donelson is the Freshman Duchess for 2001 Homecoming Royal Court.

In the article "Marching for peace in the midst of war," the name Leigh Garriques was misspelled.

The headline and story "Lewis Hall Rededicated as Eaton," were incorrect. Lewis Hall was not renamed, however the Lewis Recitation Hall and Lewis Hall of Science were rededicated without name changes. The new science center is called Eaton Hall. The new brick walkway was dedicated in honor of James Melhorn, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and his wife Lora.

Campus Safety Blotter

TAMMI SLATER
Assistant News Editor

10/15 Rouzer Hall (Proscriptions on conduct violation for possession of weapon (BB gun in room))

10/16 4:50 p.m. Golf course (Property crime-student under alcohol influence drives golf cart into tree)

10/18 12:30 p.m. Garden Apts. Bldg. 3 (Improper conduct-verbal abuse)

10/19 12:58 a.m. Off campus Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption

10/19 5:45 p.m. Athletic fields (baseball field)- student driving another student's car recklessly

10/19 11:37 p.m. Gunn Plaza (Alcohol violations for underage possession)

10/20 Rouzer Hall (Vandalism)

10/20 5:15 a.m. Campus wide (Property Crimes-student drove vehicle through a fence while under the influence of alcohol)

10/20 4:38 p.m. Rouzer Hall (Property crimes-elevator door vandalized)

10/20 9:59 p.m. Rouzer Hall (Alcohol violations-underage possession/consumption)

10/20 10:40 p.m. Garden Apt. Bldg. 1 (Alcohol violations-underage possession)

10/21 12:40 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall (Alcohol violations-possession of alcohol in public areas)

10/21 12:57 a.m. Off campus (Proscriptions

on conduct violations/alcohol violation-student disturbance with minor students and possession of alcohol)

10/21 11:35 p.m. Off campus (Alcohol violations-2 underage students cited with alcohol by Westminster police)

10/22 1:45 a.m. Rouzer Hall (Harassment-intimidation of an individual)

10/23 9 p.m. Rouzer Hall (Property crimes-hallway window broken)

10/25 McLea Lot (P.O.C. Traffic Rules/Criminal Violations-towed vehicle due to excessive citations)

10/26 2:30 a.m. Rouzer Hall (Drug violation-student with marijuana and paraphernalia. Also found with a BB gun in room)

10/26 9:15 a.m. Lewis Hall of Science (Fire codes/tampering with fire protection devices-stolen extinguisher)

10/26 11:15 p.m. Blanche Ward Hall (Indecent conduct-public urination in hallway)

10/27 2 a.m. Rouzer Hall (Property crimes-student's door damaged)

10/27 6:15 a.m. Gill Gym (Vandalism-Employee's car damaged in hit and run crash)

10/28 12:56 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall (Failure to comply student in residence hall after being prohibited from entry)

10/28 11:30 p.m. Rouzer Hall (Property crimes-paper on wall set on fire)

10/30 Whiteford Hall (Alcohol violations-

underage possession/consumption)

10/31 4:30 a.m. Lewis Hall of Science (Theft-printer taken from office suite)

11/3 2:02 a.m. Elderdice Hall (Fight-non-student and student engage in brief fist fight)

11/3 2:50 a.m. Add Building (Refusing to furnish identification-disorderly non-student entrance. Eventually complied with Westminster Police)

11/3 9 p.m. Rouzer Hall (Alcohol violations-underage possession/consumption)

11/4 2:15 a.m. Elderdice Hall (Residence

Hall Policy Violation-Floor party)

11/4 8:30 p.m. McDaniel House (Alcohol violations-underage possession/consumption)

11/5 12:30 a.m. Rouzer Hall (Weapons Possession-student discovered with semi automatic rifle and ammunition in room)

11/5 3 a.m. Rouzer Hall (Fire codes-setting fires-pamphlet on wall set on fire)


11/9 McDaniel Hall (Fire on third floor and spread to one room on second floor, building evacuated)

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Semiautomatic assault weapon found in Rouzer

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People sometimes have them for collectors items or for practice."

Although many people have an idea about what this rifle looks like, but many are unaware of the damage this rifle is capable of.

According to a Baltimore Sun article from November 8, Robinson was planning to use the gun at his uncle's farm.

But Barnes pointed out that the excuse might raise some questions. "It would kind of take the sport out of hunting," he said.

The AK-47 (Automatic Kalashnikov-47) assault rifle was invented by Mikhail Kalashnikov in 1947 primarily as a military weapon. The mainstay of Soviet and present day Russian infantry for the past 50 years, it has become one of the standard weapons for the US military, as well as many terrorist organizations. This rifle has a magazine comprising of 30 rounds and

has a range of 1.35 miles (7128 feet).

While the AK-47 is a fully automatic weapon, Barnes noted that the SAR-1 is not--meaning the shooter would have to pull the trigger for each shot.

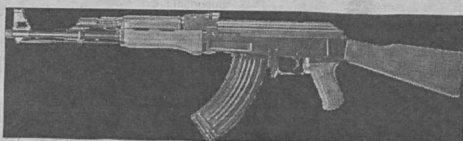


IMAGE FROM [HTTP://MEMBERS.TRIPOD.COM/USA9/ak47.html](http://members.tripod.com/USA9/ak47.html). The Automatic Kalashnikov-47) known as the AK-47, is similar to Robinson's SAR-1.

Although the exact reason for Robinson's possession is still not known, many students had several reactions to this incident.

A friend of the student in question, and a Rouzer fourth floor resident, wishing to remain anonymous explained that he always considered the Robinson to be "ordi-

nary." This student had met Robinson for the first time during freshmen orientation and found him "initially to be a shy person, but that he was very helpful, and when known better [by others] was an outgoing and friendly person."

Phil Sayre, Dean of Student

Affairs, explained that the situation was handled quite well. "In retrospect, I'm relieved things turned out the way they did. We do a fair amount of things proactively. We are very clear with students coming in about the consequences."

Many students got the news of the incident when Sayre left a phone mail message telling what had happened, the next day.

Brian Lasky, a freshman political science major and Rouzer fourth floor resident said, "I was deeply shocked about the whole incident," and added that he was concerned about student safety on campus.

Sayre explained that Robinson faces going before the Honor and Conduct Board, where the minimum punishment for possession of a weapon on campus is two semesters of suspension.

Barnes said Robinson's trial date is set for February 20, 2002.

Suspicious envelope received in post office

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<http://www.usps.com/news/2001/press/mailsecurity/secur.htm>

Sayre noted that this is a very scary time, where we need to practice extreme caution. Many colleges, including nearby Gettysburg, have also become targets of anthrax/biological warfare hoaxes, he added.

A campus wide flyer was also sent out regarding suspicious mail and how to handle it. According to the United States Postal Service, any mail coming from someone you do not know, that has no return address, or is oddly shaped in appearance, should be suspect. They suggest notifying local authorities promptly, such as DoCS, and washing your hands thoroughly.

For additional information on anthrax and handling mail, visit the above websites, or contact DoCS at extension 202.

WMC Campus Safety patrol with Westminster police

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

On September 25, Dean Sayre sent out a letter to all students regarding a very important concern. The letter stated that "while the WMC campus is located at the top of the hill overlooking Westminster, all of us are a part of the Westminster community...they [the citizens] have a basic right to live in peace and quiet-and in safety." Due to disturbances caused by WMC students in the Westminster community, Campus Safety now takes rides with Westminster police into the surrounding area for joint patrol.

"We are patrolling on the west

side, which is the area that the campus is located in," says Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety.

"The recent actions of some students have deeply disturbed our neighbors," the letter continued. "During the first month of this academic year, numerous citizens who live nearby have contacted City Council members, the Mayor, the police" as well as several other officials regarding this behavior and Sayre himself. The residents have made complaints of intense frustration regarding the conduct of WMC students as they make their way back to campus and their late night behavior which is most frequent

after midnight and on weekends.

Specific complaints included "loud and obscene language, vandalism to property, urination on lawns, and even occasional threatening behavior." While Sayre is assured that these acts were caused by a small number of individuals, this puts a strain on the relationship of WMC with Westminster.

"During the first three to four weeks of the semester, we received several complaints," says Webster. "That included theft and vandalism. There were three or four addresses that were hosting very large parties, and there was questions of a knife fight and fist fights." Some students involved were off-campus

residents.

General College Regulations and Policies says in regards to the off-campus freedom of students "college students are both private citizens and members of the academic community." They have the same rights and freedoms, however "in cases of serious misconduct, conduct that demonstrates flagrant disregard for the rights of others, or conduct that threatens the college's relations with the community, the college will hold students responsible under the Proscriptions of Conduct for acts committed off campus."

Sayre suggests that students practice what is known as the com-

mon-sense courtesy. "Refrain from using obscene language, don't trespass on private property, and if you return to campus late, be quiet so you don't disturb others."

Dean Sayre closed his letter with "you should be aware that the college will take disciplinary action for off-campus behavior that damages the college's relations with its neighbors." This campus has made it their responsibility to eliminate such irresponsible actions by WMC students.

They plan to do whatever it takes, and right now that means Campus Safety riding around with the Westminster police on weekends.

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Make your voice heard

Matthew Hurff shows the importance of writing in the Commentary section.



In my return to the commentary section this semester, I have been very encouraged by the addition of several writers who have all brought a different perspective to our student newspaper. I would like to thank those writers, and also the writers who have written for this section for quite some time now. I say that because I believe that the ability to have a Commentary section is one of the things that makes America what it is. Where else can you complain and praise something on the very same page.

In a way, having the ability to write in such an open forum is just like you right to vote—you should exercise it. If you do not, you really do not have a right to complain.

Everyday, I hear people praising and complaining about issues in the world and on campus, however, very few ever take the step to make those opinions known. That is why I praise the students along with faculty who have submitted an article to the Phoenix thus far.

To those who have not, I issue a challenge: if you have something to say, say it. Otherwise, chances are you will continue to wonder why your perspective remains unaddressed.

So, students and faculty members, if you have an opinion you want to make known, or if you would like to respond to another article, contact the Phoenix at extension 8600.

Mat Hurff is a junior English major

Should America be involved in this war?

Donna Hurd discusses why the war on terrorism is necessary for our own future.

"We wage a war to save civilization itself," said President Bush, on November 8th in his Address on Homeland Security.

It has been brought to my attention lately that there are many Americans that are against this war. To them I can only shake my head and sigh. As Bush said, to not be for this war is to be against the entire civilized world.

This enemy does not have feelings. They do not care about the innocent women and children that have died, in fact they boast about their success. "Unlike our enemy we respect life," said Bush. We continue as a nation of mercy to send food and supplies to Afghanistan, and their government continues to take them away. Bin Laden has tried to gain backing for himself by saying that the United States and Northern Alliance are killing innocent civilians.



He has tried to remove U.S. backing in this way. However, we have been supported by a never-ending list of countries, including Turkey, which is in fact Muslim in faith. This wide support of Allies should tell you something Americans.

Our cause is just and we are engaged in the first war of the 21st century to protect our very future.

I know that many mothers across the nation are worried about their children going to war. To me this is selfish. They really need to wake up and see that without ending terrorism there will be no more children. Bin Laden is out to abolish our entire nation.

He searches for weapons of mass destruction and in this way all terrorists are mass murderers. We need to stop them before they put an end to civilization here and across the globe. This is their goal as ruthless as it may sound. Other Americans believe that if we leave him alone he won't attack. Wake up please. You can not reason with terrorists. They have no con-

science. "Make peace now war" is a phrase that in this case can never happen and isn't an option.

We can't take Bin Laden to court and give him a fair trial. Not that the United States would be against this, but the Taliban will never turn Bin Laden over.

President Bush gave them their chance and they refused. Remember they began this war, not us, but believe me, we will be the ones to finish it.

Throughout this tragedy we have regained our nationalism and strong American values. Flags are flying high across the nation, on poles, buildings, highways, and over the hearts of many. Keep this spirit alive and we will prevail. Loose faith and we cannot survive.

Support our sons and daughters in the military and our President in his time of need. In the words of our great leader, "We are facing an enemy who boasts they want to kill all Americans, kill all Jews, and kill all Christians, and our only response can be to confront it and to defeat it."

Donna Hurd is a junior English major.

DoCS should questions their priorities

Claire Adams questions the actions of Campus Safety regarding drunk driving.

This semester students have repeatedly complained about the Department of Campus Safety cracking down too much—or, if you look at it another way, just doing their job.

Students often complain about getting written up for noise violations, or underage possession of alcohol.

The grievance, "Campus Safety doesn't want us to have any fun," is all too common, as they crack down on party after party—just doing their jobs. I'm sure I'm a minority in applauding DoCS on doing what they have to do, which happens to be a necessary evil. But, this past weekend, to my surprise I witnessed the complete opposite: DoCS not doing their job when it needed to be done.

One student who had been heavily drinking all night decided to get in a car and drive around. When concerned friends realized the student's state while driving, they tried to get the keys away. The student became extremely angry and physical.

DoCS was called to the scene to look into the disturbance going on outside of campus housing, but instead of cracking down, they didn't do a thing. They accepted excuses from the intoxicated student about it just being a small dispute. The two officers then waved and smiled to spectators and left, allowing the drunken student to drive away and potentially cause a serious accident.

Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety, said that he was aware of the dispute, but did not have any additional information on the situation.

No, none of the student's friends interacted with the officers to tell them that the student was drunk. They wanted to avoid messing up a good relationship, and let the authorities take care of it. Evidently though, the officers either do not know what an intoxicated person acts like, or simply didn't care.

If it was obvious to me, a spectator from a nearby window, that this student was extremely drunk, it should've been obvious to the two officers who were involved.

After the officers left, the student's friends felt scared and helpless.

DoCS's first and foremost purpose is to

protect students. Why then do they protect us from loud music, but not severely intoxicated drivers? Why are they not consistent with their actions? Why would two officers casually look over the fact that a student was extremely intoxicated, operating a vehicle, and a threat to themselves, the campus, and others in Westminster?

It sickens me to think that the same officers that hold themselves as authority figures, looking out for the well-being of students, allow potential danger to students.

With this specific case, DoCS could say it was an isolated incident?

Well, it was an isolated incident that could have killed at least one student. How many isolated incidents have to happen before students are protected?

Perhaps it's time that the protection of the student body is taken more seriously.

If this an incident like this happens again, it could easily go farther. We could find that a student or students are killed because that a drunk driver was allowed to drive.

Explain to WMC students and parents why loud music is an offense on our campus, but drunk driving isn't.

Seriously, where is my parents' Phoenix subscription?

Steve Sharkey wonders what happened to his parents' Phoenix subscription.

Today's editorial is going to complain about the paper you are reading right now. I am not going to complain about the size, scope, reporting, editing, writing or format. Instead I am going to complain about distribution. Let me tell you a story.

Last year my parents paid fifteen dollars to the Phoenix to have each issue sent to my house back on Long Island, New York. My parents really like to see what is happening on campus and they like to see articles that include me, my friends and other people my parents know.

My parents were quite patient but they never got one issue last year. This was after repeated requests by me and my parents to an unnamed news writer (my roommate Mike) and to other members of the newspaper staff to please send my parents the news-

paper.

My parents then came to parents week-end this year and again they pledged fifteen dollars to the Phoenix when a member of the staff fully assured them that they would get the newspaper sent to their home. What happened three weeks later? You guessed it - no newspaper.

Fool my parents once shame on you; fool my parents twice shame on them. My parents really wanted to see the newspaper this year especially because I am writing editorials in it this year. After not receiving their newspapers my parents were quite irate and being the New Yorkers they are they called me and gnawed my ear off.

My mom then told me that she was quite happy to be a patron of the newspaper being that she was donating lots of money to it just for the betterment of it. In fact I laud her efforts in being a benefactor of the Phoenix. Since then I have humiliated many members of the Phoenix staff and they have finally

given me assurances that the paper is coming to my parents house - we will see.

On the party scene, I would like to announce that there are some weekends that are completely dead, this last weekend being one of them.

There are some weekends where all students are required to leave in mass so that there is absolutely no chance of there being a party. If you end up being stuck on campus one of these weekends then I suggest you go home.

That way we can continue and increase the trend of going home on weekends. Who knows, if we really work hard we might be able to make WMC the rich man's commuter college. By this I mean every student will be granted privileges to their rooms on Monday through Friday. Then on the weekends the college can rent out the rooms to any vacationers and make the college into a weekend spa and resort.

Imagine this - the college could change

its name to Samsonite College and resort. WMC would be perfect for this. It would be the perfect family getaway as these travelers could spend time hitting the links while the kids' splash their way to fun in the pool. Or tourists could read a book in our expansive library or sweat it out in our fitness center—the possibilities abound. The vacationers could ask - what about the students? Aren't they going to cause a fuss? The Maitre' de could answer "But of course not - there aren't any students on weekends, they are all at home."

Does it get any better than that? I don't think so. Would this fatten the college's endowment? Oh yes, big time. Should money come first in the management of the college, the answer is yesiree! So forget about the students and their attempts to have fun on the weekends and lets bring in the big tourist bucks.

Steve Sharkey is a senior Political Science major

Quitting smoking is not as easy as it seems

Erin Romanski points out that a "Smoke Out" day does not really work.

It's that time again, kids. Breast Cancer Awareness Month, you ask? Nope. Tax season so soon? No, wrong again. That's right, it's Great American Smoke-Out Day. Hope you didn't forget to mark your calendars.

Thursday, November 15, has been designated this year as the date for which all smokers should put a halt to their addictions and make the life-altering decision to quit smoking. Obviously a supposition proposed by the non-smoking crowd.

Having previously been a smoker for about three and a half years, I can safely assure you that nixing the nicotine for a 24 hour time period just isn't going to do the trick. Once hooked on any narcotic substance, your ability to shut down the craving is nearly impossible.

Just go ahead and try to tell a chain smoker not to have a cigarette after failing a test, fighting with a loved one, or having a generally bad day. You will lose the battle.

I am not in anyway trying to condone smoking, but I am going to point out the reality of the situation. Smokers have been there, done that. Probably been on the patch, chewed the gum, even given cold turkey a shot. Yet the harsh truth remains that if a smoker has no desire to quit, they're not going to.

In all seriousness, several unpleasant side effects accompany the withdrawal from any abused substance. Headaches, mood swings, shakiness, just to name a few. You can spot someone going through it a mile away and they are not fun to be around.

Perhaps my favorite promotion of "Ready, Set, Quit!" day is the

bombardment of repetitive information by peers, teachers, and other do-gooders who have never been hooked on anything stronger than cinnamon gum. While spewing out original remarks such as

"that's so bad for you," or "smoking kills," or my personal favorite "that's so disgusting," they fail to realize that the smoking community will continue to smoke out of mere agitation.

The solution for those with nothing greater than a weakness for Ben and Jerry's is to get rid of the cigarettes when the smoker isn't looking, in the hopes that having their \$4.25 thrown away will somehow reinforce their decision to quit. I can assure you that they will buy two packs just to spite you.

What is the answer then? Hey, to each his own. You can't expect an addict to shift gears in the matter of one day.

To those capable of taking the plunge, more power to them. Just don't ever utter the words, "why didn't I think of that?"

Despite the stereotypes, not one smoker out there ever made a conscious decision to smoke for the sheer pleasure of an impending death.

And if there are people who fit under this category, then we have bigger problems than we ever imagined.

Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.

Editor's Note:
The Phoenix is usually not in support of anonymous commentaries, unless there is possible danger to the person's well-being. However, we fully support and uphold the First Amendment and feel that a student's opinion should not remain silent. Discourse breeds change, and change is necessary.

Colby Goodrum discusses his experience with foreign languages here at WMC.

While attending Western Maryland College a person must take their Basic Liberal Arts Requirements (BLARs), along with their chosen course of study. It is my understanding that the BLARs are in place to make students well-rounded individuals, and I believe for the most part this is exactly what the BLARs achieve. After taking the English competency or a heritage sequence, an individual is more versed in the given subject, and able to apply the concepts to their life — hopefully.

However, this is not the case with the foreign language requirement.

The goal of the foreign language requirement should be the same as the other requirements, but as of right now I can't figure out what purpose it serves.

As far as I can tell it should be called Memorization 1103, not French 1103.

If I have learned anything in that class it has been how to memorize more effectively, but I

can't speak a lick of French. I can conjugate verbs really well, and recite the days of the week, and any other vocabulary my teacher can throw at me, but if I was dropped in France and asked to talk with the locals, I'd be in some kind of trouble.

I believe the setup of the class is really helpful. The other day I got a test back and I had been marked off because when I converted 25 degrees Celsius to 82 degrees Fahrenheit, I said that this temperature was hot instead of warm.

First of all, I come from Vermont, and to me 82 degrees is hot, we're lucky if we get past 80 degrees more than half a dozen times a year. Secondly, how is this helping me improve my language skills? It's not.

It bothers me that so much of the grading in the class is entirely subjective, and if you suck up to the teacher she gives you a better grade.

I'm sorry, but I don't dance. The bottom line is that memorizing vocabulary and telling me that 82 degrees isn't hot, doesn't teach me how to speak French.

This is why I found it so comical when my teacher told us the other day how much our fluency had increased...I'm NOT FLUENT AT ALL!!!

I understand that you need to have some background to understand French, but no one in France is going to be impressed if I walk up to them and tell them I know how to conjugate the verb "to go" in French.

The way the requirement is set up now, I have to minor in the language just to be able to carry on a conversation.

I believe that the class should be set up in a way that teaches more conversational French — that would at least be helpful.

The way the class is now, I go in wishing it was already over, and leaving wishing I had the last hour of my life back.

Hopefully one day the language requirement will serve the same purpose as the other BLARs: to provide students with concepts that are applicable in their lives.

Colby Goodrum is a sophomore English major.

Homecoming was poorly planned

An anonymous writer criticizes the WMC homecoming.

What was the deal with our homecoming? I know I'm "just a first-year student" and I probably don't know that much about WMC's homecomings and what really goes on, but I honestly think I took a step down from high school.

First of all, what was up with our bonfire? Was it a bonfire or a campfire? I didn't know whether or not to cheer our team on or roast marshmallows and sing. Correct me if I'm wrong, but a bonfire is when a large stack of wood is set on fire; the flames are supposed to be hyped. The fire was so weak that it died before it even started and no one could resurrect what was never there to start with. And what was up with that band "Room 402"? I knew they sounded familiar. They played that exact same routine at the sports complex that we all went to for freshmen orientation.

They were barely able to draw a crowd there. I personally think that the group didn't sound all that great and that they needed more diversity with the songs that they were playing. I mean, either that or we can get a DJ please? I heard that "Room 402" volunteered for the gig and that SGA wants to give them gift certificates to show their appreciation.

For what? A large group of disappointed students, including myself, went down to the game room for some real music and entertainment. We joked around and called it "Minority Student Night in the

Game Room" because that's basically who all was there.

Our school has several student organizations, but only four floats in our homecoming parade. I've never before in my life seen a parade with only four floats. I think that's pitiful. In high school, each class had their own float. The cheerleaders and the football team had a float, the homecoming Royal Court rode in fancy cars and waved to the crowds as they passed by. At our parade, hardly anyone stopped to watch or dared to deviate away from their everyday activities to watch our floats go by. How can you even make a competition out of a parade with only four floats? What's there to judge? I could tell that a lot of effort was put into all four floats, and one group was obviously going to get left out, unless we included honorable mention or something, which we did not.

I also know that homecoming is very chaotic and stressful as is, but you could tell that our homecoming lacked organization. I still can't even get over how our Homecoming Queen, for the class of 2005, Felicia Donelson (please spell her name right this time) couldn't even get a ride to the location where the parade started. And then people have the nerve to wonder why she was late, hmmm, maybe because she had to walk!

Before the football game our Royal Court made their grand appearance on the football field. I couldn't tell; they looked like ordinary students to me. Our Royal Court didn't even have crowns and sashes. Come on, let's get with it

SGA because it doesn't take that much to give them that. In high school, the Royal Court got glittered sashes that labeled them as King, Queen, and so on for the rest of the weekend.

They were given crowns to wear too. Keep in mind this homecoming was run by teenagers, so you would think that college would be a step up. Guess not. Hey, did our homecoming even have a theme? Home of the champions? Is that a real theme?

What was up with our football game? I know that our football game is the greatest (Although we do lack a Green Terror mascot that dances around to keep the crowd hyped-up you know, a third or fourth string football player that dresses up in a big furry suit so that he can claim that he's a part of the team. What is a Green Terror?). I'm also aware that we don't have that much competition in our division, but that homecoming game was ridiculous. There's got to be a mercy rule for our football games somewhere because we all knew we were going to win when we had over 30 points to their zip before half time. Speaking of which, what, no half time show? I was more interested in the after parties than how we won the game.

Then I thought about going out to buy some homecoming attire when I realized that we don't even have a homecoming dance. Now I consider my high school to be a small, overpopulated, underfunded, public school, but at least we were able to dance the night away. I guess that's a little too much to say about here. Come on WMC, get it together.



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Who knew? We ARE all drunken idiots!

Michael Wiles looks back to one of his past articles and realizes maybe the stereotypes are true.

It is often that I eat my words, but rarely do they taste this bad.

For regular Phoenix readers, you might recall that I wrote an editorial in the October 10, 2001 issue about how our generation is portrayed on television, and how we are all made out to be sex-craved, drunken fools.

The irony of this declaration came while I was reading over the issue a week later, and came across Steve Sharkey's piece regarding the school's enforcement of its alcohol policies: not just that these policies are unfair, but that they are actually enforced at all. The irony continued to sting as the following issue featured an "anonymous" submission agreeing with Sharkey's views.

It was at this point that I felt the need to write a letter of apology to MTV, as I unfairly criticized their shows *Undressed* and *Undeclared* as being "mystrel shows."

As it turns out, we are all drunken fools. After giving it much thought, I have begun to see how I was wrong to try to defend our generation. Even as we stare down the barrel of a bitter war, even as we try to get ourselves over the new threats that arrive via

our mail everyday, so many of us are still fighting to drink ourselves stupid, and what is more, doing so under the legal age.

Now, do not get me wrong: drinking can be all fun and good, in so far as I, personally, do not care what you do on your own time. What is more, I do not care about what Campus Safety does on their time, either: to each his own, and power to those on both sides.

What gets to me is students getting caught drinking underage or violating Maryland law (open containers in public), and then having the nerve to complain about it as though they were told to give their seat on a bus to some white guy.

Seriously, while it might seem like a good idea at the time, writing about breaking the drinking laws in these fashions is akin to complaining about how the police enforce speeding laws. How dare the police enforce the laws!

Oh wait, that is what they are supposed to do. I mean, they have got to do something when they are not harassing teenagers, right? Which brings me to my next point. Would you all be sympathetic towards a 15-year-old who constantly steals his parents' car and routinely gets caught? You probably would not, but, those of you who are complaining about drinking underage are no

different. If you break a law and get caught, tough. If not, as I said before, power to you, but do not whine about getting caught: instead, spend that time thinking of ways to not get caught next time.

As for Mr. Sharkey and his supporters, I think the greatest irony of all is found not in the context of their arguments, but rather in the fact that people listen to their arguments at all.

If Mr. Sharkey, as well as those that agree with him, hate WMC and its policies so much, why don't they transfer to a bigger school, like University of Maryland?

I am sure *The Diamondback* would value their attacks on school policy and state law greatly...as toilet paper. The truth is, the only reason we even listen to stuff like this is because of the "big fish in a small pond" principle, and I think that is important to keep in mind. Hell, would anyone listen to me if not for this fact? Looks like WMC, and its small campus, have some advantages after all, doesn't it?

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for criticizing those who portray college students as drunk and lazy, as you seem to have your focus quite sharp and clear.

It was dumb of me to think well of my generation, but then again, what would you expect? I am just a stupid, drunken college student...belch*

Michael Wiles is a junior English major.

A summer internship provides one student memories and skills to last a lifetime

Tammi Slater discusses her summer working at a newspaper in Ellicott City.

Experience is the best of teachers and this past summer I had the privilege to witness this truth as I extended my knowledge in journalism through an internship.

Throughout the summer I worked as an intern at a local community paper in my hometown of Ellicott City, Maryland. As a writer, reporter, calendar Editor, and photographer at the *Ellicott City* 21042/21043 weekly newspaper I found myself emerged in what was my first glimpse of real journalistic life.

Covering subjects such as sports, business, news, commentary, and press releases I was able to really get a feel for the profession I yearn to pursue. This opportunity was one in which I learned a great deal about myself.

While writing has always been a personal love to me, I found once again why it is that I love writing so much.

Through my internship I touched more lives than I let myself believe. It is this personal feeling of reward and gratification that I love so much about writing. With each new story and each new face that I meet, I am again reminded of my adoration for the craft of writing. The ability to influence and touch others through words is perhaps one of the most satisfying and gratifying aspects of journalism.

Having dreamed of a career in print journalism for years now, working as a summer intern only reinforced my desire to go into the Journalism field. As a junior at WMC, I feel that my first internship proved to be incredibly beneficial to me as a student, writer, and person. I would highly advise students

to seize opportunities within their own areas of career interest and begin with an internship. The knowledge, insight, and experience you will receive from an internship I truly believe will serve you for years to come, and assist you in your journey through life.

One of the most rewarding aspects of writing and the Journalism field is the ability you, as a writer, hold in reaching others. Throughout my internship I came into contact with many people of all ages and backgrounds.

For the first time throughout my writing experience I witnessed my voice and my words being heard throughout my community and surrounding areas. Therefore, what started out as a beginning stepping stone into Journalism quickly became a new voice within the community.

It's funny how writing works that way. A lot of my family and friends have always questioned and wondered why it is that I love to write and the reason has remained constant - it is all for the people and the inspiration I get through expressing myself. The feeling of reaching people and touching their lives in some way through my words, is what I feel the job of a writer is all about. For as long as I can remember writing has been a special outlet for me, and completing my first internship has allowed me to grow as a writer and learn things I never associated with writing before.

Additionally, the internship allowed me the chance to put myself out on a limb and test my ability. While my confidence has been increased as a result of this, so too has my ability to write and act in a journalistic fashion.

However, this opportunity I owe to a writer whom I look up to with utmost re-

spect and admiration. My summer internship experience would not have been possible without Phyllis Greenbaum, the incredible woman who through my eyes embodies the unique craft of writing and who allowed me this experience. Working alongside this woman, gave me the chance to work with an Editor who portrayed Journalism at its finest and for this I am forever grateful.

As the summer drew to a close, I found myself reflecting back on my summer and the published stories I had accumulated. It is now more than ever that I feel great pride in looking back on my memories and learning experiences for I am assured that they have pushed me in the right direction. I was given the chance to work amongst a group of amazing people, and anyone who writes realizes the feeling of seeing your first published article off the press is one which no words can fully describe.

As the days of summer passed by and the days until I found myself back on the Hill became closer with each day, it is then that I realized what a truly productive and unforgettable summer I had.

To my fellow WMC students I highly recommend seeking out internship prospects and getting a head start on your field of interest because it is knowledge and background which will continue to serve you year after year.

While all good things must come to an end, I will treasure this experience for the rest of my life and look back on it with many fond memories which I will only continue to build upon. After all, in writing nothing ever fully ends. There's always another story to tell and this is just the beginning.

Tammi Slater is a junior communication major.



Kitty: a purrfect source for advice

CATHY PENDORE
Staff Writer

Do you ever have those pressing problems to which you wished you had a quick answer?

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BY JESSICA WATSON

do or where to turn. I want him back. I miss him. But I'm not going to go groveling at his feet either. Okay, so I've said my piece. Please, please help me.

Sincerely,
Torn-up Love

Dear Torn-up Love,

Serious breakups can be very hard, and everyone deals with them differently.

You sound like you could use someone to talk to. Your friend su-

There's not much more I can tell you, because I don't know the whole situation, but I encourage you to schedule an appointment with Susan Gloré and talk about this problem. The healing begins with you. That sounds trite, but it's true.

Dear Kitty,

There's this girl I like, and I've been working so hard to get her to like me, but nothing. She doesn't even seem to care. Yeah now we're friends, nice, but I want more.

I've never said as much, but how can she not know? She's smart and beautiful to me. I think I love her. Help

Dear Help,

Maybe she just doesn't know. It's good that you've tried to make friends with her and succeeded.

Friendship is always a good step and now you know each other better and can further determine whether a new type of friendship is best for both of you.

Maybe she just doesn't know and thinks you are just very friendly, or maybe she does and is avoiding the issue or waiting for you to make your move.

If you want to know for sure, it may take the risk of you asking her directly. You have to be ready for any answer.

Maybe telling her how you really feel will result in her telling you she reciprocates your feelings, or she may tell you the current friendship is the one she prefers. Good luck.

60 SECONDS



If you could choose a new mascot for WMC, what would it be?

By: Courtney Federoff



"Something else, 'cause what the hell is a Green Terror anyway?"
Mary Lee Pence '04
Political Science

"Lions because they're king of the jungle and they can be calm at certain times and ferocious at others."

Leon Checca '05
Communication



"The Railroaders because we have the caboose. Why don't we put it to use?"
Jason Fitzgerald '02
History/Political Science



"Pigs! Wild pigs that would strike terror in the hearts of children, like in Lord of the Flies."

Megan Grimshaw '04
Undecided



"I think we should keep the Green Terror, but make it look like the Incredible Hulk."

Kate Boyle '02
Political Science/Education



"The Trojans because the Trojan man rules!"
Jim Perry III '03
Sociology



"I would choose Dr. Panek because he is very entertaining and that is an important quality for a mascot to possess."
Alison Reger '03
English



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Markproject offers new way of looking at Jesus and gospels

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

You don't have to be a Christian, you just have to be curious. That's what brought over 100 members of the WMC community to the Markproject on Thursday, November 1 at 8 p.m. in Decker Auditorium.

The Markproject was presented by Ransom the Donkey Productions and was put on by Daniel Jones and Alison Siewert, two traveling members of the Interspersy Christian Fellowship Staff.

It took over fifteen years of studying the gospel of Mark and the planning of a post-modern church that included both theatre and preaching in worship time to establish the idea for the Markproject.

"We've acted out pieces of it before," says Siewert, "but then we thought, what would it be like to do the whole gospel?" So far they have visited about 15-20 campuses, most of them in California. "We still need to adjust a couple

things," she said referring to their performance, "but I really feel settled on this version."

Because of the Markproject "people will be able to hear the gospel in a way that they've never taken it before. They will see a picture of Jesus that too often doesn't get presented in church," says Jones.

Markproject is a modern day interpretation of the gospel of Mark. Mark was a first-century writer who worked diligently to help people obtain a clear picture of what hap-

pened in and around Jesus' life and his crowd of followers, as well as interpret what it all meant.

Instead of hearing a bunch of "thous" and "thou arts" from men in robes, Jones and Siewert performed in modern-day language, dressed in black t-shirts, faded blue jeans, and believe it or not, bowling shoes.

Jones and Siewert were right when they said "it's probably not like anything you've ever seen before."

In the performance, Jones, playing a man

with leprosy, asked "who is this Jesus guy anyway?" And they both continued to build up an image of Jesus that was rather easy to understand.

"Jesus' clothes were whiter than you could bleach anything!" proclaims Siewert, in character. He taught in parables, teaching that "if you want to be first, be last," and for all who are curious, "you have to keep listening and you have to keep asking." Jones and Siewert performed in modern day version of the gospel of Mark, on Thursday, November 1 in Decker Auditorium. On the chalkboard behind them is the phrase "theatre + life."

Siewert kept the crowd into the performance with loud voices and down to earth scenes and accents. "We wanted to engage and interact with the audience," says Jones, "the gospels are oral traditions, they tell the story and engage people. It's always interesting, you never know what will strike you in a performance."

"I'm mostly concentrating on staying connected to the story," says Siewert, "it's a learning process. It's about realizing and un-

derstanding the power of emotion and words."

Afterwards, the crowd had much to say in response to their performance.

"It was good," says freshman Felicia Donelson, one of the many students who attended Markproject. "I've never seen the book of Mark performed in such a way."

"It was very enthusiastic and entertaining,"

said junior Stacey Roach.

These are just the kind of reactions that Markproject was looking for. "A lot of Jesus dramas portray him as weird, kind of in a bad sense, but really Jesus was the life of the party," says Siewert. "We want the audience to know what made him so interesting and attractive."

Sophomore Megan Grimshaw said, "It's really great that they're getting something out there that's on our level."



COURTESY FEDEROFF
Daniel Jones of Markproject talks with students Chris Bauerlein, Keith Long, and Matthew Michael.



COURTESY FEDEROFF
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Acclaimed R&B band Nuance gears up for WMC

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

Who is Nuance? Those who don't know obviously have not been paying much attention to the hype that has been going on around campus lately. Nuance is soul. Nuance is rhythm. Exploding on the scene straight out of Baltimore and taking their audiences by storm, Nuance is the R&B group that will be performing live here at WMC on November 30.

Nuance, managed by Keith A. Pinkney of Management Group, Inc., is composed of five members, each one representing a different element. Brisk represents rain, Raad represents soul, Dirt signifies earth, Neo brings balance, and Staccato generates peace. Each member brings their own unique style and taste to create a harmony of perfection the feeds both the mind and the soul.

"We met through school," says Brisk, reflecting on how the group got together. "Raad and I have been singing together since I was like nine years old. We grew up listening to Jodeci and realizing that we had talent too."

They met Dirt at Arlington Baptist, and Staccato when they were in high school. "We actually saw a picture of him playing the piano and we asked him if he wanted to be in the group," Brisk added. "He came to one of the rehearsals and we wrote a song right there."

About two and a half years later they met up with Neo. By that time Brisk and Staccato were developing a strong sense of R&B and Dirt and Raad acquired a style that interlarded punk, soul, and alternative. At a

time where the two styles hinted possible collision, "Neo came between all of that and just made it work," said Brisk, "and that's how we came to the whole balance thing."

In addition to the symbolism and individuality of each member, the name of the group in itself holds its own deep meaning. "Nuance means different shades of variations and that's what we are, you know when you look at us it's like everybody has different aspects about them," said Dirt. "You get five different elements, you get five different personalities, styles, attitudes and flavors. When we do a concert there's just so much flavor coming from different angles, because all of us are versatile. Even like on our demo CD, we hit you off with five different interludes, so you get a taste of where everyone is coming from."

For those of you who haven't already had the chance to groove to their rhythm you have more of a reason to attend their concert on the 30. "But that show on the 30th, it's going to be hot. We've got something for you," added Dirt.

The nicknames describe the different personalities of each member of the group.

"Neo is a futuristic name," he said, "because I'm like the futuristic one of the group. Everyone in the group has their own individuality. I'm flamboyant, I consider myself to be a little different." He is always looking to be a little more different than everyone else. "I came into the group last and I saw that Dirt and Raad were kind of like the soulful thing, Brisk and Staccato with the peaceful thing and I was kind of a little bit of both."

"I've been an artist all my life I didn't know it until a couple years ago," said Raad.

"I just wanted to do it differently. I deal with a lot of emotion, if I'm down you'll know I'm down, if I'm happy you'll know I'm happy. I'm very strict and to the point, you know Raad, I just needed the double A in there."

Raad also represents soul. "You know I am a soul, you are a soul, we are all souls. I represent the soul of the group." He was brought up on a lot of soul music, artists such as Marvin Gay, Prince and D'Angelo. "That's the aspect that I bring to the group. Soul, passion."

Brisk represents rain. "Actually Brisk, you know, it's more like an attitude," said Brisk. "It describes how I like to be, I like to get right to the point. I want to be about business, I want to be brisk. Rain, just like Dirt always says, it can either be soft like a light drizzle or it can be a thunderstorm and I can give you either one, depending on my mood."

Dirt is of the earth. "God made dirt and dirt don't hurt," Dirt smiles. "That's my philosophy and that's the way I look at it. I consider myself to be down to earth, the foundation, something you can really build on, like the group. Where I come from, what kind of music, very eclectic, I bring a lot of things to the group."

Dirt connects the most with Raad. "Raad and I are partners; that my counter partner. We're like soul brothers number one and two. But at the same time, how I write music, how I sing and how I give my delivery, you know the different types of music I'm into, I bring that difference to the group. But you know, like I said, dirt don't hurt so don't be scared.

I can go to R&B to reggae to rock;" he is very versatile.

Staccato is a musical term; "It describes a sound that is choppy, accented. It describes musical style," Staccato says. "As far as my production goes, it's like real smooth, peaceful. I'm like the Gemini of the group. Music is like everything to me. And in terms of peace, everything about me is very calm and very peaceful; the way I make music."

Nuance wants their audience to know that they are talented. "We are producing you know, we wrote 90 percent of our album," Dirt says. "Honestly, I think people will say that we have a lot of variety, their songs have a lot of content, and they take their music to places that others don't normally go. I want them to know that there is something fresh about the group, about the songs. Plus we're creative."

In addition to songs such as "Trippin," "Deeper," "Pop Guitar," and "This is How I Feel," Nuance also did a remake for "Just My Imagination" by the Temptations. "It's a tribute to the Temptations, they were one of the first five-member black groups to really make a mark. On the album we are going to have something for everyone because we didn't want to neglect an audience," says Neo.

They wanted to have something for all generations. The song "Just My Imagination" is going to be the last song of the album and it serves as a mellow ending.

The album drops Nov 19th and it will be in stores in February. For those of you who want to get a taste before it hits the store can



COURTESY FEDEROFF
The members of Nuance clearly have a style and personality as unique as their names.



COURTESY FEDEROFF
Nuance poses for a miniature photo session.

Horoscopes: predictions for the season of thanks and cold temps

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ

Features Editor

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

This year, Sagittarius starts Thanksgiving Day, and that is a sign that you have a lot to be thankful for. During the break, spend time with the people you care about the most, and be thankful you have them in your life.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

So everything is going well for you and it looks promising for next semester too. That is a great thing to be thankful for, but do not take it for granted or it will slip between your fingers when you are not looking.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

This is the weather you love, with the trees losing their leaves and the need for sweaters, but not heavy coats. So go for a long walk. It will help relieve all of the stress you seem to be under recently.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

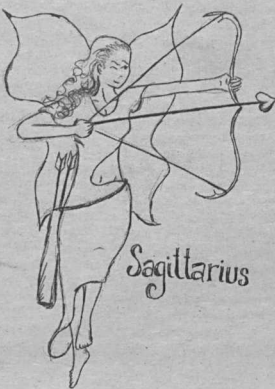
Do something spontaneous. Your friends think you do not know how to have fun, so prove them wrong. Plan a weekend of fun for you and your friends. It will surprise them and you will all become closer as a result.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Only about 15 days of classes to go, Aries. No one is looking for-

ward to the end of the semester like you. It has been a hard one, but there is not much left to go. You can do it if you set your mind to it!



JESSICA WATSON

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You are one of those who loves snow sports, so you can not wait for the season's first snow. However, with the warm weather we have been having, you will probably be in for a long wait. But do not worry, there are always snow machines.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Like everyone else, you are puzzled by the warm weather of late. However, unlike others, your two selves are torn between wanting it warm and cold. Since winter is inevitable, the cold will win for now. But there is always spring!

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Come out of that crab shell, Cancer! Your friends are tired of your crabby mood. They want you to be as happy as they are. You are bringing them down. What ever has you worried will turn out to be nothing, just give it time.

Leo

July 23 - August 22

So no one can agree on anything in that group you are in? Well be like a lion and take charge. Someone has to do it or the group will fall apart, so why not you? The key is getting everyone to listen to anyone else.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

You have developed a crush on someone in one of your classes. Stop stressing over this person and either ask them out, or move on. It does no good for you to dwell on it, especially when you can't concentrate on anything else!

Libra

September 23 - October 23

Fighting with someone close to you? Just try to stay calm and do not let your scales tip towards the negative. Remember all you like about that person and tell them those things. Remember that wounds take time to heal.

Scorpio

October 24 - November 21

The thing you are most thankful for is a break from school. But when you are thinking of what you are thankful for, remember all of your family and friends too. But do not get too emotional because this is a time to be happy!

What do you believe?

I believe that cheese and ketchup can make anything good. I believe that people in charge of class schedules at Western Maryland College could have had the common courtesy to tell people who signed up for Spanish 1103 at 9:10-10:10 a.m. (MWF) that the class was cancelled before we actually waited an hour for the class to start. I believe in forgiveness... I believe that family members will always have your back no matter what because you are family. I believe that "absence makes the heart grow fonder," until your heart adapts or moves on. I believe in God, His saving grace, His mercy, His eternal presence, and His forgiveness. -Ebony White

my brother, Ryan, and my sister, Sara. As they grow up, I believe that I can show them the importance of having high expectations, encouraging others to meet, and encouraging others to meet high expectations. -Lisa Stenger

I believe in you and me. I believe that hard work does eventually "pay off." I believe in music and that it has the ability to unite, comfort, and encourage all people. I believe in life, for it is merely a test. I believe in the power of love. I believe that loving someone involves making sacrifices. I believe in laughing. I believe that laughing is contagious. I believe that even in the midst of conflict and confusion that I am "too blessed to be stressed." -Terrae Whiting

What do you believe? Submissions should be dropped off at the Information Desk in Decker or at The Writing Center in Hill Hall. Ideal length: 100 words more or less -Lisa Breslin, Writing Center

I Believe

I believe in the importance of family. I believe that family members from all generations show us how to be patient, loving, and persistent. I believe that I learned just how much I appreciate my family and what each person has taught me after I came to college. I know that I have been a caring sister for

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Nuance is coming to WMC

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do so because they will be available at the show at WMC. You can also pre-order online at www.410music.com.

It doesn't really matter what your tastes are. Nuance wants to be the group that you can listen to no matter what you're into. They want to appeal to all audiences and give everyone a chance to really hear what they are talking about and get into the songs.

"Our goal is to be the best that we can be and to touch every individual that actually hears our music. We want to make sure we reach out to each individual maybe help them, change lives," says Neo. "We everybody to hear our music so that they can get something from it, whether it entertainment, whether it is healing, whether it be anything that could possibly help somebody,

that's what we want to do. We want to be as big as we can by doing that; we want to try to touch everybody in the world."

Neo also thinks that all of the hard work, commitment and effort put into Nuance is definitely worth it. "We haven't gone as far as some artists have. We're still on our way, we're still moving up the latter. I would rather be doing nothing else than music in my life right now... I think this group came together for a reason."

For November 30, "it's so crazy, we don't even know what to expect!" says Neo. "With each show we try to surprise ourselves, we want to do stuff that's going to make the crowd react a different way each time. We want to make sure that we give you all that we absolutely positively can, and

whatever comes out of it comes out of it.

Nuance has already performed at the Stone Soul Picnic in summer 2001 and the Black Family Reunion in Washington, D.C. on September 8, 2001. They were the opening act for Wyclef and Lil' Mo at Towson's Homecoming this past October, and they also performed at the Morgan State University Fashion Show as well as the Mahogany Fashion Showcase in Baltimore in May of last year.

The concert at WMC is cosponsored by the Black Student Union and CAPBoard. It's unlike anything you've ever seen before.

"When you come out to a Nuance concert you come out expecting the unexpected," says Dirt, "and you come ready to party."

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Men's basketball embarks on a new era at WMC

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

The theme of this year's Western Maryland College Men's basketball team is that of the unknown.

Since head coach Darrell Brooks completed his first season as the head coach of the team last winter, things have changed dramatically.

Gone is Brooks who left to take an assistant coaching job at George Washington University and taking his place is new head man, Jay Dull.

Dull, a graduate of the University of Iowa, brings to the Green Terror bench 21 years of coaching experience and is excited about the opportunity to lead the program. "I'm very excited about the potential of the team and the program," said Dull.

So far, early season practices have been tough for the Green Terror.

"We haven't had a full healthy squad practice yet, which makes it harder for us to evaluate the team at full potential," said Dull. Dull adds that despite the injuries he has been impressed with "the team's response to the adversity by working through the pain."

The team is looking for leadership from senior guard Jack Kowalik and forward Shawn Minnier. A 6'1 shooting guard, Kowalik tied for third on the team last year with 9.3 points per game while Minnier, a

rugged 6'4 forward, will need to make a heavy contribution to make up for the loss of recently graduated forward Michael Furey.

"They have both been sidelined by injuries, but they are fighting through it," says Dull.

The frontcourt looks to be strong this season, led by sophomore Alan Hoyt. In his first season, Hoyt led the team in scoring with 11.5 points per game and was also the team's best three-point shooter, with a sizzling 43.9% from behind the arc.

With the loss of tough forward/center Furey, a committee of players will have to step up to make up for this presence on the boards.

Junior centers Jon Pearson and Andrew Slye made strides last season and along with football star receiver Teron Powell is expected to contribute heavily on the interior.

The backcourt is the brightest spot on the team with many seasoned players who made strong contributions for the team last season.

The point guard spot is manned by experienced juniors Desmond Esteves and Greg Hill.

Esteves led the team in assists last year with 96 and tied for the team lead in steals with 26 thefts, while Hill is a deadly three point threat and finished second on the team

in assists.

At shooting guard, the team isn't expecting a sophomore jinx from Sam Anstead. The 6'4 guard was second on the team in scoring last season (10.8 ppg) and hauled down 81 rebounds.

The team is excited to begin this season. "We are looking to step it up this season and hopefully make the playoffs," says junior swingman Michael Pascianni.

The team has set many goals for the 2001 season.

"We want to be competitive in every game and have a winning season, but most importantly, we want to get our players to individually overachieve," said Dull. "If you get the players to play better than they think they can, you are going to have a strong team."

The Green Terror will need to come to play every game, due to a tough conference and non-conference schedule.

On the slate for this season, is a home visit from the defending division three national champions Catholic University on December 8 and a road game against Division one foe Princeton University on January 28.

Along with the usual Centennial conference games, the team will receive tough competition in the winter season.

A tough competitive schedule seems to fit the profile of coach Dull. When asked what he loves most about the game of bas-

ketball, Dull replies, "I love when a team needs to compete to survive. Basketball is the ultimate team sport, where you must work as a team to survive and stay on top."

Last season, head coach Brooks' style of fast breaking and wide open offense led to a conference best mark for three point shots made per game, but didn't translate into a winning season for the team. Dull promises a more balanced inside and outside attack that will hopefully bring more wins for the Green Terror.

"I believe that you have to play defense and use a balanced attack to win championships."

"You win and lose with the three point shot, and with a more balanced inside outside offense we won't be one dimensional anymore," said Dull.

Coming off a 7-17 season last year, the program's 11th losing season in a row, there is enthusiasm and a new spark in the team. "Everybody has a better attitude than last season," said Anstead. "We actually believe that we can win and that should be the difference this season."

The coaching staff has many young returning athletes at their disposal and with a new mind set to compete in every game, it should be an exciting season for Green Terror b-ball in 2001-2002.

Rick's Column: College Basketball Preview 2001-02

RICK GRAMS
Staff Writer

Lost in the shuffle of one of the most exciting World Series ever is the beginning of another great season - college basketball.

And this season looks to be a great one, given you can tolerate Dick Vitale's babbling and hearing about how great Duke University is no matter what game you are watching.

Unfortunately, any college basketball preview this year has to start with Duke. The Blue Devils are the defending champs and have the preseason player of the year, guard Jason Williams.

They return deeper than last year's team, although they no longer have Shane Battier. Vitale, the ultimate Duke fan, is already touting the backcourt of Williams and sophomore Chris Duhon as the best pair of guards in college basketball history.

Duke seems to be everyone's championship team, just like they were in 1998-99 (when they lost the championship game to UConn).

But this season will hardly be a cakewalk for Duke.

One of the teams that will challenge Duke this season is Atlantic Coast Conference rival, Maryland. The Terps played Duke close four times last year, losing three of those games, including the infamous ten-point blow lead in the final minute at home and blowing a 22-point lead in the National Semifinal.

However, they were able to advance to the Final Four for the first time in school history, and the core of that team returns in Juan Dixon and Lenny Baxter.

Although they started off their season to a young Arizona team, look for Maryland to end the season in the Georgia Dome in the Final Four.

Another team coming into the season

with national title hopes is the Illinois Fighting Illini. Last year's Big Ten Player of the Year returns in point guard Frank Williams, along with shooting guard Corey Bradford. Brian Cook and Sergio McClain are also back, but gritty Lucas Johnson begins the season injured.

Two SEC teams round out the preseason top five, the Florida Gators and Kentucky Wildcats. Florida had the inside-outside combination of big man Udonis Haslem and Brett Nelson, and guard Justin Hamilton, one of the nation's best defenders, is back from a knee injury he suffered in January.

The Gators also had one of the best recruiting classes in the nation, even with the loss of Kwame Brown, who was the first overall pick in the NBA draft by the Washington Wizards.

Kentucky will give Florida a challenge in their conference. Despite the loss of Jason Parker to a season-ending injury, Tubby Smith's squad looks to be strong this season.

Preseason All-American Tayshaun Prince leads the Wildcats, and Keith Bogans, who flirted with the NBA, returns as well. Jules Camara, back from a year-long suspension, will give the Wildcats an inside presence.

Other teams look to challenge these five, including UCLA, Kansas and Missouri.

There are always dark horses that make noise in March, and teams capable of playing that role are St. Joseph's, Virginia, and a young Michigan State team, among others.

However, when March rolls around, look for Duke to follow in the footsteps of the 1998-99 team, as Maryland follows up their first ever trip to the Final Four last year with their first ever National Championship in another classic Duke/Maryland matchup.

Player profile: Teron Powell continued

the national championship," states Powell. "We haven't met this goal yet, but we are working towards it."

The victory over Jacksonville, in which Powell scored a 29-yard reception showed how much chemistry among teammates is valued by Powell.

"This is some of best chemistry I've been a part of," mentions Powell. "We've had a lot of injuries, but the chemistry be-

tween the offense, defense, and special teams is great and it was at its best in the win over Jacksonville."

When asked if he would like to play professionally after he graduates this year, Powell answers without hesitation. "Most definitely." "If I'm blessed enough opportunity comes, I will definitely take it."

But in the present lies the matchup with Johns Hopkins and Teron has one goal for himself and the rest of the team.

"Win outright, so we don't have to share the Centennial Conference championship,"

Wrestling looks to defend their Conference crown

RICK GRAMS
Staff Writer

The WMC wrestling team looks to defend the Centennial Conference crown for the second straight season, led by seniors Vinny Pedalino, Rob Johns, and Chris McNally who all went to the NCAA Championships last season.

Pedalino became Western Maryland's first ever two-time All-American last season, finishing seventh in the national tournament. He wrestles in the 125-pound weight class.

The recent success of the team leads to lofty expectations.

McNally said that the team looks to "send ten wrestlers to the national tournament in Scranton, Pa."

Senior Mike Macey, a second-place finisher at the conference championships a year ago, echoed these sentiments, saying that the team looks to send everyone to nationals and do well there. He added that another conference championship is another goal of the squad.

Macey also said that there are "a lot of nice recruits coming in, along with a couple of All-Americans and national qualifiers re-

turning."

With these ingredients, Macey said, "We can do even better than last year."

Bill Bobbitt also placed second at the conference championships last year. Levi McVey and Andy Chencharik placed third in their first year on the squad.

Coach John Lowe is in his sixth year with the program.

He inherited a team that was at the bottom of the conference standings and has turned them into a team that has won three conference championships in four years (1998, 2000, and 2001).

According to Macey, the main competition from within the conference is Ursinus and Muhlenburg.

Asked if teams will be looking to knock off the two-time defending conference champs, Macey replied, "Of course. That's the way it always is."

McNally said, "This team is one of the hardest working teams overall since I've been here. We are capable of doing anything we put our minds to."

WWF Column: Who will survive the 13th annual Survivor Series?

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

This year the WWF goes back to the old school for survivor series.

In the past, the survivor series pay-per-view featured four or five main teams facing off in elimination style.

Slowly but surely, sometime over the past few years, this tradition has died out.

The pay-per-view, although still prestigious and meaningful, lost it's unique appeal because the elimination matches were, well, eliminated.

The past few years the WWF has made a weak attempt to reach back into the past by adding a few of these elimination matches at the bottom of the card.

The matches have usually been rushed, and have only featured bottom of the barrel WWF talent.

This year, the WWF has brought back the meaningful survivor series style match.

The main event of the November pay-per-view features Team WCW vs. team WWF.

Furthermore, the stakes were raised when the winning team will "survive", while the losing team's company will cease to exist.

Although the concept of destroying an entire company based on a wrestling match seems a little weak, the buildup has been fun and the impact of the winning team will be pretty important.

The rosters of the team do leave something to be desired, but I've been able to look past that in order to attempt to enjoy the major event.

Team WCW will be RVD, Stone Cold Steve Austin, Booker T, recent turncoat Kurt Angle, and WCW owner Shane McMahon. Team WWF will be The Under-

taker, Kane, The Rock, Chris Jericho, and Vince McMahon.

The inclusion of the McMahon's seems more ego serving than an honest attempt by the WWF to provide quality wrestling entertainment.

I can't imagine that there are many fans that really want to see the McMahon's in the actual match.

Deserving, talented stars like DDP, Test, and Edge now have to be left out so that the McMahon boys can include themselves in the contest? Either way, the team match should be thrilling.

The possibility exists that Triple H will make his return at this event. The WWF is insisting that he's not healthy yet, but I think it's all a smoke screen to pull the wool over everyone's eyes when he does indeed return.

Hopefully this Sunday.

Field Hockey loses a heartbreaking game at ECAC Tournament

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

The Western Maryland College Field Hockey team finished their record setting 13 win season at the ECAC tournament.

Unfortunately for the Green Terror, the team suffered a heartbreaking defeat to end their season.

In the first round of the tournament, WMC took on the Drew University Rangers at Gill Field.

With the home crowd behind him, the Green Terror played the opposition to a standstill and the match was scoreless in the first half.

Immediately after intermission, WMC struck first when sophomore Tara Morris took a pass from teammate Kim Campanelli and knocked the puck past the Ranger's goalie

to take a 1-0 lead.

The Rangers wouldn't go away and fought back in the game with a goal past sophomore goalkeeper Becky Arnold to tie the score at 1-1.

The teams would go back and forth until the buzzer sounded to end regulation time tied at 1-1.

Early in the overtime period, DU picked up the win with a slap shot past Arnold to the sounds of a disappointed WMC home crowd.

The loss ended the Green Terror's best season in the program's 53-year history, but with almost the entire team returning next season, the team looks to continue their strong play next season.

Player Profile: Teron Powell

BRANDON ROEBUCK
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Green Terror football team knows a thing or two about records and statistics. Most people know that the Green Terror has won 33 straight Centennial Conference games going into their season finale against Johns Hopkins University Saturday afternoon.

Most people also know that the Green Terror have won 47 of their last 49 regular season games with both losses coming at the hand of Bridgewater.

Included in this amazing record, is last week's amazing 42-21 victory over 6th ranked, 1 AA opponent Jacksonville University.

This is a team who knows that there is no "I" in team. There may not be an "I" in team, but there is a "T" in team and the "T" in this team stands for Wide Receiver Teron Powell.

On a team full of talent, Powell has been having an amazing season.

As the number one target for Quarterback Jamie "Boo" Harris, Powell's numbers this year are impressive.

He has 43 receptions for 708 yards with 14 touchdowns this year. His 78.7 yards per game leads the Centennial Conference in receiving yards. He is also in the top 5 in all-purpose yards (4th with 123.2 per game), receptions per

game (2nd with 4.78 per game), and scoring (86 points). He is also one touchdown away from tying the single season touchdown record of 15 set by former Franklin and Marshall wide receiver Dale Amos in 1989.

Powell's numbers throughout his career at Western Maryland ranks him as one of the best to ever play for the Green Terror. The 6'0, 210 pound senior from Milford, Delaware is Western Maryland all-time leader in receptions (141), touchdowns (34), and reception yards (2,451).

Powell is not one of the best in Western Maryland history, but one of the best in Centennial Conference history.

When Western Maryland trounced Franklin and Marshall 54-0 on October 20, Teron scored his 34th touchdown, a 74-yard strike from Harris, which gave him the record surpassing the former record of 33, held by Amos.

When he asked which of the records is most important to him, Teron states that the touchdown record is of most value to him.

"The touchdown record is most important to me because every game I go out knowing I'm going to catch a pass," says Powell. "So scoring the touchdown is what everyone looks at."

Teron credits his coaching staff for making him the player he is now. "Coach Keating was able to

get me into the weight room which has paid off for me on the football field," says Powell. "He has confidence in me and puts me in the game so I can highlight my talents and help the team win football games."

But Powell isn't about all the attention the record brings him. Like all people, he values his family for his inspiration, especially his mother. "Everything I do is basically around her."

He also believes in the team game and not holding himself above anyone else.

"I just want to help the team win
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Krebs leads X-C team at NCAA regionals

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

For the majority of the Western Maryland College cross-country team, their season came to an end at the NCAA Midwest regional in Lehigh, Pa.

The exception was star women's senior runner Jill Krebs.

Out of 235 runners competing in the women's race, Krebs finished 13th overall which qualified her for the NCAA Championship Meet for the third year in a row. The meet will be held in Rock Island, Illinois on November 17. The two time all-American, was

pleased with her performance.

The women's team also received a strong performance from fellow senior Diana Pool who finished 24th overall in the race. Paced by Krebs and Pool, the team finished 11th out of 34 teams in the competition.

On the men's side, the team finished 23rd out of 31 teams in the race.

The team was paced by sophomore runner Jimmy Thayer who placed 114th in the race, followed right after by sophomore Ryan Melhorn who came in 115th.



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Green Terror Sports

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After a win in Jacksonville, Green Terror football loses at home

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their game against W and J, there are several potentially exciting matchups for Green Terror fans. Assuming they won, a second round game against Widener seems very likely. The Terror played Widener each of the two previous seasons, and recorded one-sided victories in both contests.

If the Terror were to win two games, then another big game could be on the horizon.

Bridgewater College, a team that has defeated Western Maryland two years in a row in the regular season opener, would only need to win one game to advance to a rematch with the Terror.

The Terror most likely would have played their first game at home had it not been for a disappointing 21-14 loss to Johns Hopkins this past Saturday.

The loss was the first conference loss in five years for the Terror, and it allowed Muhlenberg to share a part of the conference

championship with Western Maryland.

The Terror defense gave up three TD passes, all to Hopkins senior go-to guy Zach Baylin.

Baylin caught 14 passes for 120 yards to go with the three scores.

Senior QB Boo Harris lead the Terror by running for two TD's.

The week before the Terror flew south to play sixth ranked Division 1AA Jacksonville University. The Terror started slow, but ended up romping the 1AA powerhouse 42-21.

Sophomore running back Jason Hartman had a career day, as he ran the ball for 106 yards and two TD's, on only 6 carries!

Senior D-Back Jason Wingart lead the Terror defense with an interception to go along with ten tackles, including a sack.

The splitting of the final two games left Western Maryland's regular season record at 8-2.

Green Terror Sports Schedule

Men's basketball
November 17
vs. Maryland Bible College

Women's basketball
November 16-17
York College Tournament

Swimming
November 17
vs. Swarthmore College

Wrestling
November 17 @ Oneonta University



COURTESY OF DAVID SINCLAIR

Senior runner Jill Krebs qualified for the NCAA National Championship Cross Country Meet in Rock Island, Illinois on November 17. Read about Krebs and the rest of the X-C team on page 11.

Men's soccer ends record-setting season at ECAC tournament

RICK GRAMS
Staff Writer

One of the most successful seasons in Green Terror men's soccer came to an end on Saturday, with a 4-2 loss in the Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs to Franklin & Marshall.

On the previous weekend, the team advanced to the Centennial Conference final, where they fell to Gettysburg 2-0.

Going into the season, the Terror had high hopes, but they did not foresee the amount of success they had.

Senior Brad Russell said that coming into the season "we hoped to be successful, but we didn't know we would be this good."

Freshman Tim McCallum shared these thoughts, saying, "We knew we could be good if we played as a team, but we didn't think we would go this far."

The loss to Franklin & Marshall ended the careers of nine seniors who end their playing days as the winningest group of seniors in WMC men's soccer history.

Pat Danaher, Ryan Defibaugh, Cabot Goodrum, Tom Long, Barclay Losse, Michael Okoye, Vinny Pedalino, Russell and Scott Smith won more games in their four years here than any other group of players in the program's history.

Russell said that the mark "proves how hard we worked,"

adding that when he came here four years ago he "never would have thought this would have happened."

McCallum expects the team to continue the success of this year's team, saying that losing those seniors "will be tough, but we should be able to pick up the slack."

The record-breaking season carried the Terror into the Conference tournament, where they beat Muhlenberg 1-0 before losing to Gettysburg.

The games were played November 2 and 3 at Johns Hopkins University.

The Muhlenberg game went into two overtimes, with the teams playing over 115 minutes of soccer before anyone found the back of the net.

The lone goal was scored by Long at the 10:30 mark of the second overtime. Pedalino assisted on the game-winner. Goalkeeper Defibaugh, who made twenty saves in the game, paced a strong defensive effort.

The next night, Gettysburg avenged an earlier loss to the Terror by beating them 2-0.

Defibaugh stopped 15 shots in the contest. The loss was the fifth overall for the team, against 14 wins.

The final record of the team is 14-6 (including postseason play), giving this team the most wins in school history.



COURTESY OF DAVID SINCLAIR

QB Jamie "Boo" Harris takes last minute advice from head coach Tim Keating before going into combat.



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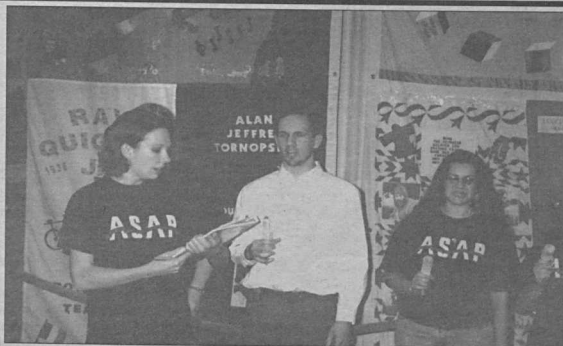
Taste of Islam

LeROY McDUFFIE
Co-News Editor

On November 28, the second annual Taste of Islam took place in the Forum. The event was sponsored by the office of Multicultural Services and various other campus organizations. The purpose of the event is to spread the culture of Islam by including a traditional Ramadan dinner. Approximately 150 people attended this dinner to get a better understanding of Islam and have an authentic Ramadan dinner.

The dinner began with a reading from the Koran, the religious

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Students become more aware of HIV and AIDS and learn the facts during World AIDS Day. Lisa Van Aulen, Chris Bauelein, and Jennie Caless, members of ASAP (AIDS Support Awareness Prevention) show their audience how to put on condoms. For more details see page 3.

New meal plan in full effect for Fall 2002

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

Students have been complaining for a long time about the required meal plan for WMC students living in traditional housing. Finally, their voice has been heard and something is being done about it with a new plan that will be put into effect in Fall 2002.

In the Fall, all students, except first-year students will be able to get either a 175 meal plan or the 210, if they live in dorms. Those who live in the apartments will have the option of getting the 90 meal plan or one of the two aforementioned plans.

Currently, the school has a

"block plan" rather than the traditional "meals per week" plan. This block plan was supposed to allow for maximum flexibility.

All first-year students and students living in traditional housing have to buy the 220 meal plan, which averages out to 15 meals a week.

Students living in the Garden Apartments have the option of the 90 block plan, which averages out to about 6 meals a week, because the apartments have kitchens.

But, there was no middle ground for those students who didn't eat all 220 meals and did not live in the apartments.

Last year members of the SGA

went to Dr. Ethan Seidel to investigate and raise concerns about student complaints.

Students were complaining that they weren't using all 220 meals in their plan so they were losing money.

"People became more aware of what they were using and what they weren't using," said Seidel. After hearing their concerns, Seidel went to work.

"There was talk about it last year," said Dean Phil Sayre, referring to the possibility of having the changes made for the current school year. "But there wasn't enough time to get it into the budget."

"Last Spring we made a commitment to try to have a proposal for the Board of Trustees by this Fall and we kept that schedule," Seidel said. "The impetus came from the student requests."

The block plan that the school currently had was created about five or six years ago because of major renovations made to the dining hall.

Before the block plan students were allotted a certain amount of meals per week. If you didn't use all of your meals, they didn't carry over.

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New RLC coming soon

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

In early and mid-September, the Residence Life Department lost two of its employees, Nicole Gallup, Residence Life Coordinator, and Beth Rosko, Director of Housing. Residence Life is well on its way to fulfilling one of the two open positions.

"Typically these kind of residence life positions are filled in the spring," said Elizabeth Towle, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

"Usually, hiring new staff members is "hard to do in the middle of the year." In early October, an ad was placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and on the Higher Education student affairs webpage.

Residence Life received 40 resumes, which was an overwhelming response. This ad made the public aware that WMC was "seeking qualified applicants for the position of Residence Life Coordinator (RLC)."

According to the ad, among other requirements, successful candidates must have the "ability to work well with other students, faculty and staff, as well as [have] good organizational and communication skills."

Seven phone interviews have been conducted. During the week of December 10, Residence Life will be bringing in three candidates for all day interviews.

The candidates will meet with

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Singing sensation Ashley Marie



PHOTOGRAPHY BY BIG BRIND
Ashley Marie, a freshman here at WMC, already has her own band and is coming out with a second CD. To learn more see Features page 9.

Student legislature competes in Annapolis

TAMMI SLATER
Assistant News Editor

Over the weekend of November 10 and 11, the WMC Maryland Student Legislature competed in its second state debate this semester in Annapolis where students took several individual pieces of legislation, concerning laws which they felt needed more attention to those of higher authority.

With about fifteen members total, and twelve active members, WMC competes against schools such as University of Maryland, UMBC, College of Notre Dame, Towson University, Mount Saint Mary's, Frostburg, and Morgan State. The delegation meets four times a year with the state, and practices on campus every other Wednesday to debate pieces of leg-

islation.

Presenting the legislation in committees of ten to twelve students, the laws will then be decided on whether or not they will be sent to the floor for further discussion. The delegation has shown a strong sense of initiative and determination in presenting legislation, earning "Best Delegation," representative of good orators last year. For WMC and its MSL participants, this was a huge deal for it encompasses everything that MSL stands for and represents.

The delegation has been around for about twelve years now, and has continued to grow at WMC with each year.

Merrybeth McKee, a junior

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Culture and dining at the annual Taste of Islam

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Students, faculty, and other members of the WMC community experience good conversation and good food at the Taste of Islam

text of Islamic faith, and the explanation of Ramadan by Dr. Mohamed Esa, chairman of Multicultural Services.

The word Ramadan, which comes from the Arabic root word "ramida," is translated as intense heat and dryness—symbolic of the month-long restraint that helps a Muslim redefine and reconnect with their faith.

He explained that the month of Ramadan was chosen for the annual period of personal spiritual renewal. It was in the last ten days of Ramadan that Muhammad (the last prophet) experienced his "Night of Power," in which he first received revelation from Allah, which later became the Koran. During Ramadan, Muslims fast for 29 to 30 days from sunrise to sunset. They are not allowed to eat, drink (not even water), smoke,

gamble, or have sexual intercourse. Muslims also attempt to fast from having evil thoughts and desires (no swearing, fighting).

Although there are many restrictions during this month, there are several joys that come out of it.

Ramadan is the month that the Koran was revealed and is the month of generosity. It is also a month of forgiveness, peace making, and reconciliation. More importantly, it is a month of renewing ties to family and friends.

At the dinner, there were various delicacies from Islam—including dates, stuffed grape leaves, lentil and spinach soup, and Basmati rice.

Esa concluded by saying, "This is an age of diversity, it is important to spread the culture."

Next fall students can choose their meal plan

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"We went to the block plan because it allowed for more flexibility," Seidel said. "With the 220 meal plan you have a little over two meals a day. If you have meals left over at the end of the week, you can use them next week."

They also originally started out with only fifteen Pub & Grille fourth meals, because they weren't sure if that concept would take and students would eat there. Well, now it's time for a change.

The SGA came to Seidel wanting a plan that had more than 90 meals but less than 220. "What we needed to do was to structure it so that at the same time give this new option and cover the cost of operation [food service]."

Seidel came up with several different combinations that would work. His ideas were put before the Board of Trustees, and the All College Council, which consists of the leaders of the major student organizations on campus.

They settled on a 175 meal plan with 15 Pub & Grille meals.

"He tried to factor in a system that would allow for more flexibility," said Sayre. "He spent a lot of time working on it and presented ten to a dozen options to the All College Council, each one better than the one before it." Seidel was looking for the most effective way to make this happen.

In addition to this, "We were actually able to take the 220 meal plan and change it to 210 and actually lower the cost." So either way students save money.

As of Fall 2002, if you live in a traditional residence hall (i.e. McDaniel, ANW) you have two meal plan options. You can either take 210 meals or 175 meals. Either way you go, if you happen to run out of

meals, you can still order 10 meals for 40 dollars.

However, the first-year students next fall are required to have the 210 meal plan.

Seidel feels this is very appropriate, so that new students can "be here a year, see what it's like, and then decide what you want to do." He does not want this to be an opportunity for students to short-change themselves.

Now students have the chance to choose the meal plan that best suits them, which is certainly a freedom that is currently unknown on campus.

"I think that it's good because a lot of people don't use 220 meals," said freshman Rebecca Wilhelm. "But then again, I also think that it will be beneficial for a plan to be created where students can use more meals in the Pub." The Pub & Grille has always been a more desirable place to eat because they take your order and their open for most of the night.

For a select few, this new meal plan doesn't really have an effect on them. "I don't really care anyway," said freshman Jacqueline Kellner. "It's just one more thing to discourage me from eating in Glar."

Either way, the new meal plan was one demanded by students, and is evidence that when the members of the SGA committees speak out and work together, goals are achieved and things are changed.

Keep in mind that this new meal plan will be open to further change, and is part of an evolving process to find out which systems work best for students. He looks forward to working with students and finding ways to modify it so that it best meets the needs of the student body.

Campus Safety Blotter

TAMMIE SLATER
Assistant News Editor

11/9 12:30 a.m. Rouzer Hall found powder of fire extinguisher on floor and some doors. The fire extinguisher was found at end of hallway.

11/9 12:20 a.m. Harassment-female student reports that she felt threatened by a male student.

11/9 12:50 a.m. Garden Apartments one Alcohol violation-student possessing "hard" alcohol.

11/9 2:38 a.m. Albert Norman Ward Hall-Disorderly conduct-student and non-student fighting in the Quad.

11/10 Rouzer Hall-Vandalism-shaving lotion was sprayed all over the bulletin boards and walls. Athletic tape with the word ROOR, the last R written backwards, was on one side of the wall in the hallway. Information passed on to Housekeeping for cleanup.

11/10 Penn. Ave. House-Property crimes-passenger side mirror damaged.

11/10 4:06 a.m. McDaniel Hall-Fire in room 312

11/10 11:45 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall-Alcohol violations-underage consumption/possession in clubroom.

11/10 12 p.m. Rouzer Hall-Property crimes-ethnic slur on elevator door.

11/10 12:18 a.m. Off campus-Disorderly conduct-student disturbing the peace. Underage consumption/possession of alcohol.

11/11 1:22 a.m. Off campus-Alcohol violations-underage possession/consumption.

11/11 4:15 a.m. McDaniel Hall-Property crimes-Light pole broken off cement, trash

cans damaged, and thrown on steps. Pending amounts of damage.

11/11 10 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall-Tampering with fire protection devices-missing fire extinguisher.

11/11 11:20 p.m. Rouzer Hall-Arrest by Westminster Police Dept.-student smoking marijuana in room.

11/12 9:25 p.m. Whiteford Hall-Health/Fire/Safety Regulations-students burning incense in dorm room.

11/12 11 p.m. Albert Norman Ward Hall-Property crimes-glass in window broken.

11/13 6:50 p.m. Campus Telephone System-Improper conduct-subject left a obscene message on answering machine. A total of two messages were recorded.

11/15 1:30 a.m. Rouzer Hall-Dishonesty-student gave false information to obtain parking pass.

11/16 1:30 a.m. Albert Norman Ward Hall-

Property crimes-unknown person(s) tipped over the snack machine.

11/16 9:35 a.m. Whiteford Hall-Alcohol violations-underage possession/consumption.

11/16 9:45 a.m. Englar Dining Hall-Property crimes-the Dining Service van's left rear door was damaged.

11/16 12:40 p.m. McDaniel Hall-Weapons Possession/Use facsimiles-toy gun found in students room.

11/16 7:26 p.m. Rouzer Hall-Alcohol violations-alcohol found in Rouzer Hall (dry dorm).

11/20 9:50 p.m. Harvey Stone Park-Indecent exposure-two non-students found possibly engaging in sexual acts.

11/23 7:36 p.m. Harrison Parking Lot-Alcohol violations-student possessing hard liquor in Harrison parking lot.

11/26 12 p.m. ANW Lower Parking Lot-Property crimes.

11/27 1:22 p.m. Garden Apartments-Property crimes-suspicious conditions, personal room appeared to be searched.



Trespassing-Non-student trespassing in the library.

11/16 10:45 p.m. Blanche Ward Hall-Indecent Conduct-Students found urinating in hallway behind Gamma Beta Chi clubroom.

11/16 11 p.m. Blanche Ward Hall-Alcohol violations-unauthorized alcohol in clubroom.

11/17 12:40 a.m. Rouzer Hall-CDs (Drugs) Found drugs in Rouzer Hall, no suspects.

11/17 12:55 a.m. Rouzer Hall-Alcohol violations-underage possession/consumption in room.

11/17 1:30 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall-Failure to comply-warned about excessive noise, but chose not to comply.

11/17 1:40 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall-Failure to comply-Failure to comply with security officer's request on alcohol incident.

11/17 11 p.m. Off campus accident-student car was caked in cement from the renovations being done to Levine Hall.

11/18 1:35 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall-Failure to comply-student trespassing on campus while instructed not to do so by the Asst. Dean.

11/18 3 p.m. Football Field Trespassing-found student on campus. He is not allowed on campus except to attend classes.

11/20 1:50 a.m. Garden Apartments- Parking Lot accident-backed out of parking space and was hit.

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MSL finds it effective to put out ideas for discussion and debate

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two-year member of MSL as well as the Vice Delegate Chairperson, feels MSL is a really good process for college students to become involved in.

"MSL lets those who have the power to understand the way college kids think, and act on it. We meet in Annapolis, and sit in the actual seats that delegation do so it's a really neat experience. I really love it, even though I'm not a political science major," McKee said.

McKee also feels that it is a very effective way for college students to put their thoughts and ideas out there in the public's eye for discussion and debate.

"I'm leaning towards social work, so that made me want to do

this. It deals with things that affect people and it's a good way to get my insights out there, reach people, and have them listen to what I have to say," McKee added.

McKee was one WMC student who got a law passed at the debate. Her law was a Resolution Concerning the Pledge of Allegiance and was a recommendation to send to Governor Parris Glendening, Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, The Board of Education, as well as the House and Senate leaders.

Kate Boyle, the Delegate Chairperson of the delegation, and McKee anticipate that the group will have a lot of potential to make an influence on issues that concern college age students at the state and federal level.

Residence Life interviews for new RLC

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resident assistants who live in Rouzer and Whitford dormitories. In addition to this, the three candidates will also meet with Dean Phil Sayre, and members of College Activities, Residence Life, College Activities, and Smith House.

They will also meet with a group of first-year students as well as some of the student leaders on campus.

"We really want to know what the students think," said Towle. She compares finding these replace-

ments to looking for a college. There are several of them out there but only one is right for you. All of the candidates "have the ability to do the job," she said. "Bringing people to the campus helps you figure out who best fits with Western Maryland."

Next on the agenda is to be interviewing for a new Director of Housing. Towle hopes to start that process by late Spring, and to welcome someone to the staff to start on July first.

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World AIDS Day: Awareness

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

On Thursday, November 29, World AIDS Day was celebrated in Ensor Lounge. Sponsored by ASAP (AIDS Support Awareness and Prevention), World AIDS Day was an attempt to raise AIDS awareness here on campus.

On display in Ensor is part of the NAME Project AIDS Memorial Quilt exhibit, which displays some of the many victims of the AIDS virus and a fact sheet with some important information.

The first inaugural display for World Aid's Day was held on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C. in October 1997. That display led to two national tours and dozens of international displays. Since then, hundreds of displays have been held in cities, town, and rural communities.

"It was a small turn out, with only 20 or so people," said senior Chris Bauerlein, one of the few who attended this event. Bauerlein is also a member of ASAP.

"The less people that come, the more it's needed," said speaker Kelly Browning, President and Coordinator of PWA (People With AIDS).

She spoke about her own experience with the HIV virus. She also gave advice to really care for your friends and make sure that they are doing the right thing.

Bernice Cobert, of the Carroll County Health Department, also spoke. She has had experience with both HIV and AIDS patients. She shared statistics about how many people were infected and the death rate for the virus.

Cobert also mentioned that the death rate was going down because of new medical advancements and treatments in the field. In addition to having two speakers, professor Robin Armstrong, of the music department, sang the song "Patchwork Quilt" by Sweet Honey in the Rock and played her



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Professor Robin Armstrong, from the music department sings "Patchwork Quilt" by Sweet Honey in the Rock in honor of World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day is a day to bring awareness on campus.

guitar in honor of World AIDS Day.

Members of ASAP also performed informative skits that showed their audience how to put on a condom. Of course, they used bananas.

"I learned a lot," Bauerlein said. "I learned that half of the people infected by HIV are under the age of 25. That was very scary and shocking to hear. I didn't realize that it was that serious."

More than over 40,000 Americans infected with HIV are under age 25. AIDS is the leading cause of death among 15-24 year old African Americans.

"This is the biggest war," says senior Kathy Pendorf, Vice President of ASAP. "It's like a 20-year war and people don't even think about it because it is a silent war."

Pendorf said a lot of students have unprotected sex and don't think about the consequences. "I want to support a couple friends who had organized the event," said senior Erin Clarke, "fully expecting to receive lots of facts and figures...and came away, instead, with names and faces. Just looking at the AIDS quilt makes you realize that it isn't about sta-

tistics. These are real people."

The memorial quilts are made by lovers, families, and friends of people who died of AIDS. The NAMES Project has raised more than \$2.6 million for AIDS services across the country. All donations received go to local AIDS related organizations within the display city. There are over 42,000 quilts in total and you can view them all online at www.aidsquilt.com.

The WMC AIDS support group, in collaboration with the Carroll County Health Department will be having their second Annual AIDS Walk in Westminster soon.

This is an historic event that will help our community increase the education and prevention of HIV and AIDS. Registration is \$15 per student and \$20 per adult; group sponsors are welcome. All donations will go to the AIDS Fund in Carroll County.

The fund financially helps people living with HIV and AIDS. For more information or if you are interested in donating or participating, contact Mo at (410)751-8657.

ASAP is always looking for ways to promote awareness on campus.

If you are interested in learning more about HIV, AIDS, and what you can do to help, please call the ASAP house at x8657 and x8658. The only way to win the war is to know what you are fighting against.



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Senior Lisa Van Auken shows senior Mohindra "Mo" Ramphal and senior Kathy Pendorf how to put on a condom. In the skit, Mo is not clear to the concept. This was one of a couple skits put on by members of ASAP to make students aware of the risks they take when having unprotected sex. Although their skits were practical, the reality is no laughing matter.

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What's next? Nirvana on the oldies station?

Michael Wiles discusses an eye-opening visit to the CD Warehouse in Laurel, MD.

If "CD Warehouse" is to be believed, I am horribly untrendy.

Not that I need a store to confirm this fact, which I in no way doubt, but something happened over Thanksgiving break that has me rethinking exactly how out-of-date and old I really am.

In honor of our new DVD player, my parents and I headed out to a local used DVD/CD shop, the aforementioned "CD Warehouse," to stock up on the best used DVDs Laurel has to offer.

While my parents browsed the DVD selection, I searched for the "cheap CD" racks. As a cheap musician myself, I had no trouble finding them: we can smell our own (note: I must be REALLY untrendy and old, because I found that last comment really witty).

Witty or not, I found more of "my own" than I was ever expecting. There, on these "cheap" racks, were the albums of bands I grew up on: Counting Crows, Stone Temple Pilots, Gin Blossoms, Pearl Jam, Soul Asylum, and Temple of the Dog were all "priced to move" right there in front of me.

For some reason, I found this quite disturbing, if not entirely too alienating for a trip to the record store. These bands are among those I consider my greatest musical influences, not to mention the reason I became a musician in the first place (cheap as I may be). Perhaps there was merely some

mistake: clearly, the owners of this establishment did not know the true value of their merchandise.

As someone whose musical tastes began to evolve just as "hair metal" bands were on their way out, bands like those mentioned sparked an interest in me like nothing had before. Now, do not get me wrong: there will always be a place in my heart for Poison and Guns n' Roses, but one can only listen to songs about dating models and having "patience" for so long. It was these new acts that really got my attention.

For the first time in modern music, I heard musicians singing about themselves as people, and about lives that were about more than just drugs and sex.

Finally, music was talking the language of humanity, and I wanted to hear what it would say. Looking back, I can honestly say these guys never let me down.

I never liked Pearl Jam because they were "cool," but rather because I knew what Eddie Vedder meant when he screamed, "I'm still alive" as the chorus of a song (although I am still not sure why he was so concerned about people calling him "daugher" in another). I remember thinking Scott Weiland was a genius because he sang about being a creep in "Creep" and about losing an important relationship in "Plush" in a way that showed he lived the life he wrote about.

The Gin Blossoms had me wanting to find "Allison Road," and I still think "Hey

Jealousy" is the story of my life. And perhaps most importantly, while Adam Duritz sang about wanting to be Bob Dylan, I found myself wanting to be Duritz, and even took a nod from his "Mr. Jones." I got myself a guitar to play.

To me, this was music that meant something, and these musicians had achieved something rare: music for music's sake, not for the sake of stage makeup and pyrotechnics.

After hearing the work of guys like Vedder, Weiland, and Duritz, it seemed alright to grab my acoustic guitar and write songs about that cute girl in my English class, and not only capture my affection for her but also, and perhaps most importantly, capture the feeling that she would never talk to a guy like me. Somehow, those guys just made it cool to write about life as life really was, and I was all for that. Some 11 years later, I still am.

Now, I do not want to make this into a debate about whether or not today's music has any merit socially or culturally, or even if today's musicians have anything at all to say, because such claims would be ridiculous.

Meaning is all in the eye of the beholder, but I must admit that, as I beheld my youth sitting on the discount rack, I felt as though I was old news myself.

In the end, I did swallow my pride and buy a few albums missing from my collection. I mean, what kind of old man would I be if I passed up a good deal? Besides, with all these "new" CDs, I can finally fix that wobbling table of mine. Something tells me 'N Sync fans everywhere approve.

A tribute to a journalist's dedication

Professor Terry Dalton pays tribute to co-editor-in-chief Claire Adams.

Her first story for The Phoenix, written during her freshman year, was about pigeons. Dead ones. Then, a few semesters later, came her most controversial one. Based on extensive interviewing, it suggested that some WMC athletes might be receiving preferential treatment in certain areas. For that brave effort, she was heckled and harassed by an assistant football coach. And in Glar, of all places, while she tried to eat lunch on the day the story appeared.

But years from now, when Claire Adams looks back on her college journalism career, I doubt that the pigeon or preferential treatment stories will spring to her mind first. Rather, I'll put my money on sleep - as in lack of. Sleep deprivation, LOTS of it, seems to go with the title of editor-in-chief, a position she has shared with Ed Schultheis for the past two semesters. During the bi-monthly production weekends, when The Phoenix is edited, laid out and finally delivered to our printer at the Carroll County Times, Claire, a senior, and Ed, a junior, have toiled many a Monday night and well into Tuesday morning, unwilling to part with their 8, 12 or 16-page offspring until it made them proud.

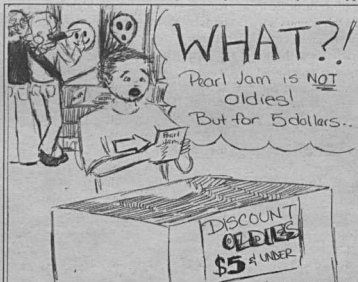
This task was frequently made more difficult by nagging computer and/or printer breakdowns that always seemed to crop up

at precisely the wrong moment. Twice a month, as The Phoenix adviser, I would check my phonemail messages on a Tuesday morning and hear Claire's cheerfully groggy voice from the night before. "Mr. Dalton, it's Claire. It's three-thirty and we just finished the paper. I hope you like it." And I almost always did.

I might mention that, not long after the pigeons-are-dying-on-campus story of fall 1998, Claire made a wrong turn en route to The Phoenix office one day and wound up in a biology lab.

Fortunately, Lewis hadn't been transformed yet, so her flirtation with the pre-med program soon passed and everyone welcomed her back to where she belonged: the dingy, dirty, dreadfully hot Phoenix office in the basement of Daniel MacLea (thankfully, with a little help from me, the newspaper escaped those quarters last January).

Claire and Ed have been wonderful co-editors to work with, but now, with this issue, Claire's tenure has come to an end. Happily, Ed will stay on next year, paired with a new co-editor, Matt Hurff, the paper's



Jessica Watson '03

unofficial jack of all trades. And blessed with an influx of eager and impressive young freshmen to compliment a battle-tested corps of juniors, The Phoenix's future is indeed bright.

As for Claire Adams, I have no idea where this journalism minor will wind up in the news media, but I do know that she has positioned herself well for the post-graduation job hunt: an internship with the Baltimore Sun two summers ago, another one with Modern Maturity magazine last summer, and perhaps yet a third in the offing with USA Today.

Her dedication, energy and enthusiasm, combined with a never-say-die attitude about finding a way to get the story - and get it right - is something that not only journalism professors notice and appreciate.

Now she just needs a little sleep.

Terry Dalton teaches journalism at WMC and advises both the Phoenix and the Society of Collegiate Journalists.

War in Afghanistan is not the way to fight terrorism

Dan Hamvas addresses an article written in the Phoenix defending war.

Could it be possible that people actually think this way? I thought when I read Ms. Hurd's article. A junior English major at the school where the motto is "think dangerously?" Asking if war on terrorism is necessary?

Okay, people hate me already enough, so it won't hurt my rep if I admit that I'm an agnostic. I don't believe in God. I think he's dead, or onto a much bigger project right now. And I laugh out loud every time I read the Bible. However, I still have one virtue on stock that people tend to overlook on the doorstep of the 21st century. I have a soul. And so I think—no killing is right.

I guess it's correct to state that anybody who has some practical knowledge about leadership knows that control and manipulation is a double-edged sword: you can cut yourself with it really easy. So if you make an appearance in the political arena, you are more or less obligated to do what your audience demands from you. And right now the audience is directing - their favorite gladiator has been wounded by a newborn "heel" of the arena and the audience is outraged.

To stop this little flow of analogies: the citizens of the US want to see blood, and President Bush either gives it to them or tomorrow he'll only be called: Bush. So let's not pretend that this country's wisest have gotten together, and made the decision what was best for America, choosing from a wide variety of options, but, of course you can't feed that in its stripped reality way.

Is terrorism something new? Has it never happened before? Of course it has. It only happened in places where the United States wasn't damaged.

But now that America is hit, suddenly the whole civilization is in danger? Apparently the United States' President considers the

United States to be equal to civilization — Dublin, Belfast, Tel-Aviv, and Jerusalem are only the wilderness, right?

So now Bush is off to save the world, from the mean terrorists, who even slaughter children and women. But you see, the terrorists are not mean. Bin Laden said he hates Americans, and that includes all of them: men, children and women. Forget the age and the gender. It's all Americans, that's what counts (to him even I'd be an American, and he would bomb the shit out of me without a second thought - just because I'm here).

How uncivilized, right? Let me ask this though: are our soldiers making a distinction between terrorist children and terrorist adults?

You see, there are no innocents in a war (ever heard the phrase: "It all started when he punched back"). Of course, that is no excuse for what happened.

Taking a life is a shameful act and a sin, not in any bullshit sense, but in intelligent humane sense.

What the hell is that supposed to mean? If you respect life, then you preserve it. If you want to preserve it, you don't destroy it. Bombs are meant to destroy lives, as far as my military expertise reaches - or what are the high-tech birds bombing in Afghanistan? The sand?

Miss Hurd says that mothers worried about their children are selfish. Miss Hurd, are you a mother? Probably not! Do you have a brother or a father though? Well if you do, how would you like them to go away and die in the holy crusade against terrorism (a strictly humane warfare - which is pretty much a contradiction in itself: war is something you either do right, or you're just wasting your time and energy)?

Oh, those humane ways!

The last war which was more or less humane, was WWI where according to the legends, as soon as it was called over, people from both sides got out of the ditches and ran over to the other side, to engage in a humane hug of joy, that the political nonsense they were made to fight for, was finally dropped and they survived. But this is a humane war—so was the Vietnam War. The dirt that appears about it in films and books and testimonies nowadays is all bullshit, right?

The crusaders of the US Army never hurt anybody else there, only

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those nasty Vietkongs...

Still, stopping the terrorism is all noble indeed. Doesn't matter that it cannot be achieved, does it? Because how can you kill an enemy that you can't keep track of all the way? It's like the flu - you will never kill all of it in your body, you'll just decrease their number to a point where your immune system can overcome it for a certain amount of time.

However, even the flu seems to return every now and then, when the immune-system fails the body. And while we're still on the medical analogy: you can't kill all bacteria, because not all bacteria are bad...Killing them ALL, wouldn't only include terrorists, but directors, authors, artists, social critics, and anybody, who ever spoke up against issues of the United States - most of them actually Americans themselves.

Today those people are heroes and millions love them and their work. Their audience doesn't change the fact, that those geniuses deeply despise the system, and their works reflect their opinions, and one day those works might land in

the hands of somebody who happens to be in possession of a nuke that he is just too eager to blow up, but is humane enough to desire a legitimate motivation for his actions—Whose fault is it gonna be then?

The point is, it's pretty clear that you can't exterminate every terrorist. If you don't see that, then you gotta be deluded. Or maybe you can. Well, in that case, let me ask you why not? Wasn't it already there by the Entebbe-incident, or the 1976 Olympics in Munich?

"Remember, they began this war, not us, but believe me we will be the ones finishing it." Where did this line emerge from? Some propaganda pamphlet? Yes, I'm sure we will be the ones finishing it - I only wonder, if we're so smart, why haven't we finished it already?

Apparently because it's not a man named Bin Laden America is fighting here, but a whole nation of Bin Ladens, who hate. But what exactly do they hate? Could it be the way Americans think? Well, possibly.

So why not adjust our thinking a bit before we run amok and nuke the dust out of the desert? "Because he can't be right", hmm? You see, I was taught by many people I respect, that there is some truth even in the biggest lie and that there's something to learn even from the biggest idiot.

True, you can not negotiate with terrorists (and as an imperative you shouldn't). And you can't close your eyes and hope that they will go away. They have a set frame of mind, just like the ones desiring war in the US. I'm not saying striking back would be unjust. I only want the hypocrisy to stop. I only want the hypocrisy of pretending to think to actually think about how America got into this mess in the first place.

You say Bin Laden makes no sense, and he's crazy, that's how? A man named Adolf Hitler wrote a

book called "Mein Kampf" that some people in America believe in like the Bible to this day, not to mention the millions he infected with his insanity. So it indeed must have been some conceptual logic in it, even if it was the logic of madness. Of course, this is no excuse either. But I would recommend to all those urging the bloodshed, that they look at both sides of the coin, and look at their side even better than at the other.

I recommend a little thinking to be done here. Think what your government is spending a billion dollars (of your money) a month on. Think of cause and effect in the past and in the future, not just in the present. And then think of yourself dead in a war that you can't win for good, only temporarily. Because you can't kill all the bugs - maybe the ones that prick you, but not all. And also keep in mind that even if you happened to succeed, their extermination would still push the world out of balance. Don't just talk about thinking globally - do it!

Stop waving the flags, and think as humans, not as blood-craving avengers in a just war. Because if you don't, then you are no better than they are. They don't have respect for you, you don't respect them - this is what led to September 11.

I don't ask you to cry for them and say that they are nice people (I'm in for crying them, because unfortunately they are not ones you can talk and teach other perspectives to, but you claim to be better, that's why you are in college). But always keep in mind that you are of the same dirt and dust that God made them from.

Don't be proud to have to kill someone (if for nothing else: because they are). And don't delude yourself about doing it for the world (America does it for selfish reasons, just like almost everything else). See it as it is: objective and impassioned. And when you can see it all through these values, then you have the right to judge and decide.

In defense of Homecoming, SGA and "Room 402"

Claire Adams defends the attack made on the WMC homecoming.

In the late Phoenix, one student chose to heavily criticize Homecoming 2001 without getting all of their facts straight. Student voice is a wonderful thing, but when you're going to attack multiple campus organizations, I would first make sure you're accurate.

The anonymous first-year student made many assumptions—and we all know how the saying goes about assuming things. First off, the student criticized the bonfire. No, I agree, we aren't Texas A&M with towering, and potentially lethal bonfires. The fire was tiny. But, I thought a bonfire was supposed to be about spirit and pride, not size.

You have to consider that a

handful of SGA members (maybe a dozen) set up the bonfire after their classes on Friday. They volunteered their time to get the supplies and run the event until the night comes to an end.

And lets look into the harsh criticism of the bonfire band Room 402. Every year the SGA does indeed have a DJ. But this year, two days before the event, WMC informed us that they "lost their equipment."

Room 402 graciously volunteered their time. No, they're not Dave Matthews Band. But, come on, they volunteered and that is far more than most groups would do. And, keep in mind, all groups have to get started somewhere.

For Room 402, that was our campus. They do deserve a small token of appreciation from the

SGA, since they wouldn't accept money.

But perhaps this critic would've rather had a silent pep rally?

Further down the student's never-ending line of complaints, they pointed out that the Freshman Homecoming Lady had to walk to the start of the parade.

For weeks, SGA has been attacked about this subject—"You should have provided her with a ride!" "You should have been more organized!" "She shouldn't have had to walk all that way in her pretty dress and high heels!"

But wait—perhaps she should have attended the Homecoming Court practice earlier that week to learn about the parade details.

Perhaps she should have listened to the messages sent out days before Homecoming, detailing di-

rections for the Homecoming Court, which asked if everyone had a ride. Perhaps she should have alerted SGA of her situation sooner than an hour before the parade. Don't cut on SGA for not being accommodating, when they're not psychic.

"Come on SGA, get with it!" Sorry, but the main purpose of SGA is not throwing Homecoming parties, we do that on the side. Our main purpose is listening to every student complaint, and god forbid praise, and making changes—and trust me, whether you realize it or not, we make changes every week—we meet for two or more hours.

Let's talk about the complaint that there were only four floats. Don't bitch at SGA about that. Any organization can make a float. SGA arranged to have six floats avail-

able for lottery among campus organizations—we received only three applications. Try barking up the right tree.

And you want there to be a Homecoming dance????? Now that is a tradition that is born and should stay in high school. I don't know many students who want to go to straight to a fancy "dance" after tailgating all day.

Finally, this "writer" had the gall to knock down a campus band and the SGA, without putting their name on the piece. Unless your life is in jeopardy because of your opinions, have the balls to put your name on your criticisms. Come on anonymous writer, we're not in high school any more.

-Claire Adams is a senior communication major

Terrorists are unreasonable, but then so are Americans

Leigh Garriques remarks on stereotypes imposed by Americans about terrorism.

I am writing this article in response to "Should America be involved in this war?" by Donna Hurd. I hope to educate those of you who do not quite understand why some "crazy" Americans do not support this war and also to inform the readers about some facts you may not hear in the news. I, too, would like to begin my article with a quote from George W. Bush: "Every nation in every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us or you are with the terrorist."

To make such a statement is extremely threatening. This war is a so-called "War on Terrorism." So based on his statement, it is safe to say that if a country does not agree with U.S. military actions, or simply wants to remain neutral, they are a target of the U.S. If this does not sound like an attempt to "put an end to civilization here and across the globe," as Hurd puts it, I don't know what does.

The first comment I would like to make about the opposing article is its blatant irony. The author creates a profile (based only on stereotypes) which she uses to define a terrorist. I would like to shed some light onto some of this criteria in the hopes that the truth can better be seen.

1. "...the enemy does not have feelings..."
If by this you mean killing thousands of innocent lives with no remorse, well I fully agree. Bin Laden is a terrorist. Yet doesn't this make Americans terrorists as well? According to UNICEF officials, more than 100,000 Afghan children will die from war-related causes by the end of winter. This alone adds to the fact that America does not have feelings either.

2. "...they do not care about the innocent women and children that have died..."

It is true that bin Laden probably does not care about the Americans who have died. But what is America doing to show how much they care about the thousands of Afghani that are dying because of us. Some may argue that a few canned and dry foods are an efficient way to show we care. But we must keep in mind that this country has never seen nor do they understand what to do with these goods. Dropping a bundle of goodies (along with the cluster bombs), does not show compassion.

3. "...they have no conscience..."

Bin Laden and the Taliban have shown no remorse or sorrow for their actions. Along with Hurd, I feel that the parties who bombed American buildings had no conscience. However, Bush has made several speeches and I have yet to hear any statement that shows he has even thought about the effects

that this war will have on the world.

4. "...they search for weapons of mass destruction..."

America is far more guilty of this than the terrorists. Bush stated that "...we will use every necessary weapon." As of now we are dropping some of the deadliest and most destructive bombs in existence. We are just as guilty of "mass destruction" as the terrorists.

5. "...you cannot reason with terrorists..."

The country of Afghanistan actually agreed to negotiate with the U.S. if we could provide proof of Osama bin Laden's guilt in the September 11 attack. However, the Bush administration responded that they would not negotiate and refused to provide evidence.

6. "...bin Laden is out to abolish our entire nation..."

This may be true, but nothing can abolish a country quicker or easier than a war. There have been many incidences where innocent Muslims living in America are being mistaken for possible terrorists. Also, those who are not in support of the war have been referred to as "traitors." These are just a few examples of how this war is already beginning to tear our nation apart.

You also say that the terrorists, "...boast about their success..." and they "...began this war..." With a little more research you may find that America is not as innocent as we claim. Part of the reason we were attacked was a result of past U.S. military actions against the people of the Middle East. Before the Sept. 11 attacks, five thousand Muslims were being killed each month as a result of U.S. occupancies in Iraq.

My point is that we must examine the situation from all angles before we take a stand based on what the media is telling us. The media is not exactly the most trustworthy source of information.

What we call terror and evil other countries see as freedom fighting. We are simply getting them back for what they've done to us; we are fighting for our rights and for protection, right? However, in their eyes we are terrorizing them.

We cannot be so naive as to say we are simply "protecting ourselves." From what I ask? We are unleashing the biggest military power in the world against one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in existence. We have bombed American Red Cross shelters THREE times. If "protection" is what America is rationalizing this war with, we better "wake up," as Hurd states.

To say that a small group of people is capable of worldwide destruction (keep in mind the terrorists used glass cutters to hijack the planes) is unrealistic. American military powers, along with other countries, are planning a "lengthy campaign" in which may be fine for some extreme vegetarians (or vegans, but let's not go there), for you veggie beginners out there, let's start with a very common vegetable that you eat often, like carrots.

First of all, think of the salad. I mean every-one loves the salad.

For those of us who get bored with plain raw vegetables, we add our own non-veggie foods to it: croutons, salad dressing, cheese, or even meat, but I guess that kind of takes away the purpose of the salad so try not to add the meat.

Also, no direct reference to GLAR, but I find that fast food burgers have less and less taste. And what gives these sandwiches their

"we will use every necessary weapon." (G.W. Bush). We are dropping cluster bombs which are the most terrifying and deadly U.S. weapons.

These bombs are prohibited by international law because of their highly destructive nature against humans and other life forms.

But, hey, if we can nail just one guy it's worth the destruction right? These kinds of thoughtless actions are what cause World Wars. The Taliban has no support and no means to compete with the U.S., which is why it is insane to claim they are capable of destroying the world.

I would also like to comment on the quote by G.W. Bush that the author included in her paper. "Unlike our enemy, we respect life." Take any history class and it is obvious that America does not have a spotless track record for respecting human lives.

Think about how we have enslaved, murdered, and segregated African Americans.

Think about how we killed millions of Native Americans and forced them to live on reservations. In addition, Asians, Hispanics, and thousands of other minorities have continuously been discriminated against and disrespected. America has never respected human rights and probably never will.

Bin Laden has admitted to the attacks. In fact, he states "we killed them, they (U.S.) kill us, and we kill them." We are doing exactly what the terrorists want. However, Afghanistan agreed to negotiate with the U.S. if we could provide proof of the culpability of Osama bin Laden in the September 11 attack. The Bush administration responded that they wouldn't negotiate and refused to provide evidence. Could this be because the government is more concerned with oil than justice? (But that is another article in itself.)

So in all honesty, is randomly bombing hundreds of cities, with slim hopes that one of our weapons will get him, the most intelligent thing to do? The government cannot wipe out an entire country on the basis that bin Laden might be hiding in one of the huts we are bombing.

I would also like to add that terrorism has been around for many, many years. Killing one man is not going to solve anything. Getting rid of bin Laden simply means another one will pop up angrier than the first. It is the cycle of violence that the so-called "patriotic" Americans are supporting, not honor or protection.

I'd also like to give some solutions and alternative methods that the government is ignoring. First and foremost, we must educate ourselves as much as possible. The media is not the best source for this.

Everyone knows the media is extremely biased and does not show both sides of any situation.

My suggestion is to read independent newspapers or listen to public radio, where more than one opinion is expressed. Also, go to a teach-in or protest. You don't have to be a citizen against the war, but there is a ton of information available, which will provide new perspectives.

Another suggestion is to put more time and energy into protecting ourselves from another Sept. 11 attack. Some of the blame for that attack can be placed on government officials.

There are reports that the CIA and other secret services knew about the possible attacks before they occurred but did not know exactly where they would occur. But to think we could have done more to protect ourselves is sickening.

The government is infamous for lying to the people ("We are not dropping bombs on Cambodia"), and we cannot be so stupid as to trust everything they are telling us.

Also, the media is given strict orders about what they can and cannot air to the public. They cannot show entire videos of bin Laden's speeches.

They can, however, show clips of his speeches where they strategically pick and choose what statements to air. They are directed to specifically portray every negative aspect of the war to seem as though America is doing no wrong.

Instead of practicing our "eye for an eye" tactics, perhaps we should simply make sure there is no chance of another attack on the U.S. We must also remove unnecessary U.S. economic sanctions from Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf. There is no need for us to be there, yet it is a coincidence that this is the where the world's oil supply is located?

Finally, I would just like to say to the author of "should America be involved in this war," that to you, I "shake my head and sigh." I am in no way disrespecting the beliefs to those of you who support this unnecessary war. I know there have been a few articles in the newspaper about the anti-war protests and I went to one of them.

Some of you may say that I am unpatriotic or a traitor for not supporting Bush and his war. But I can assure you that the pins, t-shirts, and flags flying high (funny how much of a profit is being made from all this) do not compare to the amount of nationalism that can be seen at a protest.

"American values" as Hurd puts it, are not based on a mini flag bought at a gas station, but on people of all race, gender, and religion uniting together for a cause they believe in.

-Leigh Garriques is a freshman.

The gradual process of becoming a vegetarian

Joan Faulkner discusses her thought process in becoming a vegetarian.

Well, I think it's finally happened. After being a devout meat eater my whole life, the idea of turning vegetarian is looking better and better. This change in appetite is not because of GLAR eating, as some may think, but because I have learned that many vegetarian foods really do taste better than meat.

And I think because meat is such a big part of American food, its quality often gets overlooked.

I am not talking about immediately eating an all-tofu or all-cornmeal diet. While that

may be fine for some extreme vegetarians (or vegans, but let's not go there), for you veggie beginners out there, let's start with a very common vegetable that you eat often, like carrots.

First of all, think of the salad. I mean every-one loves the salad.

For those of us who get bored with plain raw vegetables, we add our own non-veggie foods to it: croutons, salad dressing, cheese, or even meat, but I guess that kind of takes away the purpose of the salad so try not to add the meat.

Also, no direct reference to GLAR, but I find that fast food burgers have less and less taste. And what gives these sandwiches their

flavor are the tomato, lettuce, onion, and pickle. Would anyone eat a hamburger without any vegetables on it? It's not American! But I guess you really can't have a sandwich with only vegetables, but that brings me to my next point.

For those of you who would never get within one fork-length of a veggie burger I suggest you consider this.

Sure they're filled with all sorts of unknown veggies baked into one beef burger wannabe, but it fills you up more, it's healthier (a bad word, I know) than a fatty beef burger, and some even taste exactly like a beef burger! Wow!

For those of you still tentative about turn-

ing vegetarian I suggest that you gradually ease into it. Stop eating ham one week, turkey the next, and ease into ending your ubiquitous chicken and beef diet.

Or if you're really scared of becoming a total vegetarian (hey I didn't say vegan) then you can eat only one kind of meat like a poly-vegetarian (eating only chicken).

And for those wondering, the main reason why I have not become a complete vegetarian is, ironically, because of GLAR. Those chicken tenders are too much of a good thing to pass by.

-Joan Faulkner is a senior communication major.

Taking a look at the alcohol policy

Deshawn McNeil looks at the hypocrisy in the alcohol policy.

After reading the commentary by Michael Wiles, I was torn between confusion and comprehension. I'm sitting here with my friend right now, and we're trying to figure out what side of the argument (vs. Steve Sharkey and the anonymous writer) is. My friend believes that Mr. Wiles is trying to say that students who choose to be "drunken idiots" shouldn't complain about laws that must be enforced; they should deal with the consequences of being caught. I'm going to try to figure this out for myself, so let's look at the school's alcohol policy.

I read all of it. It's just too long for me to write, but if you would like to know what I am talking about, refer to pages 61-62 of the Student Guide and Datebook. When I began to write this article, I didn't really know what I was going to write. When I read this section of the Student Guide and Datebook an idea came to me. Why is the school's alcohol policy one giant contradiction? It probably shouldn't even matter to someone who lives in substance free housing, but it really doesn't make sense.

Maryland State Law says that

people under the age of 21 are not allowed to drink OR buy alcoholic beverages; most people know this. The College does it fair share of complaining about students that drink and cause disruptions on campus, especially illegal drinkers (yes, I used the word illegal because that's what those individuals are).

This is ridiculous! I have attended a number of activities sponsored by the school that serve beer, and it's free (which, by the way, is even more of an incentive for people to drink!). Does anyone see where I'm going with this? How can the College complain, if they too, are sometimes helping the drinkers on campus?

For those drinkers that are under 21, what can the school really do, card them before they walk in the door? Yes, people are carded at these events, but what does that really matter?

My friend gave me a great example that shows the problem with this. If I'm 21 and she's not, how is that going to stop her from being able to drink? If I'm a good friend, I'll just give her my cup (please don't try this at home, kids!).

I also wanted to address another point. The anonymous writer in the October 31 issue complained heavily about the lack of parties on

campus. I will not deny that most of the people on this campus drink, but I am highly upset when one of them complains about a lack of parties. I have been to a number of parties on campus (one recently sponsored by two campus sororities) that have had TERRIBLE turnouts...why?

Because people want to drink and therefore, they do not want to go to a party that doesn't serve alcohol. So, basically what "Anonymous" was saying is that there is a lack of parties on campus that serve alcohol, not a lack of them in general—if you really want to get technical. Everyone has a different idea of what constitutes a party, but I don't have time for that.

All in all, no one around here is going to live free. Laws (state and campus) will be enforced, and the college will still complain. People will still drink as long as there's alcohol being served. I think that this campus should have more open forums like the one recently sponsored by the SGA. We should talk about issues like this. Believe it or not, everyone doesn't read the Phoenix, so not everyone knows what's going on around the campus. People need to be informed. **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!**

-Deshawn McNeil is a sophomore communication and Art major.

Profanity is not the answer for rude driving

Tara Dellafranz shares a horrible driving experience at WMC.

I was almost involved in three accidents within a 15 minute time span. With only 1 slight accident in four years, (\$55,000 miles), I consider myself a fairly decent driver. Why so many near-collisions within 15 minutes? Lack of parking.

It is already a recognized problem that parking spaces are at a minimum. Rude, impatient, and incompetent student drivers have yet to be discussed—at least, beyond the curse friendly confines of one's own car. Only a week after September 11, I waited patiently, wanting to make a right onto Pennsylvania Avenue. Careful of oncoming traffic, most of which is blocked by parked cars, I pulled out. I heard a lot of screeching and screaming behind me immediately afterwards. I hadn't even seen this car, but it must have been going over 45 mph if the brake screech was that loud. Further screeching ensued; the driver behind me waved her middle finger while screaming incoherently out the window. On a Monday evening, I approached the Garden Apartments parking lot not expecting to find a space.

There was one vacant space, and I began making a left turn into the parking lot. Instantly, I was forced to hit my brakes, in order to avoid the driver of a much older, smashed up car as it made an attempt to pass.

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role in other campus organizations, and also work many hours at off-campus jobs. I would like to make an analogy for the anonymous writer. Criticizing the SGA for not doing everything you personally want is like a group donating all of the money they have to charity and then having the charity turn around and complain publicly that the group did not give them enough. That is a pretty unfair complaint, isn't it?

One of my other issues with the article is that the attack was from

mediate right in my turning path. Frustrated, I reversed and tried again.

I noticed a space behind me, near the reserved Human Resources area. As I was turning my wheel to back into the space, another apartment resident occupied the spot so quickly that I once again had to hit my brakes to avoid hitting her. This was not a time to sit in my car and mumble curses under my breath; it was a time to park in faculty, drag my three heavy bags out of the car, and shout a clear, crisp, monosyllabic obscenity at the other driver.

I can't say I recommend shouting obscenities at people, but my stress was gone. My anger at bin Laden was no more. My three hours of German homework stopped seeming so impossible. And now that bin Laden is still out there and the German homework is finished, I just feel awful.

I feel guilty. This is the first time I have ever shouted an obscenity at someone with whom I was not already acquainted. Profanity usually accompanies humor in my circle of friends, but in this instance, it was clearly filtered anger.

So I pulled back into the apartment lot as another driver left his space. I moved to right away, having learned my lesson. If yelling obscenities at them doesn't fix anything, join the game and swipe spaces too.
-Tara Dellafranz is a junior English major.

An Anonymous writer. I really find it difficult to understand how a person can truly believe in something and then not have the guts to put their names on it. The only instance where it would be acceptable is if your life is on the line.

I don't want this to discourage anyone from using the newspaper for airing their gripes or concerns. I would just like to point out that it is important to be fair with your attacks and also stand by them with your name.

Matthew Hurff is a junior English major

Get involved before complaining

Matthew Hurff responds to criticism made about Homecoming by an anonymous writer

In the last edition of the Phoenix, I was very disheartened by an article we placed about Homecoming written by an Anonymous first-year student.

The article offended me on several levels, especially on the personal level.

One of the reasons is because I happen to be good friends with the members of Room 402 and the article seemed like some sort of personal attack on them. It would be one thing to criticize them if they were a band receiving millions of

dollars to put on a show, but they were playing for basically free for the good of the campus community.

In the process, they took time away from their lives to perform for us. Not only did the performance take time away from their lives, but the set up and take down of their equipment before and after the show can be a very time consuming process as well.

Also, it is pretty unreasonable for a listener to think that a band would have an entirely different set list in a two-month time. How many songs do you think they have? What do you think that bands on tour across the country do? They play basically the same set list night in and night out.

I also took offense to the attacks made against the SGA. While I am not active in the SGA itself, I personally see and respect the great deal of effort the SGA members make to improve our campus. However, there are not enough hours in the day for those members to plan and entertain each and every person's whim here.

Therefore, I urge the faceless writer to get involved in these organizations if you have a problem. After joining, then maybe you can address your concerns in a more mature way. Then maybe you will see how difficult working in such organizations can be, especially when many of the members balance a full course-load, play a large

complaints about the article from students. Their main complaint is that we ran a very insulting article without the author's name. The first defense that I throw is that as an American, every citizen has the right to speak his or her mind about anything at all. Therefore, the person who wrote this article has the right to do so, however, it is time to set guidelines for when anonymity will be granted, because up to now, pretty much anyone who wanted anonymity was granted it. Following the rash of anonymous articles in the Phoenix, we are now setting clear-cut guidelines that during the next year we will put into effect.

First and foremost, if a person is going to be granted anonymity, they have to show that if their name is put on the article that their well-being will be in danger. It means that they could possibly lose their job as a RA. This doesn't mean that they are afraid of being made fun of, or having people come up to them and question their statements in the article - that is the consequence of having an opinion and expressing it. It is something that many of us do on the Phoenix day in and day out.

Secondly, we are no longer taking commentaries and other articles that are submitted to us without a name on them. This means that we

will not be publishing articles where not even we know the identity of the author - this ensures that at least there is some kind of accountability for the article.

Also, if you directly attack a person in your article, and use their name, then I feel that it is only fair that you attach your name to the article. It is not fair for you to attack a person by name and not have the guts to admit who you are.

Now, we aren't doing this because we don't want students to express their opinions. On the contrary, we want students to continue to write commentaries questioning actions by others, because it is this system of checks and balances that

keeps America in order. We are using these guidelines now to ensure that there is a sense of responsibility surrounding the use of anonymous articles.

Everyone has the right to speak their mind, and have their voices heard, but you also must consider that to have your voice heard you must take responsibility for what you are saying.

The best thing would be to talk to a member of the Phoenix and explain your situation. Otherwise, you will just have to make the choice of either not submitting your article, or taking the chance and including your name with your work.

Detailing the new policy on the use of anonymous articles

Edward K. Schultheis details the Phoenix's policy on anonymity.

In the last issue of the Phoenix, we ran a commentary that criticized the college's homecoming festivities, "Room 402," and SGA among some other things. This article, which was an anonymous commentary, was a topic of heated discussion for us on the Phoenix, and we weren't too happy with running the story, but we felt that the student who wrote the article had the right to express his or her opinions.

However, since the article was run, I've received many com-

Finals can save your grade

Erin Romanski looks at the positive aspects of the final exam system.

As the fall semester draws to a close, students are left with visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads. All right, maybe not. More likely, they are dreading final exam week which looms ahead with the intent to destroy. Yet, did we ever stop to think that exams could actually help us in the long run?

Putting the whole grade scale into perspective, a final exam makes up a good portion of your final average in a class. True, it can either make or break you. But for those of us who have been struggling along the way, relying on one grade to boost it is just fine by me.

Think about the situation realistically, especially for the instances in which the final is noncumulative. In that case, if you've been paying any attention the last few weeks in class, you don't have a lot to cram in before spewing out information for those three excruciating hours. So why is everyone making such a big deal out of it?

Some may argue that they are worried about the exam ruining the good grades they have strived so hard to maintain all along.

However, if the results have been accurate, one last test should be a walk in the park. And the only thing awaiting us after December 14 is Winter Break. C'mon, people. Test taking will never be a thing of the past, so we all need to just suck it up and count down the days.



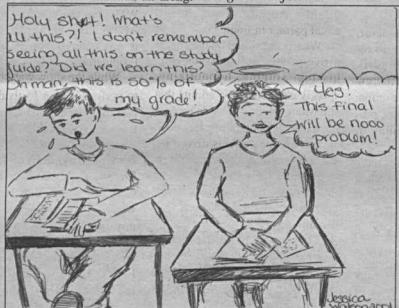
Fine, I am not exactly thrilled about my Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday exam schedule either.

All 8:30 a.m. exams by the way. It would not be an issue at all if it weren't for the truckload of papers and tests that have been heaped on us by the professors the last two weeks either.

Nevertheless, we continue to act shocked and dismayed every semester, as if saying to ourselves, "How dare they? Don't they know I have three papers due this week? Are they trying to kill us?" Sure, I'd like to rationalize that philosophy, but it just isn't realistic. The professors don't want to be here anymore than we do.

My only suggestion to get through the next couple of sleep-depriving weeks is this: "Grin and bear it." When all else fails, caffeine can be a college student's best friend.

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.



Too much emphasis is placed on final exams

Donna Hurd looks at the negative aspects of the final exam system at WMC.

Now is the time that the dark circles emerge on the eyes of students and professors alike can be seen rushing to class late with that much needed cup of caffeine in their hands. Whether it be the biggest bottle of Mountain Dew they can find or a bottomless coffee cup from the Pub, it is worth the extra effort at 8 a.m. in the morning just to have it by your side.

We are entering into the crunch period of the semester and our demanding friend, stress, has now set himself a plate at the dinner table. As a community we are all aware of this visit and so we should try to be as accommodating to each other as much as possible. So why does the college insist on having mandatory final exams in every class when it is not necessary for all of them?

I have not only observed the presence of this question in numerous student conversations in Decker, but I have heard it raised from the mouths of many frustrated professors each semester. At a liberal arts institution there are many classes offered that final exams are not a useful tool in evaluating a student's knowledge of the material. Finals in these classes simply force students to have an all night cramming session in order to be able to regurgitate facts and dates that they will only forget later. Another important thing to realize is that some people are just not good at taking tests. Western Maryland College does a commendable job providing for students that have learning disabilities in the Academic Skills Center, but requiring them to take finals that are set up in a way that is unjust to them contradicts all their efforts. It gives other students that may be exceptional test-takers an unfair advantage.

Personally, I have had at least one class every semester that does not really contain the structure that would make a final exam successful and useful as a wrap up and an accurate survey of the knowledge that stu-

dents have gained throughout. This semester I am taking American Cultural Diversity through Artistic Expression with Walt Michael. Through the course of this class you grow as a student in terms of openness and acceptance of other cultures ways of expression.

How much a student has taken from the opportunities given in this class cannot be measured and relived in the pages of a blue book. Presentations and discussions are the



only ways to fully uncover all that an individual has learned.

Another problem with final exams is that some professors weigh them as much as 40 or 50 percent of the total grade. This once again puts too much stress on students at the worst possible part of the semester. Students that are just not good test-takers lose out even more in these classes. A main part of their grade is based on one exam instead of the work they pour into the class during the semester.

Although I cannot say that presently I have a professor that puts so much emphasis on the final, many students have confessed to me that certain departments are at fault more than others of using the final as the sink or swim decision in their classes. Departments that seem to follow in this trend are the Business, History, and the Science departments.

Of course, there are certain professors that are well known as the main spokesmen and women in each department and I cannot honestly say that it encompasses every professor and every class. In addition, there are professors scattered throughout all departments that may agree with them.

If there is this much controversy over the necessity of mandatory final exams and the effect that they may have on a student's final grade then why hasn't there been a resolution of this problem? I have been here for five semesters now and there has always been discontent with final examinations. When will the administration finally take action? Soon I hope.

-Donna Hurd is a junior English major.

No one should limit the power of a person's imagination

Colby Goodrum discusses a decision made by a Catholic school to ban Harry Potter.

The recent weeks saw the release of the first Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

This film opened to rave reviews as well as tremendous popularity, grossing \$93.5 million dollars the first weekend, surpassing the previous record set by "Jurassic Park: The Lost World."

However, not everyone found the movie to be such a magnificent event. Immediately following the film's first weekend of success, two Catholic elementary schools in Memphis, Tennessee banned all Harry Potter books from their libraries, claiming that Harry Potter promotes idolatry.

Seriously people, enough is enough. What's next, are these schools going to ban The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings, or the series by C.S. Lewis.

I find it somewhat humorous to see these claims by Catholic schools saying that the Harry Potter series promotes idolatry, the only reason they are making such claims is

to satisfy their own agenda. Harry Potter is nothing more than a fantasy, and in my opinion no more of a fantasy than the Bible. The only difference is that the Bible has been around much longer, and has many more people who see it as fact.

Until college I went to Catholic school my entire life, and was forced to take religion classes and read the Bible, so I have a pretty good idea of what is contained within it's pages.

It occurs to me that the Bible could be looked at as the ultimate fantasy book if people looked at it for the entertainment qualities it presents.

Think about it, it starts out with this "God" who creates the earth in seven days, each day creating a new piece. Then, he creates a man to live in his new world, eventually creating a companion for him as well. Right away the Bible comes off as having a fantastic element to it; two people living in perfect harmony in Paradise. Then of course there is the fall of man, and people fall from the grace of God.

Throughout the Bible fantastic elements

continue to spring up: Noah's Ark, the parting of the sea by Moses, Jesus sending the demons into the pigs who then run off a cliff, and the burning bush, just to name a few. All of these instances are pretty fantastic, yet people believe in this book wholeheartedly and have the audacity to say that people like J.K. Rowling promote idolatry through their writing of fantasy books.

I have no real problem with the Catholic faith. If they want to believe in that kind of thing go right ahead, but I do have a problem with them claiming that certain things promote idolatry.

Who are they to judge, someone should tell them that they are following something that no one living has ever seen, and can't really prove.

Give me a handful of mushrooms and enough time and I could write a Bible that comprised the same kind of phenomenal events—so phenomenal that people who follow the Catholic or any faith stringently would believe the events have to be of divine intervention.

The reality is that books shape our lives.

People read books and gain principles they would like, or not like, to implement into their daily lives. This is a good thing, and the variety of books available to people is also good, it creates a variety of personalities. Writers like R.K. Rowling, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis should not be looked down on by people in the Catholic faith for their fantastic writings, but praised for their imagination.

If anything, given the current world situation, the Catholic schools in Memphis, Tennessee should have doubled the number of Harry Potter books, not banned them. Fantasy writers have a gift of taking the limitless possibilities of the unknown and shaping them into wonderful, mystical journeys. The books touch children and adults alike, because for the short time it takes to flip through the pages, they are taken away from everyday life, and able to think about what might be. So really, would some people just give it a rest—please?

-Colby Goodrum is a sophomore English major.

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What do you like best about having six weeks off from school?

By: Courtney Federoff



"It's my last chance to have two weeks of no obligations and responsibilities before I enter the real world."

Kelley Diamond '02
Sociology

"The fact that I can make a little money, and take a break from the daily grind of classes."

Ted Stephen '03
Physics



"Hanging out with my family and my dog, Chevy. But I'll miss hearing Ernie's voice every morning."

Tricia Hoops '04
Sociology

"I get to eat at home and get to see my boyfriend and I don't have Econ for six weeks."

Tarique Desouza '04
Business/Economics



"The break gives me time to work and save money for my trip over spring break."

Lizzie Musar '05
History/Political Science

"Six weeks? What are you talking about? I only get two."

Chris McDonald '03
Biology



"The chance to put money in your bank account."

Chris Assing '04
Communication/Theatre

Cast and crew of "Children of Eden" overcome a large obstacle

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Alumni Hall echoed "with the eternal cry of 'Let there be'" this month as various student actors and musicians performed Steven Schwartz's "Children of Eden."

The cast and crew had worked on the show for seven weeks and faced many obstacles, among them the dismissal of a male lead only four days before opening night.

With one actor's removal, the cast lost both Cain and Japheth. These were important parts because they continue the theme of parent-child relationships, and because Japheth is the romantic lead in the show.

Dr. Elizabeth van den Berg, the director of "Children," told the cast that the originally cast Cain/Japheth was neither prepared for rehearsals, nor giving the show his full attention, and had therefore been told to stop coming to rehearsals.

"It was an unavoidable decision," says van den Berg, "but after the initial shock everybody pitched in to help [the new actors] get into the play."

Neither the dismissed actor, junior Mike Pitsikoulis, nor his replacements, junior Hendrik Lammers and sophomore Andrew Gaver, wanted to discuss the unfortunate events that could have prevented the successful opening of "Children."

Gaver had been working on the show for a month and a half when he accepted his new role, but Lammers joined the cast for the first time four days before opening night.

"It was odd," says cast member junior Courtney Yates, "but I think everyone was supportive of [Lammers and Gaver], and even those who weren't worked hard after the decision was made to make the show the best it could be."

Sophomore Matthew Demos, whose character had a large amount of interaction with Cain and Japheth, was impressed by the abil-

ity of Lammers and Gaver to incorporate themselves into the cast, and fill the roles so quickly.

"Children" centers on the first nine chapters of the book of Genesis from the Bible. The familiar stories of Adam and Eve's expulsion from Eden, Abel's death, Cain's punishment, and Noah's ark are all brought to life for the audience.

However, while the biblical stories are the framework of the play, new twists and themes are also conveyed to the audience.

The importance of oral tradition and storytelling in different cultures is immediately brought to the audience's attention.

Van den Berg notes that storytelling is a way of recording events and keeping track of history not only for children, but for adults as well.

Among other new ideas in the play is the portrayal of Eve.

Contrary to ancient interpretations of Eve as an easily tricked woman with little investment in the welfare of the garden, "Children" presents the first woman as an inquisitive creature who is Adam's equal partner in Eden.

When confronted by the snake, a five-person, soft-shoe dancing, hissing, singing, hypnotizing, sparkly character, Eve admits that she wants to know what is beyond the garden's boundaries. Her decision to eat the apple is driven by, according to "Children," ambition.

Another main theme is that of the changing relationship between parents and their children as they become adults.

Throughout the different stories, parents learn that as their children grow up, they must allow them to make the same mistakes that they made.

Van den Berg points out that, "Father learns this lesson too late in Act I, but is able to help Noah with it in Act II." Together, God and Noah learn that, "the hardest part of love is the letting go."

The stage is designed to keep the audience engaged in the story. It is a slightly inclined globe onto which the actors, rather than stagehands, bring props and scenery within the context of songs and conversations.

Act I ran for approximately one hour and 15 minutes and Act II ran for a little more than an hour, making this show a bit longer than recent musicals at WMC.

However, audience reactions settled not on the time it took to do the show, but rather the content of the show. Sarah Vannoy, a sophomore, commented, "The show gave a very good perspective on the story, particularly on how Eve wasn't evil, just curious."

After the show ended, cast members waited to hear if they had been nominated for any awards at the 34th Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KC/ACTF).

The festival strives to support college actors and theater programs, and invites certain shows to perform at the awards' ceremony. This was not the first time that WMC has presented a show to the ACTF, although it is the first time it was entered as a Participating Production.

While the show was not invited to perform at the festival, certain cast members did receive nominations for scholarships.

Senior Brandi C. Crawford, who portrayed Eve; freshman Lindsay T. Stewart, who portrayed God; and sophomore Tierra Jolly, who portrayed Aysa, were all nominated for the Irene Ryan Scholarship.

Costume Designer, senior Melissa O'Brian was nominated for the Barbazon Design Award.

Van den Berg feels that the cast will take a great deal away from the show regardless of awards.

The closing number of "Children" suggests that everybody must "make our journey worth the taking and pray we're better than we were in the beginning."

I Believe: what do you believe in?

I believe in friendships that last a lifetime. I believe in love at first sight, magic, having fun as often as possible, and only doing things if they will make you happy. I believe in loving with your whole heart, or what is the point in loving?

I believe that fate does exist and everything happens for a reason. I believe that everyone has a soulmate, and someday I will find mine. I believe the future can be whatever I make of it. I believe in dancing for the love of it.

I believe that sometimes you have to be like a butterfly; spread your wings and explore what's around you.

I believe that in achieving goals,

how you get there is as important as getting there. I believe in connecting with your inner spirit, and never losing contact with your inner child. -Shauna Dominguez

I believe that my best days are yet to come. I believe that friends mean the world to me, and my parents are my best friends ever. I know that my first passion is baseball, but my passion today is golf.

I believe in the sanctity of the game, in going for the green in two, and that a good game of golf is only enhanced with great golf buddies. I know that the day I lose to my father I will be proud, happy, and disgusted (hey, who likes to lose?).

I believe that one of the great-

est feelings in the world has to be walking to the green of the 18th hole and waving to the crowds surrounding you (Perhaps I will feel it some day). I believe that my family and friends are the greatest things that have happened to me, and I hope that they are proud of me too.

Finally, I believe, and so do people who know me, that I am the biggest Adidas "whore" around. -Ed Schultheis

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Ashley Marie and Silver Run take music biz by storm

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While talent is abundant here at WMC, sometimes it is hidden or not noticed, kind of like finding a diamond in the rough. Behind every smile on this campus lies a story. This particular smile can be found behind the circulation desk of Hoover Library, helping others check out books. She is a freshman English major, who loves attention and change. She is Ashley Marie Szymanski, known for her beautiful voice and originality.

You can find her CD in the college bookstore, but there's still a lot that you don't know about her. She already has her foot in the door in the music industry. She has opened in front of large audiences for national acts like The Dixie Chicks, Milla Mason, Charlie Daniels, Chad Brock, Martina McBride, Jeff Carson, John Anderson, and Shendooah. "I have an analogy for it," Ashley said. "The way I see it the more people, the better. I mean, its cool enough that you get to associate yourself with names like that."

She feels that it's more embarrassing to sing in front of a small group of people than in front of a large audience. "It's because the likelihood for acceptance is greater with a greater amount of people. Would you rather jump into a little puddle or a great big ocean?"

At only ten years old she was published in the Carroll County section of the Baltimore Sun. "My mom has a scrapbook with all that stuff in it," Ashley said that being published helped to raise her self-confidence and belief in herself that she really did have talent.

At age fourteen, she was a finalist in an East Coast talent search. That led her to the Battle of the Bands at what is now a Six Flags theme park in Largo, Maryland.

She was the only girl in the competition and the youngest. "And this was before the female movement got really big with country with artists like Faith Hill and Shania Twain...I didn't think I was gonna win."

At the last minute she was going to change her act to something more traditional, but then decided, "I'm not gonna do that because I'm never gonna get the chance to do this again and I don't want to represent myself improperly because what if I do win?" And she did. "I couldn't believe it!"

She started singing in public when she

was only seven years old. She didn't start making money with her talent until around age eleven. It was at this age when she started booking local bands.

When Ashley first started singing, she said, "Nothing discouraged me not to. I think I liked the attention and I wanted to be famous."

She said that she's always wanted to be like a rock star, and at such an early age that was because "they got to wear cool clothes." She grew up listening to country music, so that was the first thing she tried.

Throughout the whole process of climbing the stairs to stardom, "My mom is like my number one fan and my best friend. She's definitely encouraged me and supported me and told me that I could do anything I want. But she always encouraged me to have a back up plan because you can't major in Rock Star."

Joking, Ashley remarks, "I don't have one." She smiles; currently Ashley is an English major. "I was thinking about reporting for like CMT or VH1, but that's like an ideal job, of course. I want something with reporting. Being an English major is good for me, where as I am uncertain about it and it is my back up plan, its good because I can go to grad school and do all sorts of things with it."

She has had her own band for about four years now. If you are interested in knowing the band's name, "It depends on what day of the week it is."

"We change our name every gig as a joke.

We had the name Silver Run for a long time and that's just because one day somebody was like 'what's your band's name' and my base player was like 'hey its Silver Run' because that's the town that we're from. And we just never got around to changing it. We're always looking for cool new names so any ideas? For a while we called it Chicken Wing. Different Way. And we called it Third Degree for a long time."

With a name that changes so often, it's hard to keep track. "Now we're going to call our band The Family." This is after a comment made by her guitar player because at one of their gigs he commented that the band was just like a family. The name just stuck, which really is more of an accent than a hassle.

"Bands should always change their styles and reinvent themselves," Ashley said. It's how you keep your audience and your fans involved



Ashley performs with her harmonica player Rob Hughes (left) and Scott Underwood on keyboards (right).

Ashley got her current band from placing an ad in the paper for a band when she was fourteen. "There was an inconsistency because one band had a keyboard player and the other didn't and people would be like well I like it better with the other band." It was hard for her to adapt to each situation. "We decided that I needed a band of my own, a solid band, one that could support me." What they got is why she is reluctant to say, "I love my band." The Family, or Silver Run, or whatever name you want to go by, is made up of six members, including Ashley.

Her bass player is Dave Staaccone. Dave persistently called claiming, "I'm the bass player you need! We're like 'I'm sorry sir, but we already have a bass player, thank you anyways and we didn't even acknowledge him.'" Once they started talking she realized that they had a lot in common and he lived close by. He still insisted that the position was for him.

Soon after that the band started having problems with their bass player. "He had like a really bad temper and at the practices he would get really irate. So, we had to get rid of that guy and this guy was just there and he was like 'told you so.' And he's been the only one that's been the original member that's been with me for four years," Staaccone claims, "I'm in it for the long haul."

Rob Hughes is Ashley's cousin. He took harmonica [also known as the harp] lessons from the band's old player. The old harp player was originally a blues player. He eventually left the band because he decided that he wanted to pursue the blues a little bit more and start writing more of his own material. "Rob just stepped in because he was ready to go by then."

Their drummer, Mike Purdum, used to drum with a lot of local country bands. "He would fill in with us whenever our old drummer was sick," Ashley said. "We loved him so much that it just became eventually that we started calling him more and stop calling our old drummer." He is very talented and has a real passion for music.

Chris Bell is the guitar player and he graduated from the University of Maryland. He's the newest member of the band. "And he's really funny. He auditioned for an ad in the paper when our old guitar player stepped out." The group books gigs for every single weekend and Friday night. "Most people that can't catch up with that; they have family lives too and they don't want to take away from their family."

On keyboards they have Scott Underwood. "We call him the ladies man," Ashley said. "This boy can do anything and

everything. He is incredible. We haven't had him for that long but we've always wanted him." The old members didn't feel as if the group could afford another player. There was always the concern that they would lose money. "You only need guitar, base and drums to have a band. He's an accent player, so he's considered and extra. And usually the lead singer plays an instrument, which I don't. But I think it's worth it."

Being the lead singer of a full time band, going to and keeping up with school, maintaining a part-time job, and trying to have some resemblance of a normal life is a lot to juggle. The college life definitely presents some new challenges, but none that Ashley isn't ready to take head on.

"I love the people I play with the best. The best part is getting money to do something that you love. Like at the end of the night its like 'God, I can't believe we get paid to do this.'"

Thanks to experience, and growing up along the way, Ashley's music has changed over the years. "I used to sing what I thought people wanted to hear but now I sing what I want to sing. I used to imitate other artists on the radio, but now its like I have a motto, classy not trashy. Now I'm doing what I want to do and not just what I see on TV."

Ashley's new CD entitled "Nothing is Better" is due to hit stores in less than a month. On this CD "Everything is different; every song could be marketed in a different genre. It has country, rhythm and blues, total rock, and country rock." She also got to record a song that she wrote.

"I wrote 'Amnesia,' the bonus track. It's a sad song, but it just turned out so good." Picture yourself a few years from now breaking out an old photo album of the good times; that's what this song is all about. "Like when you look back at your prom pictures you're like yeah, we were meant to be and you don't remember all of the [arguments and] fights." Definitely something everyone can relate to.

Throughout her music, "I try to avoid the predictability factor as much as possible. Keep it simple, tell the story like it is."

The life of an artist doesn't get any easier along the line. There are no stop signs along this road. "I plan to do it as long as people keep buying my CDs, as long as people keep telling me I'm good, as long as it's fun."

Charlie Daniels, a former keyboard player, "once told me its not about how good you are, its not about how pretty you are, and its not about who you know, it's about what you have different and what you feel." She enjoys her job, she's never felt better, and she's without a doubt one in a million.



Ashley Marie poses for a shot with her band. In the back are Dave Staaccone, Chris Bell, and Mike Purdum. Rob Hughes and Scott Underwood are down in front.

Neopets.com: fun and worth the time

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Ever take a study break that lasted more than fifteen minutes? Ever become way too involved in a website or video game?

Ever want, own, steal, or "borrow" a Tamagotchi? If so, you're a prime candidate for using Neopets.com.

Launched in November, 1999, Neopets.com is the largest virtual pets site on the internet.

The now expanding site was conceptualized and created by Adam Powell and started with Donna Williams, who helps manage the site.

Several WMC students spend their spare time on this site. To these students, Neopets is more than just another way college students reconnect with their childhood—it's a serious game.

Neopets has its own currency, NeoPoints, in which users can buy virtual items for their pets. This currency system has its own "Neodag" rating, and its own value change.

To sustain a virtual pet, a user must invest in food and toys. These are the pets' basic needs. To gain points, a user can play any of the games on site at any level.

Neopets are more convenient than other types of virtual pets. Unlike Tamagotchis and other carry along pets, Neopets are free to own and use.

Users can choose from a variety of pets, some which resemble real animals and some which are folkloric.

A user must neglect a pet for weeks before it dies of starvation, and pets can be put up at a virtual hotel where they can be fed and groomed if the user goes on vacation or really does have to study.

While Neopets do require some amount of attention, an experienced user can care for his or her pet's basic needs in less than five minutes per day.

"We can escape the world of term papers and studying for a while to feed our pets," says sophomore Kristen Geers. "College students and older adults alike can retreat to Neopets when everything else is stressful."

Geers added, "Especially with everything that has been going on in the world, I like knowing that there is another world on my computer that I can go to and not worry about being bombed or getting anthrax."

Junior Joann McKinney also prefers Neopets over other virtual pets, while explaining that there is a lot more to the site than the basic needs of a pet: "There is so much more that you can do with it than feed it and watch it poop. You can buy it a house, change its color, play computer games to earn NeoPoints... in-

vest, haggle, bargain, and trade. You can also communicate with other players and go on treasure hunts called quests."

The complex nature of the Neopets world can be daunting at first. Currently, Neopia has 8 different lands to explore. Each land contains its own theme, games, types of foods, prizes, and ways to wager NeoPoints.

Sometimes, the difficult nature of the aforementioned Quests tempt users to cheat.

Quests occur randomly on the site. Basically, a user is asked to recover an item which he or she can turn in for an item of much greater value.

While on a Quest for an item, a Neopets user cannot access certain databases which they can normally use to scour the site for an item they need.

Many users create another account on Neopets to search for the needed item, ask a friend for help, or permissionally access someone else's account.

"When I get a Quest," confesses junior Jeannette Prante, "I use my sister's account to search the shops and then sign back onto my own."

Some users, like McKinney and Geers, use hint sites such as pinkpoogetoy.com for Quest and game hints and tips.

With sheer mass and content, the site produces mass amount of revenue marketing.

If a user becomes attached to his or her pet, he or she can buy a "plushie" (stuffed animal) toy or a tee shirt of their pet over the internet.

Recently, Neopets has expanded their marketing so that the public will be able to purchase Neopets in stores. (They are currently only available at select stores in California).

Business manager Dale Rosenkranz also generates site revenue through advertising. Like most websites that offer free services, Neopets will display an ad every so often. However, the ads are subtle. Some sponsors, such as Sunny Delight, have their products advertised as actual items.

Other sponsors pay Neopets to put a small banner on the naviga-

tional frame on the main site. There is always a banner in place here that usually advertises on-site games, and it sometimes advertises off-site sponsors.

Unlike other sites, Neopets gives its users a reason to visit their sponsors. If you click on an ad and surf a sponsor's website, you receive NeoPoints in compensation.

Students can learn a great deal about marketing and responsibility from Neopets.

However, most students use the site as a means of procrastination. Those interviewed spent 5-14 hours per week on the site.

When asked her favorite and least favorite features of the site, sophomore Lauri Gann said she both loved and hated that, "It wastes my time."

If you're looking for a break from the books or an excuse to open your web browser, mouse on over to Neopets.com.

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The Psyche of a Resident Assistant: Connie Williams

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When you think of senior Connie Williams, the Resident Assistant for the second floor of McDaniel Hall, you probably can't imagine her getting picked up by the cops when she was in 9th-grade.

In fact, Williams referred to herself as a "devil child." Still, she is one of the most well-known and respected RA's at WMC.

Born in Washington state, where she lived until she was 5, Williams is the youngest of 12 brothers and sisters. However, out of those siblings, only her sister Becky, who is 22, has the same mother and father as Williams.

Williams' parents, along with Connie and sister Becky, moved to Kent Island, in 1985. It was there that Williams graduated from Queen Anne's County High School in 1998, then she came to Western Maryland College that fall.

WMC was the only college Williams applied to because it was the only school where she could truly be happy, Williams believed, "When you can narrow something down in your life that makes you happy, you should go with it," she says.

Williams said she applied to WMC because it was a small school and the student/teacher ratio was extremely good. She also had heard that WMC had a good psychology program, and being that she wants to spend her life helping those who are emotionally challenged, WMC seemed the right choice.

Williams is presently applying to graduate school. She thinks she may want to go somewhere on the West Coast, Williams has two half brothers who still live in Washington, so that state is looking really good to her. She is extremely close with her brothers

and, "really big on family."

Williams is majoring in psychology and minoring in sociology. However, when she was young, she had wanted to be a veterinarian. In fact, she didn't want to become a psychologist until she was in high school. The turning point came out of some grizzly circumstances.

While in high school, a fellow student of Williams' committed suicide. Because of this, the school had several psychologists come and chat with distraught students in the school's auditorium. Williams ended up staying all day talking with psychologists and classmates.

After the professionals left, there was still a young girl who was very upset and in need of counseling. Williams recalled that some people told this young girl to "go find the girl with the long curly hair." That, of course, was Williams.

Williams knew right then that she wanted to be a psychologist. "There's a reason for everyone's words, thoughts, and actions, whether it be from childhood, or some type of trauma," states Williams. The people she is most anxious to help are underprivileged children.

"I love the bad kids," says Williams. This may have something to do with her being a "devil child" when she was young. Therefore, she wants to focus mainly on inner-city, underprivileged, and minority children.

"I always seemed like the problem-solver, you know, come and talk to Connie," says Williams. This was the reason she became a RA for WMC. She figured she had to start somewhere.

Williams became a RA the second half of her sophomore year, thinking it would be a good way to help people. However, the first floor Williams was assigned to work on was

the second floor of ANW, which was a Greek floor.

That's right, Williams' first RA experience was on a floor filled with sorority girls. Surprisingly, she did not mind working on a Greek floor. In fact, she thought it made her job easier. "Not many others have that same view," says Williams.

Williams believes that working on a Greek floor keeps you on your toes. Greek floors have the potential to keep you motivated and "some people stay motivated, but me, not so much," says Williams.

She believes that on a Greek floor there is a greater sense of community and problems get solved a lot quicker. However, Williams did have a problem with the fact that many of the girls did not go to her with their problems. "They had their sisters for that," notes Williams.

She says it can get a little "nuts" at times, but that is what keeps things exciting. Hsin-Lun Tsai, an ex-RA and one of Williams' best friends, thinks that Williams does such a good job on the Greek floors because "she's not a Nazi like Residence Life wants her to be."

Even though Williams does not follow the RA guidelines rigidly, she still has a good relationship with her boss, Shonda Wilson, the Residence Life Coordinator for McDaniel Hall, thinks that Williams is a "great" RA who gives students and fellow RA's positive feedback whenever needed.

Though Williams loves working on Greek floors, she now works on an independent floor in McDaniel, which she claims is not as exciting as Greek floors. The fact that the McDaniel floor is not alcohol-free is the only thing that keeps it interesting, she says.

On an independent floor the responsibility is more on her. This means she has to do

a lot more work, and that tends to get monotonous. She is the one who has to make the atmosphere livable and comforting.

Plus, if there is a problem she has to go to every room and confront the girls individually.

Wilson, said at the beginning of the year there was a problem with girls leaving their beds in the hallway. She said that Williams took care of the situation in "a persistent, yet friendly way."

These are the types of attributes that make a successful RA. Still, it is important to keep in mind that Williams only became a RA to get a feel for what it will be like to help others one day. She believes this is a great learning experience and will help her in the future when looking for further schooling and jobs.

Asked what she will be doing in 10 years, Williams responded, "That will make me 31, and hopefully I will be doing something with psychology."

Because Williams will be graduating in May, Wilson will be very sad to see her go. "She always adds the giggling, giddy piece that is needed at the end of the day," says Wilson. She also believes that Williams will make a grand psychologist someday.

Hsin-Lun, Williams' best friend, will also be sad to see her go. To Hsin, Williams is her best friend because she is such a caring and compassionate person, not to mention "defiantly fun." Hsin also thinks Williams will make a great psychologist because, unlike the people she will be helping, "Connie is not psychotic." Hsin says with a laugh.

At the end of it all, Williams wants WMC to remember her as "The RA who was cool as s---" and it certainly seems as though she is well on her way to earning that title.

Night of Nuance: Nuance gives it up for the ladies

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Nuance warned WMC that they would not know what to expect when they came to perform. Nuance, featuring Neo, Brisq, Dirt, Raad, and Staccato performed live on Friday, November 30, in Alumni Hall. The show was more than anyone could expect, and definitely one that will be remembered.

"It's so crazy, we don't even know what to expect," said Neo when questioned previously about this concert. "With each show we try to surprise ourselves." Nuance did more than surprise themselves; they also surprised the crowd.

The music had the rhythm and harmony that just made your body want to move in sync with the tune. Neo promised, "We want to make sure that we give you all that we absolutely positively can, and whatever comes out of it comes out of it."

Nuance had the ladies dancing and on the edge of their seats as they danced and drew in the crowd. The lights were dimmed and the smoked seemed to submerge the members as they sung on stage.

They also had choreographed dance routines that kept the crowd hyped. Each member introduced themselves to the crowd and sang a brief solo. The ladies were hypnotized.

Before the concert special passes were handed out to random ladies in the audience as they walked in. Nuance invited the ladies to come up on stage and dance. Some jumped to the chance before they even finished their request.

They gave away some copies of their debut album, tossing them into the crowd. Albums were sold after the concert for 13 dollars and Nuance was plagued with fans wanting an autograph.

If you didn't believe Dirt when he

claimed, "When you come out to a Nuance concert you come out expecting the unexpected, and you come ready to party," you missed out. Ladies in the audience danced throughout the show; when Nuance asked the crowd, "What are you doing tonight?" everyone screamed, "after party!"

Although the concert received some constructive criticism, it also got some positive feedback.

"It was fabulous!" Krystle Allen said. "The performance was amazing. Getting the opportunity to speak with them I realized how congenial and humble they were." Krystle was a part of the hospitality committee.

"I noticed that in the beginning of the concert, when Neo was introducing the group and the band that he didn't introduce Staccato's name," said Kennedra Tucker. "I didn't really like that. But, I did like the fact that they did oldies but goodies, like the song

'Just My Imagination' by the Temptations. I didn't really enjoy having to wait thirty-five minutes for them to come out, but I did like how they engaged the audience. Overall it was a good concert."

"I think that the concert was really nice," said Devin Collins, also from the hospitality committee. "I liked how they incorporated various kinds of music to keep the crowd pumped, as well as how they showed their own style."

Overall the performance was well worth the eight dollar ticket and then some. It was well coordinated and a night to reminisce on for years to come.

Senior Shaiah Gaddy, along with the hospitality committee, the Black Student Union, CAPBoard, and anyone else who played a role in putting together the Night of Nuance should be commended for their hard work, effort, and dedication to the task.



Members of the acclaimed band Nuance pose for a personality picture (left). From left to right there is Dirt, Staccato, Brisq, Neo, and Raad. The band performed live here at WMC on November 30 in Alumni Hall. The fans experienced a true "Night of Nuance."

Gamma Betas win the "civil war," avenge last year's loss

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

On a dreary, cold Sunday in November, two fraternities got together for a grid-iron classic football matchup. At least, it was billed up to be a bitter civil war.

During the week before the game, the Gamma Beta and Preacher fraternities prepared for the matchup tirelessly and trash talked each other until the opening kickoff.

Coming into the game, the Preachers were favored by one point due to their upset win last year.

"We were up last year 8-4, but then we started fooling around and they somehow beat us 11-10," said Gamma player/coach Matt Miller. "This time, we are going to make a statement on the field."

As time ticked away to the start of the contest, many fans showed up to cheer on the teams and watch the game.

Even the Phi Alphas showed up to watch the action and supply the teams with water.

As soon as the game began, the Betas took control early and struck first when junior quarterback Aaron Hutsell found Miller on a long pass to take a 1-0 lead.

On their next possession,

Hutsell called his own number and scored on a quarterback draw up the middle of the field. With an early 2-0 lead, the Betas didn't slow up as they picked up two more scores from junior Tom Brown and Rob Weaver. The crowd was stunned by the early dominance.

Down 4-0, the Preachers got on the scoreboard when junior QB Casey Michelsen found Nick Alley on a long pass.

It was a big score for the team, but found it hard during the game to deal with the relentless defensive pressure of the Betas. Michelsen, the QB for most of the game, was chased around all day by Anthony Forte who picked up 2 sacks and a couple of pressures, and Brown who totaled five sacks in the contest.

The defense pressure was summed up on one play where Forte blitzed from the back side and came around the corner to smash the preacher's quarterback as he let the ball go.

Up 4-1, the Betas utilized their other quarterback, junior Jed Duquette, who frustrated the defense with his running and throwing all day.

The preacher's defense brought

many blitzes to slow down the Betas, but Duquette used his legs to buy more time in the pocket and hit wide open receivers or run for big gains, as when he threw the Beta's fifth touchdown of the day and then ran for their sixth score on the next possession.

The brightest spot on the day for the Preachers was junior George Beck, who despite the score, continued to fight hard and compete throughout the contest.

Beck's perseverance was exhibited on a second down play for the Preachers where the QB tossed a long pass down the field into a sea of defenders.

Despite being in the backfield to start the play, Beck hustled down the field and when the ball was tipped up in the air, Beck was in the right place and caught the ball for the preacher's second score.

Beck caught eight passes in the contest.

"The brightest spot for the preachers came from the play of George Beck," said Miller.

"He played like he was ten feet tall, and it was unfortunate that he came up short in the end."

The preachers also received a stiff defensive performance from

junior Chad Lovett who played relentless defense throughout the contest.

As the half was coming to a close, the Betas made another big play on defense when Miller intercepted a pass and flew like a speeding bullet to the end zone, ending the first half 7-2.

After the break, the Beta defense took over the game with five consecutive interceptions, and the Preachers didn't score again.

The thefts were spearheaded by Chris Kerns who picked off three passes and was stiff against the run.

On offense, Hutsell came back at quarterback to throw two long touchdown passes to Joe Ficola, and a pretty fade pass to Miller, who despite losing his shirt on the play, still galloped into the endzone.

It was only fitting that the last score of the game came from the Beta defense when they picked off a screen pass and took it in for the final score, as the teams played to 11 points.

After the game, both teams reflected on the contest. "We suffered a tough loss last year, and they ran their mouths a lot since, but we let our actions speak louder

than words on the field," said Miller.

"The real key to the game was that we had better athletes and it showed on the field."

"Our defense played lackadaisically in the first half, and we dug ourselves into a hole that we never could get out of," said junior preacher Nate Karlin.

"The unfortunate thing about sports is that there has to be a loser and the better team lost today."

"We are already counting the days until next year's game when we can avenge our defeat and reclaim what is rightfully ours."

Karlin picked up a couple sacks in the contest and also caught three passes for the team.

The game was exciting, and people can't wait for next year's battle.

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Rick's Rambling's on the world of Sports: The revival of the Hogs and the status of MLB contraction proceedings

RICK GRAMS
Staff Writer

In the world of sports, it doesn't take much time for things to change. Recently, this has been seen in both football and baseball.

About six weeks ago, the Washington Redskins were the laughing-stock of the NFL. At 0-5, they had just lost to their biggest rivals, the Dallas Cowboys.

The 9-7 loss, however, was the closest the 'Skins had come to victory in their first five games. The touchdown they scored in that game was only their second of the season.

However, midway through the fourth quarter of their sixth game, the Redskins' fortunes began to change.

Linebacker LaVar Arrington picked off a pass from Carolina Panthers quarterback Chris Weinke and raced 67 yards for a touchdown. The Panthers, who were in the midst of a drive that would have added to their 14-0 lead, went on to drop the game in overtime, 17-14.

Since that game, Washington has beaten the defending NFC champion New York Giants, the Seattle Seahawks, Denver Broncos, and the NFC East-leading Philadelphia Eagles. The 13-3 victory over Philly puts them one game out of first place.

What are the reasons for this turnaround? The main reason is the running of Stephen Davis. In the first five games, Davis barely got

to run the ball, given the fact that the 'Skins fell behind early in contests.

However, Davis is now able to run the ball about 25 times a game, which lets Tony Banks avoid having to win games with his arm.

With Davis running the ball, the Redskins defense is able to stay off the field while the offense grinds out first downs. The rested defense has been playing inspired lately, as evidenced in the victory over the Eagles.

Donovan McNabb, one of the most dangerous players in the league, was limited to 92 yards passing and 39 yards rushing, with most of those rushing yards coming on the final play of the game.

While the Redskins are poised for a playoff run, something that was unthinkable a month and a half ago, the game of baseball has gone in the opposite direction. Coming off one of the greatest seasons ever and a thrilling World Series, baseball immediately took a public relations hit.

The reason is the issue of contraction. Many players, fans, and front-office personnel agree that contraction needs to happen. There are simply too many teams that year in and year out have no shot at competing for the playoffs.

These teams cannot draw fans, making it hard to produce revenue, which they could spend on free agents to improve their teams. Big

market owners, whose teams make money every year, resist any revenue sharing plan, feeling they should be able to keep the money they have earned through their teams.

However, the way Major League Baseball and its commissioner Bud Selig have handled the issue has turned many people off towards baseball after their great season.

Selig met with the owners about a week after the World Series. He came out of this meeting an announced unequivocally that baseball would get rid of two teams.

The Players Union was not consulted at all. With contraction, many people will find themselves out of work. Not only the 25 players on each team's major-league roster, but also all of the players in those teams farm systems, front office personnel, stadium workers and all other employees. The fact that the union was not consulted on the issue is inexcusable.

The teams rumored to be eliminated are the Minnesota Twins and the Montreal Expos. Why these teams were chosen over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays is a mystery.

Tampa Bay just came into the league in 1998. While the expansion brethren, the Arizona Diamondbacks, just won the World Series, the Devil Rays have occupied the cellar of the American League East every year of their

existence. Although they do have some talented young players such as Brett Abernathy and Toby Hall, they still have no history in baseball.

The Twins, on the other hand, do have a history. Only the Yankees have won more World Series than the Twins since 1987 (both the Twins and the Toronto Blue Jays have won two, the Yankees four).

The Twins finished second in the American League Central this season. They have had Hall of Famers like Harmon Killebrew, Rod Carew and 2002 inductee Kirby Puckett.

When Minnesota has been able to field a decent team, they do draw fans. In recent years, however, the Twins have not done so, so the fans have not gone to watch their games. But this happens everywhere. If the team is not performing, the fans stay at home (just look at Oriole Park at Camden Yards).

What the Twins need is an owner willing to spend money to put a good team on the field. Owner Carl Pohlad has the money to spend, but just won't do it.

A new stadium for Minnesota wouldn't hurt either. Governor Jesse Ventura refuses to finance a new stadium, but that didn't stop the late Jack Kent Cooke who was in a similar situation when he built a stadium for the Redskins with his own money. The Twins don't need to be contracted; they just need a

new owner who will pay for the stadium and maybe even a new stadium.

Unfortunately for Expos fans, there is not as strong of a case to save the franchise as exists for the Twins.

Still, they deserve to be in the league more so than the Devil Rays. The Expos would be better served with a change of scenery. They have great young talent, such as Vladimir Guerrero, Jose Vidro and Javier Vazquez. Montreal just isn't a baseball town.

Washington D.C. could be. It is hard to believe that there is not team from our national past-time in the nation's capital. But Major League Baseball is scared about a lawsuit from Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who claims a team in D.C. would take away from his fan base. And what is stopping baseball from folding the Milwaukee Brewers?

Yes, they did just open a new stadium, and before this season they were near the bottom of the league in attendance and wins.

But the deciding factor there has to be that it's the team formerly owned by Selig, and now in the name of his daughter.

Hopefully, Bud Selig and the powers that be in the world of baseball will do what the Washington Redskins have already seemed to do.

They need to do an about-face before it's too late.

Wrestling team fights through adversity

RICK GRAMS
Staff Writer

Early season injuries have done little to slow down the WMC wrestling team, which began the season ranked 13th nationally.

The Terror won their first meet 3-0 and placed second in the following match.

Injuries to Bill Bobbitt, Levi McVey, and transfer Davey Blake, combined with not having football and soccer players on the team yet, have done little to slow down the squad. Freshman Dan Patterson said that the depth of the team has been key for the strong showing this far.

"We have a real good team and our back-ups are really good," he said.

Coach John Lowe echoed Patterson, saying, "This team has a lot of depth and a lot of top-of-the-line talent."

Lowe called this the "best team I've ever coached here."

The Terror placed second at the Red Dragon Invitational at Oneonta State University in New York. Senior Rob Johns and Patterson both finished first in their weight

class. Patterson won the Most Falls Award for the tournament after pinning four of his five opponents.

Both Johns and Patterson are 8-0 thus far this season. Others placing for WMC were Mikey Blake, Dan Riggs, and Eric Bartczak, each finishing third; Stephen DuBrey placing fourth; and Andy Chenchark coming in fifth.

Also missing from the meet was senior Chris McNally, who placed third in the Division I Slippery Rock Open.

The team was also without two-time All-American Vinny Pedalino, who was finishing out the soccer season, as well as foot-

ball players Adam Dayton, Nick Alevrgiannis, Drew Reinecker, and Haroun Hebron.

Getting these players back will be big for the team, and the effects won't only be seen at meets.

Patterson said getting these wrestlers back means "better competition in the practice room," adding that more workout partners will be positive for the team.

WMC swept their opening meet at home, winning the inaugural Green Terror Duals.

They beat Albright College 30-9, Waynesburg 27-18, and Apprentice School 26-11. Patterson was impressive in the opener as well, as he was named Outstanding Wrestler of the meet.

He finished 3-0 on the day, as did Riggs, Johns, and McNally. Mike Macey and Mikey Blake also went undefeated at the meet.

Lowe said that a lot of wrestlers "stepped up this weekend when we were

without six starters."

Asked if he foresaw the early success he would have, Patterson said, "No. I thought I would be pretty good, but not undefeated."

On the pre-season ranking of 13th, Lowe said, "Frankly, I think we are a top five team if we can put out."

He added, "Our goal is a national championship," and went on to say, "If we don't do it this year, it's not going to happen."

The Terror face Muhlenberg today at home.

The Phoenix will give you coverage of the Wrestling team's meets after the break.

Women's basketball wins preseason tournament, turns to conference play

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

It has been a strong start to this season for the Western Maryland College women's basketball team as they have a 3-1 record, despite not playing a game on their home floor so far.

After winning a preseason tournament, the team is looking to dominate in conference play.

The Green Terror kicked their season off in the 15th annual Lady Spartan Classic at York College.

In the first round, the team took on Lebanon Valley College. From the start, WMC controlled the contest and took a commanding 38-24 halftime lead in route to a 68-54 victory.

The team picked up strong contributions from their frontcourt as junior forward Kris Brust lead the way with 26 points, and senior Brooke Brenneman and junior Stephanie McPherson netted 20 and 16, respectively. Junior shooting guard Jen Piccolomini's 16 points paced the backcourt on the night.

With the strong win over Lebanon Valley, the team advanced to the championship game the next day against the home team, York College.

The game was tight from the start and the teams went to half with the game tied at 31-31.

In the second half, WMC used strong backcourt play to take home the championship by a score of 75-69.

In only her second game, freshman point guard Kelly Camp lead the Green Terror with 20 points in the clutch and was named the Tournament MVP for her play over the two

games.

Also receiving all tournament honors was fellow starting guard Piccolomini.

Off to a perfect start, WMC began their conference schedule on the road against Swarthmore College.

Swarthmore played tough defense in the first half and took a 37-27 lead at the half.

The Green Terror wouldn't go away and fought back in the second half of the contest and both teams went back and forth as time ran down in the contest.

Unfortunately for the Green Terror, the opposition held on for a slim 60-58 win that dealt WMC their first loss of the year.

WMC was looking to avenge their conference opening loss against conference foe, Dickinson College on November 28th.

The Green Terror played inspired ball and cruised to a 64-40 win that equaled their conference mark at 1-1.

The team shot a sizzling 51.9% from the floor while holding the opposition to a low 27% clip on the night.

The team was paced by Camp's 17 points and received a key inside performance from Brenneman who picked up 6 boards. The win improved the team's record to 3-1 on the year.

Off to a hot start, the Green Terror are looking towards a very successful and entertaining season in 2001-02.

The team has received strong contributions from many players, both old and young.

The team is also hoping to continue their strong play through the conference season.

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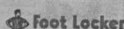
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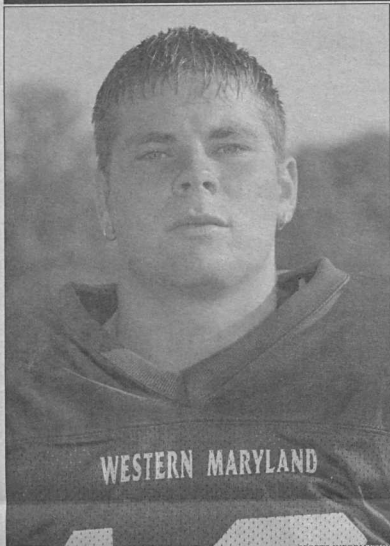
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Senior Quarterback Jamie Harris was named the Centennial Conference offensive player of the year for the 2001 season.

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Terror football falls short against W & J

MIKE JENKINSON
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The Green Terror's football season ended in Washington, Pennsylvania in the first round of the playoffs.

The Terror were defeated by The Washington and Jefferson Presidents 24-21.

The game was a war, as WMC actually held the lead with less than two minutes in the game.

Despite being outgained by a significant margin, the Terror were down 17-14 at the half.

The second half both defenses seemed incapable of allowing a score.

Then, late in the fourth, the big play combination for Western Maryland finally struck.

Senior Boo Harris, who ran for 138 yards and a touchdown, as well as a TD Pass, hit fellow senior Terror Powell on what would end up as both of their final career touchdowns.

Powell looked possessed on the TD, a 64 yard bomb. Powell leaped for the ball and got hit in mid air, come down on his feet, and then dodged another tackler to scurry

the final 30 yards of the score.

When Mike Ganeas, who has a tendency of making big plays this season for the Terror, intercepted a pass inside the Terror's own ten, the game looked good for the Terror.

In fact, if Western Maryland had picked up one first down on the ensuing drive, they would have advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

But The Presidents "D" held, and then their offense went right down the field and scored to give them the lead 24-21.

With less than two minutes, the Terror did move the ball down the field.

Harris hit Powell for a few first downs, and then hit senior Christian Hamilton down the middle of the field that would have put the Terror in field goal range to tie the game.

However, the last few seconds rolled off the clock, and the season ended. It was a heartbreaking ending to another strong season for the Green Terror football program.

WMC Men's basketball off to a hot start under new head coach

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

Last season, the Western Maryland College Men's basketball team began their campaign with a new head coach and philosophy. The team had a positive start, but fell upon hard times late in year and finished the season with a 7-17 record.

One year later, the current squad is off to a positive 3-1, 1-0 start with a new coach, but they hope to play at a consistently high level as the season continues.

The Green Terror began their season under new head coach, Jay Dull, on November 17 against Maryland Bible College.

Throughout the game, WMC struggled to find consistency on their shot, shooting a low 29% from the floor, but used tough defense and a near perfect free throw shooting to stay close in the game and eventually pull out a 77-68 victory.

Down by nine at the half, the team turned up the defensive pressure to get back in the game. Up 61-60 with just under four minutes remaining, junior forward Adam

Hines hit a huge three-pointer to give the team some breathing room, and then the Green Terror hung tough to pull out the win.

The team went a combined 32-38 on the night which helped them to stay close during the contest.

Sophomore guard Sam Anstead's 19 points paced the team, and junior point guard Desmond Esteves netted 16 as well.

The win was the first victory of head coach Jay Dull's career as the head coach, and ended the team's eleven game losing streak continued from last season.

The team looked to pick up their second win of the season against non-conference foe, Valley Forge Christian College.

From the start, the Green Terror jumped all over the opposition and took a commanding 31-15 lead at the break. From there, the team held on for their second win of the season at home 65-57.

It wasn't a perfect performance by the team, as they played sloppy at times, committing 29 turnovers on the night, but pressured the op-

position into 23 miscues.

WMC received a huge performance from 6'9" junior center Jon Pearson who lead the team with 16 points, 14 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 blocks on the game. Due to foul trouble, Anstead was forced to play some point guard and contributed 11 points and 6 assists to the win.

After a 2-0 performance at home to start their season, the Green Terror went on the road to play tough non-conference opponent, College of New Jersey.

It was a tough night for WMC as they fell behind early and found themselves down by 23 points at the half, as the opposition cruised to a commanding 89-57 victory.

The team had a hard time finding the net on the night as they shot a low 34.6% from the floor while the opposition had five players score in double figures. WMC sophomore forward Alan Hoyt lead the way with 20 points on the night for the Green Terror.

WMC looked to get back on the winning track in their conference opener against Swarthmore College on November 29th.

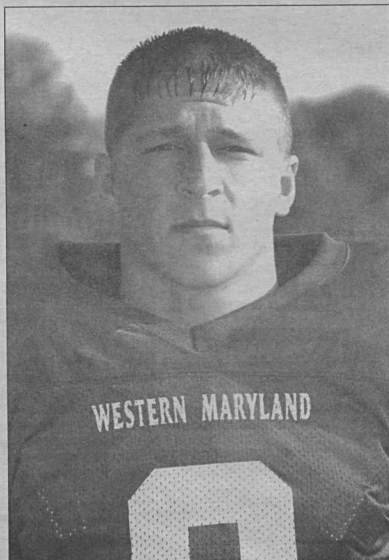
In the first half, both teams played tough defense and the game was tied at 36-36 at the break. After the half, the Green Terror shot a clutch 56% from the floor and got some critical defensive stops to pick up a 73-67 road victory.

The team was led by senior guard Jack Kowalik's 17 points while Pearson netted 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds on the night. Hoyt also scored 12 points and chipped in with 7 assists in the contest.

It has been a very positive start to the season for the WMC men's squad as they are off to a 3-1 start to the season and are playing hard at both ends of the floor.

After 11 consecutive losing seasons, the team is excited and ready to change their luck with a strong campaign on 2002.

The team has been very impressive so far, and look to continue their solid play through the new year.



Senior defensive back Jason Wingart finished off a tremendous career by being named the Centennial Conference defensive player of the year.

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WMC to change name starting fall of 2002

Change in college's name brings a new sense of identity while causing concern among students.

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News Editor

As of summer 2002, Western Maryland College will no longer be called Western Maryland College. The name change comes as part of a marketing initiative designed to bring more funding to the college, commonly perceived to be a public institution in the western part of the state.

"The name was a real problem," said Lee Rice, a member of the WMC Board of Trustees. "To support the long-term objectives of what we want for this college [the board felt] we ought to eliminate negative aspects, and the name was perceived as a negative aspect. It does not serve as a good descriptor of what this college is."

President Joan Coley officially announced the plan to change the college's name during an all-college meeting held on January 11, 2002, during WMC's Jan-term program. The college is currently going through a name selection process, and plans to announce the new name in June, Coley said.

However, plans to change the name had been in the works for years, Rice added. At the October 2001 meeting, the board of trustees voted unanimously to change



While still being the Home of Champions, the college on the Hill will no longer be called Western Maryland College when the new name is selected during the summer of 2002.

The name. "We are a better college than what most know in the outside world," Rice said.

Coley believes the new name of the college should identify what the college is about. She understands that many students have an emotional attachment to the current name of the college, and anticipates that the change may cause negative responses. However, Coley hopes that in time, students will get past their feelings and look at the name change as adding something positive to the school - a better sense of identity.

"Nobody is trying to obliterate Western Maryland College," Coley said. "Western Maryland College will be part, an important part, of whoever we are."

According to Coley, the current name of the college came from the old Western Maryland Railroad. During the early years for the college, the railroad was a recognized figure in the community and the early founders wanted the college to have the substance of being linked with a major community benefactor.

Student participation in the

name change is very important to the board of trustees. Although students will be able to give possible name and logo suggestions, the board will make the final decision on the new name. Coley feels that students should contribute to the decision-making process, but students do not have all of the information to decide on a name. Therefore, the college hired Lipman-Hearne, a Chicago-based marketing company, to conduct research programs and test various names for market appeal, Coley said.

With the upcoming name change, many students have expressed concerns that changing the college's name may cause an increase in tuition. Rice explained that the cost of replacing WMC items, like athletic uniforms, is done on a regular basis, and is therefore already covered in the current budget. He added that other changes, such as the cost of new signs, would be "trivial."

The main cost of the name change is being taken out of the college's endowment. "It will not affect tuition, it will not affect salaries, it will not affect any programs on campus - it is not out of the operating budget," Coley said.

Coley also explained that all current WMC students will be given the option to have the old or the new name on their diplomas. Rice also added that in the long run, "graduates would be well-served to achieve a better recognition" through the new name.

Coley and Rice understand that they carry the weight now in order to assure that the college will continue to thrive in 50 years. Coley

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New dorms sprouting up

The class of 2003 may have first choice for new housing opening next January.

STACEY MYERS
Assistant News Editor

Good news, juniors. The class of 2003 may have the first choice of new college housing, designed to open in next January.

The new dorms consist of several small, apartment-style buildings, and the college plans to break ground on the new construction next month. "This is not one large dormitory-style building," said Dr. Philip Sayre, dean of student affairs. "Rather, it is a large cluster of smaller buildings. Combined with the PA Avenue houses, we will have a residential village."

Each apartment will be divided into three single rooms and one double room, and will house five students. The apartments will also have full kitchen facilities, a living room space, two bathrooms and air conditioning, Sayre explained.

The college plans to build five two-story buildings with two apartments on each floor, and one smaller building with one apartment on each floor. The buildings will be located near the water tower, on the north end of campus. The

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Whiteford resident burglarized

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Western Maryland College freshman Lindsay O'Steen was in for a major surprise on the Sunday, February 3 during the early hours of the morning.

The psychology major had just returned to her bed after going to the 3rd floor Whiteford bathroom when a man entered her room, taking her wallet and keys from her dresser.

"I never expected someone to come into my room it was pretty violating," she said.

O'Steen described the suspect to Campus Safety as a white male

around 5'10" of a medium/athletic build.

He was wearing a black hooded sweat shirt, loose fitting jeans with frayed cuffs and white sneakers with a blue trim.

As the suspect was leaving the building he called for a person named "Tommy" who could have been an accomplice to the crime.

The suspect left Whiteford hall and O'Steen chased him as far as Pennsylvania Avenue.

"I'm a blackbelt in Tae Kwan Do and I wanted my stuff back," O'Steen said. "I didn't have much money in the wallet, I just didn't want to go through the hassle of

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New Dorms!



Prototype A



Prototype B

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Above are the prototypes for the new dorm complexes. To find out more about the new dorms, read the article above, written by Stacey Myers.

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said that now more than ever, competition is "fierce" and that "the board would have been irresponsible" if it had not voted to change the name.

President Coley believes that although the name change is a difficult process, she hopes that the new name will bring success to the college.

"If you didn't know anything about the college, and we came to you and said 'our college is called Western Maryland College, but we are not in western Maryland and we are not a public college,' what would you do? You'd say 'change the name!'"

For more information on the name change, or to submit ideas for a new name, check out the college's website at www.wmcd.edu.

In order to combat overcrowding, the college is building new dorms

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buildings will provide housing for approximately 150 students. However, the majority of the spaces will be used to reduce overcrowding in current dormitories, so the college does not plan to expand its enrollment to fill the new beds, Sayre said.

The new buildings will be available to seniors and juniors, and housing allotment will be handled much the same way housing for the Garden Apartments is currently handled. The groups of students with the most seniority will be allotted the new housing, Sayre said.

Juniors are excited about the buildings, but frustrated that they will not open until the middle of next year. "It's exciting. It's nice that we actually will have something that will be a little bit nicer," junior psychology major Kyia Robinson said. "It's unfortunate that it will be in the middle of next year, when most of us will already have somewhere to live."

However, some students would consider a midway move, especially to new buildings with new facilities. "I would definitely move

if I had the opportunity. This way, everything will be brand new. No one would have to worry about the equipment not working properly, they'd have all new appliances and new bathrooms," commented junior communications major Tim Saul.

Plans to build a new dormitory have been considered since 1998 when the college developed a strategic plan for 1998-2003 period, said Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance for WMC. However, the plans found a new drive in the spring of 2000 when students asked the Board of Trustees to speed up the process, Seidel commented.

Students were also instrumental in choosing the design for the dormitories, participating on both the All College Council and the special residence advisory committee to give input about what type of housing the students would like most, Sayre remarked.

After talking with students, the college contracted with the architectural firm Marshall Craft Associates, Inc. to design the buildings. Marshall Craft Associates was

also the firm that designed the renovation to Lewis Recitation Hall. Large display boards with the new dormitory designs should be displayed in Enser Lounge within the next month, Sayre said.

The display boards may clarify the current campus myths about the new housing. "A lot of people don't know what exactly is being built. They're conflicting ideas about whether they're building new townhouses, a new dorm or apartments. It would be nice to have an illustration, so that we know what's to come," Saul remarked.

Building the new dorms will be about a five million dollar project, but the college has the cost well in hand. "We have funds raised in the last campaign which were donated for physical plant facilities," Seidel said. "Also, there will be a fund raising campaign for the new residence halls."

However, the new dorms are not being constructed at the cost of renovating the old. Both Sayre and Seidel commented that several other dormitory renovation projects are in the works. "This summer, McDaniel Hall will have all its windows replaced and will have a sprinkler system installed," Seidel said. McDaniel Hall, built in 1922, is also the oldest major residence hall still in existence, so the renovations will be a welcome change.

New RLC comes to WMC

KATIE CHAMPTION
Staff Writer

New semester, new school name, new faces, new cat? This spring brings many changes to the Western Maryland College community including Stephanie Cook and her cat Sebastian, the newest additions to the Residence Life Department.

As of January 5, Cook has taken the reigns and a classy Rouzer dorm and became the new Residence Life Coordinator for Rouzer and Whiteford Halls.

"She's been a great addition to the staff and her prior experience with Residence Life has made her transition to our residence life office very easy," Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Liz Towle said.

Cook, of Lancaster, Pa., joins the WMC community from The University of South Florida where she served as Residence Director. A 2000 graduate of Penn State University, she holds a degree in Human Development and Family Studies.

"I have always been interested in student affairs," Cook explained. "I was a RA for four of my five years at PSU. It was a field that I really had fun with and enjoyed."

In the fall, Cook is planning to take graduate courses here to earn her master's degree in Counseling.

As the new RLC for Rouzer and Whiteford Halls, Cook will take on the re-

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News from the Honor and Conduct Board

On November 5, the Honor and Conduct Board heard a charge that a student had possession of a BB gun and drug paraphernalia in his residence hall room and that he violated alcohol and guest policies. The student was found responsible for violating Proscriptions on Conduct's #s 8, 9, 12, and 16. The Board established a sanction that was reduced on appeal to:

suspension from the residence halls for the remainder of the fall of 2001 semester and suspension from the college for the January Term and spring 2002 semester.

On November 12, the Board heard a charge that a student had possession of a firearm (AK-47 rifle) and ammunition in his residence hall room. The Board found the student responsible for violation Proscription on Conduct # 9 and established the following sanction which was unchanged on appeal: permanent expulsion from the college.

On November 19, the Board heard a charge that a student had possession of a BB gun and fireworks in his residence hall room. The student was found responsible for violating Proscription on Conduct # 9.

The Board established a sanction that was reduced on appeal to: suspension from the residence halls for the remainder of the fall 2001 semester and suspension from the college for the January Term and spring 2002 semester.

On December 12, the Board heard a charge that a student had submitted two papers with significant amounts of plagiarized material for assignments in his First Year Seminar. The Board found that he had violated the Honor Code (Proscription on Conduct # 1) and assigned the following sanction which was not appealed: "F" grade in the course.

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Campus Safety Blotter

The following incidents were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:

12/12/01 at 12:30 p.m. burglary on 4th floor of Rouzer entered unlocked room and 2 boxes of cereal found missing.

01/27/02 at 2:00 a.m. Failure to comply & noise violation after quiet hours at Garden Apartments Building 3.

01/27/02 at 12:16 a.m. Subject threw a college owned plant out of a third floor window on the 3rd floor of McDaniel Hall.

01/27/02 at 12:16 p.m. student urinating outside of the Garden Apartments Building 3. Student is also prohibited from being in the area.

01/27/02 at 2:41 p.m. Subject backed her car into a planter at Gunn Plaza.

01/29/02 MDOP (Property Crime) occurred on West Main St. to a student vehicle. A brick was apparently thrown through the front passenger's side window.

01/29/02 at 10:00 a.m. Possible harassment of student by employee at Hoover Library.

02/01/02 at 12:05 a.m. 2 underage students possessing alcohol at McDaniel Hall.

02/01/02 at 6:26:47 p.m. Grease fire in kitchen of 191 Pa. Ave.

02/02/02 Fire extinguisher discharged on basement level hallway.

& steps leading up to 1st floor-Section 1 of Daniel Maclea Hall. 02/02/02 Vending machine had been tilted, so many of the items were out of their slots and against the front panel of glass. Pending amounts at Daniel Maclea Hall.



02/02/02 at 9:30 p.m. Students car antenna bent, rear driver's side door is keyed, and other minor damage vandalism at Rouzer Hall parking lot.

02/03/02 at 1:00:40 p.m. Non-student trespassing. Arrested Derek Little for Trespass, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting, and Second Degree Assault at Blanche Ward Hall.

02/03/02 at 2:19 a.m. Non-student (underage) found passed out. Alcohol related at Blanche Ward Hall.

02/03/02 at 7:20 a.m. suspect entered unlocked room while victim was in bed and took wallet and keys at Whiteford Hall.

02/03/02 at 9:30 a.m. A door to a student's room in Elderside Hall appeared to be "kicked in." The resident stated that after a cursory review of the room, none of his items appeared to be missing.

02/03/02 at 10:00 p.m. bottles being broken beneath the window of a room matched those outside the windows. The bottles were removed, and dispersed the group at Rouzer Hall.

02/05/02 at 1:53 a.m. doors unsecured at the front and rear of Engle Dining Hall. Responded to alarm. 02/06/02 at 10:10 a.m. vehicle was towed from the Baird stadium lot due to 9 outstanding tickets, and failing to register the vehicle.

02/07/02 at Whiteford Hall a resident was keeping unauthorized pets in her dorm room.

02/07/02 at 4:00 p.m. vandalism to a student's car at Gill Gym parking lot.

02/08/02 at 3:18 a.m. intoxicated student drove his truck into DoCs patrol jeep, student arrested for driving while intoxicated.

02/08/02 at 11:24 p.m. underage possession of alcohol at Garden Apartments parking lot.

Burglary in dorm creates awareness for locking doors at all times

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getting new keys, license ID and credit card," she added.

During the past week, campus safety distributed a security notice with advice to follow to avoid a similar situation.

They recommend that you never prop doors open and also suggest that you lock your door at all times.

If you are found in such a situation, they say that you should never chase a suspect and instead should focus on getting a detailed description of the suspect.

Resistance to a burglar is dangerous because you could become injured and unable to call for help. Also because "property is replaceable. You are not," DoCs adds.

Other prevention tips are reporting suspicious activity to the Department of Campus safety at x2202 and also keep a list of credit card numbers in a safe place so you can cancel them immediately after a robbery.

Junior Merry Beth McKee says, "really security was never a concern, I usually locked my door be-

hind myself when leaving or going to bed, but never when going to the bathroom. I never really gave it any thought. I always felt safe."

The social work major adds, "I think that it [the incident] has caused me to be a bit more aware of my surroundings, but in terms of feeling safe, no, neither my feelings nor my actions have changed."

Meanwhile, junior sociology major James Perry is not worried about security issues on campus.

"I have walked around campus all the time at all hours of the day. And I have never seen anything that would worry me. I just always keep alert," he says.

If confronted with the same situation, Perry is not exactly sure how he would have reacted.

"I may have tried to stop the guy, but I definitely would have made sure that somehow I would have called attention to the situation," Perry adds.

If you have any information regarding this incident or wish to find out other ways to keep yourself safe, contact DoCs at 2202.

News Release from the National Survey of Student Engagement

Just what makes for a really good undergraduate experience? Rankings in magazines are based mostly on what students were like when they started college by their entrance exam scores or high school class rank.

The rankings also emphasize what institutions have - numbers of faculty members, library books, computer terminals, and so forth.

Oddly enough, what matters most to student learning - what they do with the resources their school provides - gets little attention.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) focuses on the things that are really important to a high quality undergraduate education: what students do and what they say about their experiences.

Over the next few months randomly selected first-year and senior students at Western Maryland College and about 365 other colleges and universities across the nation will share their views by completing a short survey called The College Student Report 2002.

The Report takes students less than 15 minutes to complete via either the paper or web version.

The questions are about how and where they have gained from their classes and other aspects of

their college experience.

All these activities are directly related to desired outcomes of college.

For this reason, the survey is like an anonymous suggestion box.

The results get the attention of people who can make changes for the better.

Among the other groups that are interested in what students say about their experience are governing boards, state agencies, and prospective students.

The National Survey of student Engagement is supported by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts and is cosponsored by the Pew Forum on Undergraduate Learning and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The results from the NSSE survey are being used to help colleges and universities improve undergraduate education by providing valuable information about student engagement in learning and learning outcomes.

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Cook takes on many duties at WMC

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sponsibilities of planning programs, conducting judicials, doing rounds, and making first year students feel welcome.

Cook is very close to her family and involved with her church in Lancaster. "That is one of the main reasons why I moved back up here," she said.

Cook found out about WMC through an online ad in "The Chronicle," a student affairs newspaper. Though extremely different from USF where she was in charge of over 36,000 students, she feels that WMC is an excellent place for her to be and is adjusting to the small size and unusually friendly atmosphere.

"It's been easier to learn names," she stated. "Residents have been great about coming into my office, saying hi and introducing themselves."

RA's are thrilled to have Cook

joining the Residence Life team. Sophomore Naomi Felix, a Whiteford RA looks forward to working with Cook.

"She's pretty down to earth person," Felix commented. "She's all about making my job and all the RA's jobs easier by helping us balance our classes."

Though she's still in the "honeymoon" stage, Cook has already begun to set goals to improve the residence experience for Rouzer and Whiteford residents.

Some of her ideas include a newsletter for residents and RA's about programs on campus, and the continuation of ice-cream socials to unite the Rouzer and Whiteford residents.

"I think she is going to do a great job and the students are going to like interacting with her," Towle said. "We're excited that she's here."

Student Research and Creativity Grants

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Spring, 2002 is February 28, 2002.

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. 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. 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.

Happiness comes from within ourselves



Donna Hurd

Lately, eating in Glar has become so incredibly frustrating and this time it is not because of the food.

The women on this campus, as of late, really seem to have self-esteem issues. I understand why. It is hard to accept that almost every college freshman gains the

"freshman fifteen," but it has become very disheartening to me to see how hard we are on ourselves.

I have never seen so many people on diets and Weight Watchers. There is not a night that goes by that I don't hear, "Well I can't eat that because I don't have enough points left today." This is getting ridiculous. Women face enough criticism as it is without hating ourselves. You have to love yourself before you can be truly happy and love someone else.

The average size for the American women is a size 14. So be happy with who you are. Show confidence and others will

Your true friends love you no matter what you look like. They are the ones that look inside and see what matters the most.

respect you. A person that shows that they are content with who they are and what they look like is genuinely more pleasing to be around. Let's face it, nobody wants to have to hear constantly how fat their friends are, especially when it seems that most of the

people who are complaining aren't overweight to begin with.

Your true friends love you no matter what you look like. They are the ones that look inside and see what matters the most. A true friend will never leave you just because of your weight. If you believe that someone won't talk to you because of your appearance, then you need to reconsider if his or her friendship is really one that you want.

I am not trying to preach to you because believe me I am guilty of this sometimes also. I just want to boost the spirits of women on this campus. The challenge is now set forth to try to come to terms with who you are and be content with what you see in the mirror each morning. You may forget that there are others out there that wish they could gain weight. Everyone has his or her own problems.

As a community we support diversity and individualism. If we were all 5'3" and 115 pounds then men would have little selection to choose from. So be you and enjoy life. You never know what could happen tomorrow. Live it up. Be positive. I think you will find that smiles can be contagious.

~Donna Hurd is a junior English major.

WMC as a symbol of our history

Leigh Griffith discusses the historical aspects affected by the name change.

The United States of America is just one example of a name that is one of our greatest symbols.

As inhabitants of this country, the name reminds us of our freedom and history.

The Fore Fathers that created the name are also the Fathers that fought to earn us our freedom.

It is now especially important in light of September 11 that we remember our history and the name that gives us feelings of loyalty and pride.

The history on the WMC homepage says that the founders created WMC because it was their greatest dream to create a small private college.

The founders stated, "Western Maryland College shall be founded and maintained forever..."

We, as students, will have devoted four years of our lives to Western Maryland, inspired to use this important investment that is education to better our lives.

Let us keep our identity. The one thing that unites the experience of a 1950 Alumni to that of a 2002 student is our identity.

We feel a connection to the place but also to its identity - its name.

I am greatly upset that the college trustees and head management have made the decision to change the name of our college. If they took the time out to ask the professors and students of their opinions, it would become clear that although the college is undergoing many alterations, its identity should not be taken away altogether.

Give us something to remember the col-

lege for. Give us something to be proud of.

As I see all of the new students on this overpopulated campus, which the school did not realize they could not house comfortably, I am perturbed.

As I see my classes growing and the time professors have for individual students dwindling, I am greatly irritated.

As I see no pride for our identity, history, and sense of community, I am angry. At times, change should be encouraged to promote progress.

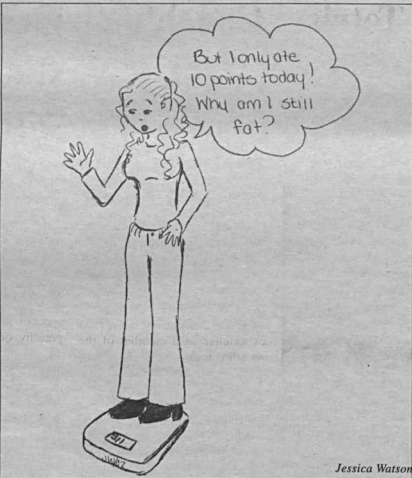
I cannot help but feel that a name change is just a search for money. The school admits more students to collect more tuition money.

Most students are forcibly required to live on campus, while we provide "rent" money in order to have a place to live.

Living on campus, we are required to accept a meal plan that many of us do not use completely.

We pay food money.

We must even pay to park our cars at our school, which does not have enough spaces, so that some students are forced to use public parking and get ticketed.



Jessica Watson

Now we must change our identity to make the school more attractive to potential students.

Let us keep our identity. The one thing that unites the experience of a 1950 Alumni to that of a 2002 students is our identity.

The buildings, professors, and students may change but the name should stay the same.

I am forced to think that the only thing I could say in the future to the trustees and the president to get my point across is that "as an Alumni of Western Maryland College making the big bucks my education has provided for me."

I am sad to say that I cannot give my money to Western Maryland College because it will no longer exist."

~Leigh Griffith is a senior Economics-Business major.

Sexual assault team speaks out

Heather Seavolt and Jason Fitzgerald address concerns on sexual assault.

Although the Sexual Assault Information Team is a small group on WMC's campus, it is certainly getting its message out, especially to the freshmen.

Comprised of six members, this team of students is available any time of the day to aid WMC students in handling their concerns about sexual assault.

Sexual assault is an important issue on the campus and not only is the Team there to help students but also to present information about the topic.

Since its founding, the group has been presenting during the Orientation of incoming freshmen and hanging fliers to let others know who they can call for help.

More recently, the Team has been presenting at Resident Assistant programs to address student concerns and give more in-depth information.

Not only do the presentations help the students but they also keep the Team members ready to handle questions about

Since the Team members are not employed by the college, they cannot report to the college, making the Team a totally confidential service to all students. This is especially crucial to victims of sexual assault...

the topic.

All of the Team members are trained by Susan Glone in Counseling Services to provide student-to-student contact and support with regards to sexual assault.

Since the Team members are not employed by the college, they cannot report to the college, making the Team a totally confidential service to all students.

This is especially crucial to victims of sexual assault who are concerned about their personal well being.

Although the training does not make any of the Team members counselors, they are trained to help individuals decide on their next move.

One-on-one contact with fellow peers has proven to be an effective process.

Having other students in the same age bracket readily available for consultation is often times far more successful than the intimidation that can come with talking to an adult.

With continued positive response, the Sexual Assault Information Team can hopefully thrive as an organization on the WMC campus.

~Heather Seavolt is a sophomore Biology major and Jason Fitzgerald is a senior Political Science-History major.

Academic probation raises financial issues with students

At the start of the Spring semester, hardly anyone is fixated on last fall. No, we are far more concerned with our new overwhelming schedules and new attempts at time management.

Yet for some of us, our faltering grade point averages loom over our heads, as



Erin A. Romanski

Financial Aid is only too quick to remind us of those discouraging words: Academic Probation.

Even with the unsettling knowledge that I have entered the purgatory stage, I still have this sense of shock.

Having missed the required GPA to keep my academic scholarship by a mere .13 last semester, I find it hard not to take this personally.

Money makes the world go round, and more importantly, it is the reason I am here in the first place.

I would love to pretend that I could easily get by on the measly amount of money offered to me by Financial Aid when I entered WMC in fall of 2000.

However, since I have the unfortunate experience of being an only child, somehow I am not as qualified for the large sums of money given to my fellow peers who are putting more of a strain on their parents' purse strings.

Gee, I should have considered

that our income did not qualify us for as much money, despite growing-up in a single parent household. In other words, perhaps I should have been deprived of the education given to wealthier students in this private liberal arts college.

Money makes the world go round, and more importantly, it is the reason I am here in the first place.

Do not be quick to label me as bitter, though. I am more appalled by the way in which scholarship money is divided up and handed out.

Sure, I should be ensuring that maintaining my 3.0 GPA is a top priority; and in essence, it is.

Perhaps then I should eliminate my extracurricular activities and part-time job from my hectic

schedule. This way, I will ensure that I am no longer the well-rounded student WMC praised themselves on desiring when I turned in that application back in 1999.

I find it rather hypocritical that we as students have it shoved down our throats time and time again to join organizations, become a member of a sports team, go Greek, and get involved in our campus community, then get punished for doing so.

How else can we interpret the dreaded letter we receive in the mail that warns us we have exactly one semester to get our GPAs up to par before our money is ripped away?

Also, I do not understand how athletes and Greeks alike need only to maintain a 2.5 or in some cases, 2.0 in order to stay on their sports team or Greek organization.

What kind of two-faced message does this send?

I suppose we can then deduct that only some people are let off

the hook because apparently their schedules require more of their time.

Don't get me wrong. I am a member of a sorority as well, and know how demanding this can be on a student's schedule. But I wouldn't change a thing.

I could lie and say that I came to college for the sheer enjoyment of schoolwork, but I know that these are the best four years of my life and I plan to live it up every chance I get.

At the same time, I am not so ashamed to admit that I am at fault for failing to keep my "B" average. Seems like such an easy request.

Let's face it though. This is college. College means distractions. College means getting to know other people.

College means enjoying yourself before you are too old to know what fun is. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

~Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.

Of Apathy and Tetris

As someone who has been accused of being a journalist several times, I am comfortable with the fact that no one actually cares what I think.

Because of this, it comes as no surprise that Western Maryland College's (spelling out the name while we still have it) administration has paid little to no mind to their opposition regarding the proposed name change. Sadly, it would appear that no one cares what YOU think, either. Welcome to the club.

In light of the collective disrespect we have been shown, I think we should all turn our heads to "Tetris." Surely, I am not alone in thinking this has got to be one of the greatest video games of all time. Now, I am sure that most of you could offer up a few personal favorites, perhaps a game with an actual plot and maybe some hot, Laura Croft-like protagonist, but I own none of these games. However, I do own "Tetris," and think it is a game whose time in the spotlight has come.

Growing up, I had a good friend who played "Tetris" as though it was there to be life; then again, when you are seven years old, video games are high on your list of priorities (just like when you are a college student). At the time, I did not understand his obsession, since I have always been more of a "Super Mario Bros." man myself. Besides, I was terrible at "Tetris," a fact he would often rub in my face with challenges that involved "game linking" our Gameboys together.

Looking back, I honestly feel as though my friend was on a higher path to enlightenment than myself.

Now that I am older and some-

what wiser, I see playing "Tetris" as a deep and meaningful experience.

In fact, I have begun to use it every night as a cure for insomnia, and so far I have encountered only positive results.

And, what is more, my friend



Michael Wiles

would be proud of me: I am finally damn good at this game.

What do I mean by all of this? Truthfully, very little, other than this: I think it is important to realize that, in a world where airplanes can be turned into missiles and your scholastic identity can be stolen from you, distractions exist to help you take a break from it all.

Every night, as I wonder when Residence Life is finally, if ever, going to put a locking door on my building, I can disconnect from reality with colorful shapes and cheesy music.

I must say, though, I am not sure if "Tetris" is a good name for this game. I better check with the Board of Trustees.

~Michael Wiles is a junior English major.

Coaching is full-time commitment

Wrestling coach John Lowe offers his insights on the winter season.

As a Division III coach, I must be a first and foremost geared towards academics first, athletics second.

That much is easy for me, as I myself was a Division III athlete at a tough academic school as well (Washington & Lee Univ. in Virginia).

We recruit our athletes with the angle that they will receive a personal and high-level education from WMC and an intense but fun experience as a member of the wrestling team.

Since wrestling is probably the most taxing sport - I've been involved in 11 in my lifetime - it is a constant challenge for me to motivate my athletes to have quality practices and competitions.

Convincing them to put out everything they have and gear themselves towards self-improvement every day is my #1 task, and it's not always easy in a climate that includes challenging academics, fraternity pressures, and social lives that add demands to the athletes.

The greatest personal challenge I have, however, is by far trying to be a part-time coach in a full-time job.

I have been teaching either English or Spanish at the high school or college level steadily since 1993, while trying to maintain a successful coaching career as well.

College coaching is a full-time job, and I must balance it with an eight hour day of teaching high school and trying to balance my family as well (my wife, Lauren, and I have a 20-month-old son, Hunter).

It's tough not to be envious of my colleagues who are either full-time coaches or at least work on the campuses where they coach, but there are many of us in Division III (about 40-45%) who are part-timers, so we can commiserate at matches and tournaments.

The only remaining professional goal I have is perhaps the most challenging one of all: trying to mold the characters of college student-athletes and still maintain the "winning edge" that we have done.

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It's very tough to garner the respect of athletes when you're too preachy, or too old-fashioned, or someone who appears that he's trying to be too hip or too controlling.

someone who appears that he's trying to be too hip or too controlling. I want very badly for my wrestlers to be good people when they leave Westminster.

Let's face it, college is a wild time for everyone, and convincing 18-22-year-olds that a little self-discipline or self-denial is good for you is a bit Quixotic at best.

Still, I think that when measured with other teams both on our own campus and on the many others against whom we compete, I feel that we're doing a pretty good

job so far of winning in the wrestling room, in the classroom, and in the life that follows graduation. My hope is that we can keep that going for years to come.

~John Lowe is head coach of our Division III wrestling team.

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Don't be voiceless on WMC name change

Steve Sharkey promotes alternatives to changing the college's name.

A lot of people have been asking me a lot of questions about this whole name change business. In truth, I have a lot of mixed emotions about the whole thing. I really believe that the history behind this college and its name is important. I strongly adhere to the ideal that to really understand who you are, one must look back to one's own history. At the same time I expected this change to come.

I have known for a while that the higher ups in this college want to make this college "better" by improving the academic standards. Personally, I believe that the academic standards as they stand are at the level they need to be. However, I believe that more geographic diversity is needed. Will this name change help that? Probably not in the short term. Maybe in the long term.

More than just the name of this college will be changing drastically in the next ten years. I honestly do not know where the college is going. Hopefully, the people in power will make this place a national liberal arts college - not a Baltimore area based Liberal Arts College.

Many weekends are desolate here at the college and one of the main reasons for that is the college's dependence on recruiting students that live less than an hour from here. As more students go home on the weekends this place becomes less of a community and more of a weekly assignment. Hopefully, this can be ramified in the long term by admitting more out of state students and also changing many of the college's policies towards students as discussed in my past editorials.

I know that many of you are very mad about the name change. I certainly feel jilted by the whole process. When all of us Jan-Term Students got the message about the new college "initiative" I knew that they were announcing the name change. It was the perfect time to do it. Divide the students so that half would be mad on January 11 and the rest would be mad at home - a 35 minute drive from the college.

The students and the faculty were basically told that the name was changing and that they would just have to deal with it. The research firm might come by and ask you your opinion on the name change - if they want your opinion specifically. Well if you want your voice to be heard then make sure that it is. Don't leave a rude phone message on President Coley's phone-mail, and don't yell at her secretary either.

I believe that all students and against the change should voice their opinions to the people in power. The board of trustees is scheduled to meet during a later weekend in February. Don't be rude to them. Most of them are alumni. You can usually tell who they are that weekend. They frequently have nametags and they are the people that are wearing suits. If you see one, talk to him or her calmly and politely. Tell them your feelings on the situation and then give them an insight on what it is to be a WMC student. Give them ideas about what the new name should or shouldn't be. Many of them will even tell you interesting stories about their days at WMC. You would be surprised - your old dinosaur professor might have taught them too.

Other people have discussed other ways to get their voices heard. These include flyers, posters, discussion groups and rallies. I fully support both sides in their endeavors to have their voices heard. That is why I might be able to acquire 75 dollars for both sides of the debate. If so, I will hold two meetings in which the leaders of both sides will be elected. I will give each group the monies for flyers, ads, and rallies and any other way that they can get their message out. I want to do this so students will get their voices through to the administration and board. I consider it an exercise in oligarchy.

Students from both camps will be able to voice their opinions to people that have no democratic incentive to vote for what the students want. Yet, students will at least feel as though they were a part of the process, and maybe some helpful ideas will filter from the students to the board of trustees concerning this whole name change situation. Although we as students did not get a say in the name change we can sure as heck tell them where we want the college to go. We

might be mad about the name change and the way that many of us were blind-sided by it. Yes, I felt shafted by the process. But this also gives us a window of time to get our voices heard on a wide range of campus issues.

I want you to tell the administration honestly what you feel about a range of issues. This includes housing, food, academics registration, billing, student life, sports and any other issue you can think of that pertains to this campus. Don't tell them that the pub sucks. But do tell them that you might enjoy clearer residence life policies. Don't tell them that campus safety is a bunch of jerks; tell them specific problems that you have with the college in a logical manner. That way they might listen to you.

You can do this by yourself or in groups. Force them to listen to what you like and what bothers you. Tell them how you really feel about this college and why you came here. Say that it is because you honestly wanted to go home on weekends. Tell them that you came here for some really good academic department. Most of all, tell them what you wish could have been different and if it is really what you thought it was going to be. Although your one voice may not mean anything to those in power, you and five other students that share the same sentiments could make an impact.

I am one student with my own opinions. I can go tell them how I feel. Now that I am a senior it will not change all that much for me. But, it might change something for next year's freshman. The real root problem at College "X" is not the name. It is that the board of trustees and the administration does not really know how to make life better here for the students. The only people that can do that are the ones that sleep in the beds, eat in glar and in the end - the ones who go tell the people in power what they want.

Demand to have input in what happens here at the college. Directly tell your professors and the Deans of this college what you want to happen here. These decisions might not be yours to make, but they will not be made without your input.

-Steve Sharkey is a senior Political Science major.

Coley may be wrong, but certainly not evil

Tara Dellafranzia looks at the effects of the name change from a different perspective.

So the school's name will be changed without the consultation of students and alumni. What kind of evil, maniacal person would do such a thing? President Coley seems to be the most popular. Whenever we, as a community or as a country, get angry at something, there has to be that one person. General consensus is that President Coley is out to do wrong in the community.

While I completely disagree with her decision to support the name change, President Coley is in no way out to detriment our campus. Even if she were, she would be one of many supporting the name change. As stated in the Jan-Term meeting for students, President Coley was representing the Board of Trustees. None of the Board members were present. Therefore, the woman that used to be just Joan to many students became "Coley," or "President of Coley College." She is the figurehead of this change - this is her job, just as it is the job of President Bush to represent our country and take blame; as it is Bin Laden's fate to uphold his own be-

liefs and terrorist acts. Similarly, the opposition needs a single person to represent the wrongness and to rally against. In our case, this person is President Coley, who stated that she herself has no vote among the Board of Trustees, while fully supporting the decision. We don't see the Board of Trustees, and we don't interact with them on a daily basis.

Our president, however, has made a consistent effort since before her inauguration to know and be open kind to the students. Last semester, I sent her a letter directly, addressing several of my concerns and those of fellow students. Within a week I received a reply from President Coley, and I thereafter saw immediate action taken upon those concerns. On the successful online petition against the name change, an alumnus implies that the President is supporting this change because she is a woman and needs to prove her power. We should get a man back in the office, he says.

The current president is a bit more aggressive than Chambers, the only other president that most students have known or can remember, but that doesn't make her wrong,

and being a woman doesn't make her any more hungry for power. The hunger for WMC's prestige of the future also lacks any connection to the gender of President Coley. Her decision to support and allow this change may be wrong, and her leadership style aggressive and unconventional, but what does that have to do with her gender?

Setbacks such as this do not support the real reasons that the petition and other resources to save the name change were founded upon. Bashing the president, making up rumors, or implying things (some of which are too graphic to include here) that the president has done to advance the name change make our stance seem unprofessional. If the administration were to pay me \$200,000 to do the same type of research as the firm they hired, I could tell them that most students prefer the name Western Maryland College above all others. Stop throwing darts at the President's picture, people, and start being positive about keeping Western Maryland College as it is.

-Tara Dellafranzia is a junior English major.

From spirituals to Motown: Black History in Music

JESSICA WATSON
Features Editor

In honor of Black History month, members of the WMC community joined others in a program dedicated to educating the public about the development of African American music. From chain gang songs to Motown, this music with a uniqueness all its own has seeped its way into American culture.

"Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring," Maya Readfern, President of the Black Student Union (BSU) leads those who attended the Black History in Music Program, which took place on February 5, 2002, in the black national anthem written by James Weldon Johnson.

"I learned that the black national anthem was sung at every black event, so to keep with tradition, I wanted to sing it today," said Readfern.

The program started off with a recap of African American history with spirituals. Spirituals were sung around the 1890s and remain the basis for all African-American

sacred music.

Crystal Towns, Vice President of BSU and the master of ceremony for the evening, went on to talk about the times of slavery. Al-

Several musical legends originated from here, including Thomas A. Dorsey, the father of gospel music.

One of the ways that the BSU kept the audience interested was by showing movie clips to give them a visual aide of black history through music.

For gospel music they showed Whitney Houston singing "I Love the Lord," from the movie "The Preacher's Wife."

Music has always been something sacred for black culture. "It shows the correlation,

the heart and the pain," said Towns. "Music is a way of communication," telling the story of experiences and feelings held deep inside the soul.

Songs such as "This Little Light of Mine" and "We Shall Overcome" kept hope alive for African Americans during the civil rights movement.

This music then takes on several changes from early gospel to the way it is today. Eventually the blues took hold of the mainstream, with artists like Robert Johnson and

BB King. The blues had a four, six, or eight measure repeated structure and was poetry put to song. This was another way for people to express the joys and hardships of life.

The past universally influenced today's music, as African-American culture stepped into rock, rap, and R&B.

In 1930 Billie Holiday made her name known on 133rd street in Harlem, as depicted in the film "Lady Sings the Blues."

In the movie, Billie Holiday was singing in a bar setting, and the men wanted her to reveal her body for the money, but instead she earned it with her voice and originality. Billie Holiday refused to degrade herself that way.

The music eventually made its way into rock and roll, with the style of Chuck Berry, the beats of Little Richard, and instrumental harmonies of Buddy Holly.

The movie "Purple Rain" shows the artist formerly known as Prince in his prime. "When artists sing, they sing to collaborate what they've been through," said Towns.



Crystal Towns, Vice President of BSU, educates her audience on the importance of Black History in music



(Left to right) Mohindra "Mo" Ramphal, Devin Collins, Cindy Jones, Courtney Bishop and Tia Lawrence sing the Black National Anthem.

though some slave owners forbade singing and others were more liberal and allowed it. There were rural meetings where sometimes up to 1,000 slaves would gather and listen to a preacher and sing.

In addition to this, workers who were on the road or doing construction sang chain gang songs.

"These songs helped workers to come together in finding a common goal; it brought them unity," said Towns. The program also touched on the Harlem Renaissance, which took place in the early 20th century.

Fight illiteracy in Carroll County

HEATHER WEISSE
Staff Writer

"I've always been a reader," said Sandra Holman. "I can't imagine living a full, complete life without ever reading a book. Why not help someone who can't?"

Ten years ago, the 57-year-old resident of Uniontown decided to volunteer as a tutor and staff member for the Literacy Council of Carroll County. The council, founded in 1979, tutors Carroll County adults who struggle with reading.

Both the Literacy Council and the Carroll County Family Support Center fight to reduce illiteracy in Carroll County. They also need volunteers.

According to a study conducted by the National Institute for Literacy in 1998, 10% of Carroll County adults over the age of 16 perform at a level one literacy level. This means that while they may be able to sign their name or find the expiration date on their drivers license, they probably couldn't locate an intersection on a street map.

Adults who never learned to read in school most likely were unable to keep up with mainstream students. Older adults may have had to drop out of school to help support their families. Many

young adult students have learning disabilities.

"We need someone who's ready to jump right in. Someone who can model confidence in the importance of education-in life long learning," said Joyce Tierney, Director of the Carroll County Family Support Center in Westminster. Part of the Human Services Program of Carroll County, the Center strives to help young families become self-sufficient. Tierney believes that self-sufficiency starts with education.

Both organizations strive to provide an individualized learning experience for their students. According to Kathy Ira, Director of the Maryland Adult Literacy Resource Center, individual attention is a necessity because adults have varying levels of literacy competency.

"They [adults] have survival skills," said Ira. "They may not be able to read the sign, but she/he knows it means when the store opens and closes."

Through the Literacy Council, students and tutors work one-on-one from 1-4 hours a week using the phonetic method. Volunteers must attend 16 hours of training and must commit to tutor for one full year. After completing the

training workshop, tutors are matched by personality and location with a student.

Volunteers are needed at the Family Center to help tutor adults in reading, writing, mathematics and computer skills.

The Center is also searching for individuals to help with childcare, a service provided free to parents attending classes at the Center. Potential volunteers are screened through an interview process and must be fingerprinted before working. Internships are also available for those interested in human services.

According to Holman, the most important quality a volunteer needs is patience.

"There is a reason," said Holman, "that these students didn't learn to read initially. Watching the expression of a person's face when they open up an elementary level book and can read through it for the first time is indescribable."

If you are interested in tutoring with Literacy Council of Carroll County, please call 410-848-6506 or visit the Council at 95 Carroll Street in Westminster. The Carroll County Family Support Center is located at 10 Distillery Drive in Westminster, and can be reached at 410-857-0629.

January 2002

To all WMC students

Greetings from Paris! Wish you could join me here to enjoy the newborn Eurozone. Come and partake of an economy shared by 302 million people (US: 272 million, Japan: 127 million), with an 18.9% share of the world exports (US: 15.2%, Japan: 9.1%)

But for the Euro-skeptics among you, I understand that's not enough to impress you. Fine! How about... you can't see Matisse unless you have been to the French Riviera! How about... coming over to Germany next door? Not only is it a most important county in the Eurozone, but the teaching of its language has also been considered so "critical" by Gov.

Glendering that Maryland is giving incentives, for teachers of German. How about...how is your Spanish? If it is good, you are on the FBI list of the 900 Most Wanted Applicants! Well, don't waste any time—it is projected that in 2020, 63% of the population growth in the US will be Hispanic and Asian!

So, come on, come on over! What are you waiting for?

Love,
Dr. Martine Motard-Noar
Dept. of Foreign Languages
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The Greek Corner

JESSICA M. JONES
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. Sorority and fraternity recruitment! Every semester, Greek Organizations open their doors to allow potential members to take a glimpse at Greek Life. While fraternity and sorority recruitment is very different in its structure, both events have one main goal: to find new members to invite into their family.

As simple as it may seem, the recruitment process can be long and complex.



COURTESY OF BETSY CHIMCOCK

For The Panhellenic Council eagerly await spring recruitment sorority recruitment, this is particularly true. Sponsored by Panhellenic Council, and organized by Panhellenic Vice President Emily Seal, sorority recruitment spans over four rounds. This differs from the informal recruitment held in the fall, which spans over three rounds. How does it work?

According to Seal, the first round is devoted to explaining to potential members that the Greeks are not here "just for social reasons." In this round, each chapter does their own activity to support Greek Life. Chapters spend the second round working with potential members on philanthropy. One example of a philanthropy project to be done in the Phi Mu second round is door hangers. According to Phi Mu Membership Director Kelsey Reichard, these door hangers were the catchy phrase "Let's Hang Out!" and are to be distributed to children in a local hospital. According to Seal, the third and fourth rounds are used to allow potential members to get to know the individual sororities. The final round will conclude the "narrowing process of mutual selection"

Both Seal and Betsy Chimcock, Assistant Director of College Activities, have very high expectations this recruitment period. Seal notes that as the numbers increase every semester, she hopes to have up to 50 women involved in recruitment this spring.

With the number of female Greeks on the rise, new ideas are being implemented into the recruitment process. "Instead of me giving a boring speech, we will be watching a slide show of the sororities for recruitment introduction," says Seal. The goal of this slide show is to give girls a more realistic

view of Greek Life.

In addition to Seal's hard work and preparation for these upcoming weeks, she recognizes that "all sororities have been working hard for recruitment and therefore I really hope a lot of girls come out."

As for fraternities at WMC, recruitment is not as complex. There is an Open Event and a Closed Event (better known as an Open/Closed Smoker). The Open Event held by the fraternity is open to all eligible men on the WMC campus. Activities at this event

differ from organization to organization.

When comparing the newest fraternity on campus to the oldest one, many differences in the recruitment process are seen.

According to Pat Dougherty, the president of the newest fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, they spend the Open Event explaining their letters and ideals to potential members. On the contrary, Gamma Beta Chi, the oldest fraternity on campus, uses the time in the Open Event to get to know the potential members.

Expectations for spring 2002 recruitment also differ among fraternities. Dougherty has high expectations this spring; he feels his fraternity will "do pretty well."

President of Gamma Beta Chi, Matt Miller, has low expectations of spring 2002 recruitment. "We always welcome new men into the fraternity, but not having a floor makes it more difficult to get to know people," says Miller. He believes there is a correlation between low numbers and not having campus housing and therefore, the Betes expect few new members this semester.

"It is important to notice that every Greek Organization is different," says Seal, which is why she advises potential members to visit as many sororities (or fraternities) as they can. Chimcock just encourages students to take a look at Greek Life.

She believes "it is a great way to meet new people, and make new friends." So, why not join sorority or fraternity recruitment? You may still have time. Just contact Betsy Chimcock at x2266 or ask a chapter member for information.

Important Greek Life Dates

KATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Spring 2002 Recruitment:

Sororities:
Registration-February 11-15, Outside of Gar 11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m./5:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.

Fourth Rounds: (By Invitation Only)

Phi Sigma Sigma- Wednesday, 2/20 6:00-8:00p.m.

Alpha Nu Omega- Wednesday, 2/20 8:30-10:30p.m.

Phi Alpha Mu- Thursday, 2/21 6:00-8:00p.m.

Phi Mu- 10:30p.m.

Thursday, 2/21 8:30-

Fraternities:

Closed Smokers: (By Invitation Only)

Phi Kappa Sigma Wednesday, 2/13

Gamma Beta Chi Friday, 2/15

Alpha Gamma Tau Sunday, 2/17

Alpha Sigma Phi Monday, 2/18

Sigma Phi Epsilon Tuesday, 2/19

Phi Delta Theta Wednesday, 2/20

Bid Day: February 22nd

February 25th- Housing Applications Due

60 SECONDS

If you could pick a name for the college, what would it be and why?

By: Courtney Federoff



"The '25 minutes southeast of Gettysburg' College."
Alana Stubbs '03
Business/Economics



"I like Hill College because we're above everyone else."
Jeffrey Stover '02
Business



"I'm not sure what I would name the college, but I would consider the thoughts of the WMC community. I think it's ridiculous that we are paying someone from Chicago who doesn't know much about our college."

Brooke Weimer '05
Exercise Science



"No-Name College because most people haven't heard of it, and definitely won't know about it if the name is changed"
Jill King '04
Sociology/Elementary Ed.



"Leave it the way it is...I just brought a sweatshirt."
Mark Swift '05
Undecided

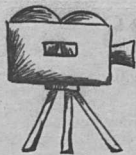


"Harmony College; someone suggested it and it really appealed to me."
Lauren McColley '03
Social Work/Sociology



"Hillman College because my favorite show is 'A Different World.'"
Samuel Anstead '04
Business

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JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

It might be that after September 11, no one can really "enjoy" a war movie again, but I think it's mostly because of the raw depiction of war in this movie. The thing about "Black Hawk Down" was that it was too real to watch.

In case you didn't follow the war-related news in 1992, (like me) this film is about U.S. troops sent into Somalia to seize Mohamed Farrah Aidid, a warlord, and return order to the country. This process was supposed to take three weeks,

but after six weeks, the troops were still at it.

In October of 1992, the troops were assigned a mission to take down the warlord's major lieutenants. Though this mission was supposed to take only thirty minutes it ends up taking 15 hours, killing 19 U.S. servicemen, and 1,000 Somalis. So the movie is basically about those horrible and confusing 15 hours.

Honestly, this about all the factual information I got from the film. I still have a lot of unanswered questions about the background of the whole ordeal and the exact happenings and goings-on at the time. But the main purpose of the film that I got is to depict war at its worst, and believe me, this is definitely the worst I've ever seen war depicted in the movies.

I have "enjoyed" other war

movies in the past. I've seen "Saving Private Ryan" a couple times, plus "Braveheart" is one of my favorite movies.

Both of those have a good amount of bloody battle scenes; in fact some of them show war bodies parts being dismembered then "Black Hawk Down." However, those movies don't have war scenes that last the whole way through. That's pretty much the idea of "Black Hawk Down." Of this two and a half hour movie, almost two hours of the movie is war at its most intense. There are no love stories or downtime between scenes of soldiers talking or whatever. After the first half hour of setting the movie up, the viewer is pretty much thrown into the war.

I'm not saying that I didn't like the movie; it just wasn't for me. Maybe some people get great joy

from seeing dismembered thumbs and hands and shredded flesh dangling from a blown up stomach every 10 minutes, but I think I'd rather twiddle my thumbs while and watch a different war movie. It wasn't just the bloodiness of it, but the fact that the movie didn't feel like a movie should-a taking.

By this I mean, that movies don't feel real and this one felt like it was too close for comfort. It's a movie that you can respect and appreciate because of all of the hard work that went into it, and the bravery of our military but not necessarily like it because of gore.

How can you not respect all the blood and death they throw at you? Maybe the point of the movie was just to give you a real glimpse of when war goes terribly wrong, but I think it gave away a little too much.

Movie Review: Black Hawk Down

Mission impossible?

JESSICA WATSON
Features Editor

The Traveling Team has gone from college to college across the United States in hopes of educating students about the importance of ministry. In the past they visited Salisbury and Duke and in the future they are looking forward to visiting Harvard and Yale. On Wednesday, February 6, they visited this campus at a Christian Fellowship meeting.

The Traveling team includes Jessica and Todd Ahrend, Joe Guber, and Sarah Sagesh, each of them have been members for about three years. WMC is the team's 157th campus visited.

"Our goal is to educate and equip college students to understand that they need to be involved," said Guber. He is referring to becoming a missionary and spreading the word of Christianity globally. "If you are a believer than you should be involved," he said. They have established a six-year plan that allows them to visit every state in the US. This semester they are focusing on mid-Atlantic and New England region.

The program started out with stating a few facts. Christians make on average over 13 trillion dollars annually, about 1.7 of that goes to preaching about the message. From that 1.7, on 5.4 percent goes to foreign ministry.

In the program Guber asked "Do you ever wonder what people live for?" And of course, his answer was golf, and when it wasn't golf, it was a Winnebago. Although the presentation was spiced up with humor and down to earth lingo, there was a message behind it.

Their representation showed that out of 2500 students interviewed, the typical Christian college student thinks that missionaries stay in church 24/7 and don't really have a life.

The Traveling Team wanted to encourage the audience to go out, become a missionary and travel around the world, an idea that

seems far fetched for a lot of people, but maybe not impossible.

After hearing what the members of the team had to say, several members of the audience posed questions about the presentation. Further more, some students had a response as well.

"I thought it was really cool that they are targeting college students," said freshman Holly Armacost. She added, "and the way they challenge people as well."

"First it was upsetting to hear the statistics, and how from the map he showed, it looked like most of the missionaries are within our own country and a lot of people don't go outside the United States," says junior Amy Michael. "I thought it was a pretty convincing speech. It told people to look at what God's will is for our lives as opposed to our own will for our lives. I would love to travel overseas, maybe for a summer, to do missionary work."

"I think that the message that we should go out and spread the word of the Lord is a good one," said freshman William Ford, who attended this event. "But I didn't like how he was implying that if we didn't go out on missionary work we were not good Christians."

"I listened to what they had to say and understand where they are coming from, that they are sharing the word of God with other people," said freshman Kennedy Tucker. "But I don't like their approach, which basically was that if you weren't worshipping our God then you were worshipping demons."

"I thought the messages were scripturally sound, and I was impressed with their passion for what they do," said Aria Montgomery, freshman. "It was a bit pressuring, that they were really trying to sell the point. Every person has their own special purpose and for a lot of people that purpose may not be going across the world."

HOROSCOPES

EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS
Co-Editor in Chief

Since Valentine's Day is coming upon us quickly, I won't be giving any of the Chris Rock "You're gonna die" horoscopes. Although, I am sure they are much funnier. And, since I'm not a psychic, most of the stuff I say will not come true. However, if it does, it is certainly because of my enlightened brain.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

This is a good time for you to do things you've only dreamed about up to now (and I don't mean the nightmare of going to school naked). This is your time to be energetic, so play a sport, go to a party and heck, maybe even do some homework for that Humanities course you are taking.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Ah the bull. This is going to be a good month for you. V-day should be a great time, but if you don't have anyone to spend it with, it is going to be a time for you to blow off some stress and relax. If you can't take some time off on V-day, then just wait until Spring Break.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

I see in your future...a lot of work. It is going to be a busy time for you. However, never forget to spend time with your friends, because they hate it when you get all testy with them. Oh, and since you are already doing work, think you could hook me up with some of mine? Just a thought.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

The whole crab thing just doesn't do you justice. I know you are probably feeling a bit lonely at this time of the year, but don't worry, things will be happening that will be taking your mind off of that stuff...most likely it will be a party where you drink too much that you end up not remembering what happened. Oh well.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

You're strong willed, you're assertive, you're busy, you're difficult...and sometimes you're significant other thinks you can be a pain in the butt. However, you've got to keep being yourself, because if you aren't yourself, who are you? Hmm, I have to think about that one for a while.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

It's time for you to compromise. You are a strong willed individual, but you have to learn that you can't always get what you want. However, there is an exception at Burger King, where you can get it your way. My advice-definitely hit up the BK.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

You have a little problem with money. Either you are tapping your significant other, or you're being tapped, but soon you are going to start running a bit low in the "fundage" department. This probably means your idea of organizing money is placing the ones in the front of your wallet, and the fives in the back.

Scorpio (October 23 - Nov. 21)

Changes are on the way for you. Things are going to get you down, but you'll be ok with the help of your goody friends. You may think it's going to be a rough semester, but you are going to fly right through it. Oh, and if you are going out to dinner on Valentine's Day, avoid the pasta...just a suggestion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Yo, where's the fire? You've been rushing around so much lately that you haven't even had a chance to relax. Breathe my friend. I know you enjoy being the center of attention, but if you keep up this

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JESSICA WATSON
Aquarius

pace, you are going to be the center of attention when you simply pass out in the Quad (just not in the way of the people playing football, ouch).

Capricorn (December 22 - Jan. 19)

You are dedicated, responsible, sensible, and a tireless worker. In other words, you're kind of boring. Its time for you to have some fun, but remember to keep your priorities in order. In addition, you're going to have to stay mentally alert, so no more drinking your butt into a stupor on Tuesday nights.

Aquarius (January 20 - Feb. 18)

"This is the dawning of the age of..." well you get the picture. It is your time to get this shindig started. This is a great time for you, and just remember to have a good time this Valentine's Day. After V-Day though, it is going to get busy for you, so keep your head on straight. In fact, just keep your head on...cause a mind is a terrible thing to waste.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Hey, why don't you stop being nosy? I know you think you are just asking your opinion, but let me tell ya something, nobody likes a know-it-all. This means if your roomie comes back from a bad night with their significant other and says "what a jerk," you saying, "I told you so," probably would not be the best thing to say. Just a word of warning.

Despite loss to F&M, Swim team has amazing season.

JESSICA WATSON

Feature's Editor

While the swim team suffered a loss on Wednesday, February 6, against Franklin and Marshall (F&M), overall they have had quite an impressive season. On Wednesday the WMC women finished with 32 points against the F&M women who had 63, and the men finished also finished with 32 points to F&M's 61.

"We've been practicing really hard and people are swimming their best times."

-Kalli Patentas

"Just because we didn't win doesn't mean we weren't successful," says head coach Liz Easterday. "The fact that we have a small team is what makes us unique. The group tends to rally together and support each other, win or lose." This season the team was victorious Elizabethtown, York, Marymount, Goucher, and Ursinus.

The women's team also beat Bryn Mawr, college for women. At the end of their meet against Franklin & Marshall, the women's record includes 6 wins and 5 losses, and the men's includes 5 wins and 6 losses.

Although the swim team did not win Wednesday, several of the teammates still feel that they did a job well done.

"I swam the best I have all semester," says freshman Nick Grigsby. "I was pumped up, we had killer practices and I thought the swimmers would be tired but we all swam great," said junior co-captain Jon Soucy.

"I think the meet went very well," says sophomore Jen Fegley. "We're going to end up with probably a 500 record, which is really good for a small school," she added.

"Everyone stayed strong," says sophomore Mary Easterday. Some people don't even realize how much commitment you

need to be a member of the swim team.

"Our season is six months long and it gets tiring," says Fegley. "You have to be in the right mind frame to finish it out," she added.

"You have to be committed, you have to really want it," says Easterday, "it's hard and a lot of people get burned out," she explained "Everyone on our team works towards the same goal and that is to get better," says head

coach Easterday. "Overall the team is very enthusiastic and supportive of each other."

In fact, each member of the team has qualified for the Centennial Conference Championships, "and that hasn't happened in about 4 or 5 years," she said.

This is also an astounding accomplishment for a small school and definitely one that sets this team apart. The championships will be held at Franklin and Marshall, on February 22-24. "We've been practicing really hard and people are swimming their best times," said junior co-captain Kalli Patentas. One thing the team definitely plans to do is stick together, "when you see someone on the side cheering for you, it just makes you want to go faster," Patentas said.

Although the team is small in numbers they are big in strength and dedication, and their spirits soaring high.

"I came to WMC to swim," said Grigsby. "All of the guys on the team get along really well. I mean, the team isn't really that big, with only eight guys; those guys are like my best friends."

With the conference soon approaching, Soucy assures WMC "I think we're going to turn some heads."



LINDSAY HICKS

Freshman Hillary Mauro cheers her team on to victory at a recent match.

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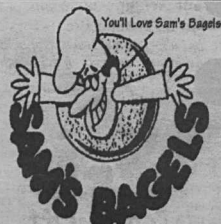
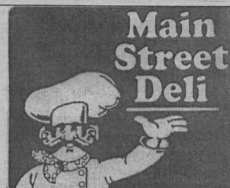
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WMC Indoor Track and Field having a record-setting season.

MARCUS HILTON

Staff Writer

The WMC Indoor Track and Field team has performed solidly this season. The women's and men's teams each took second place at the Dickinson Holiday Invitational, the first meet of the season.

The Terror began the season with approximately 25 women and 20 men, but unfortunately, things have not always gone smoothly.

"We've had some injuries, and some people have left the team for one reason or another," said Head Coach Doug Renner.

Despite these inconveniences, the Terror has managed to put together a solid season, highlighted by some record-breaking team and individual performances.

On January 26th at the Prince Georges County Indoor Complex, Sophomore sprinter April Brown broke her own school record in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.79 seconds.

The record time earned her a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Championships and is the second fastest Division III time in the nation. Thea Bayly broke the school record in the 300-meter dash by running a 44.77 at Dickinson.

At the same meet, Holly Thompson's 1:49.96 in the 600-meter run was also good for a school record. At the Maryland Invitational Meet, Melissa Merson set a school record in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.89 seconds,

breaking her own mark by 0.14 seconds. Jen Bruce also set a school record in the pole vault this season with a vault of 9 feet.

The Terror women have also received outstanding production from junior Christine Johnson.

"Christine is top in the triple jump, second in the long jump, and she's running well in the sprints," Renner said.

Two weeks ago at a meet in Prince George's County, the women finished first, an accomplishment that was made even more impressive by the fact that the team was split that weekend, meaning the women were not competing with a full squad.

The Green Terror men have also fared well this season. The 4x400 meter relay team of Calvin Woodward, Dave Maskeroni, Tyler Wright, and John Riley raced to a time of 3:30.5, setting a new school record.

One member of the men's team who has had an outstanding season is junior Ifeanyi Ani.

Ani set a school and conference record in the long jump at the Bucknell Golden Relays with a leap of 22 feet, 6 1/2 inches. The jump was good for fifth place in the nation and earned him a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Championships. Ani also set the school record in the Triple jump with a jump of 47 feet, 8 inches.

"This is probably the best indoor season I've had," Ani said. "In the past during the indoor sea-

son something would happen, like I'd get hurt or I just wouldn't do well. But I've done well this season, so hopefully that's a sign of things to come."

Senior thrower David Hose has also enjoyed a good season, including setting a school record in the weight throw (the indoor equivalent to the hammer throw) with a toss of 33 feet 10 3/4 inches. "David is dominating the conference throwing," Renner said. "His best throw is almost five feet further than anyone else's."

With just two more meets scheduled for this season, the Terror will look to finish the season strongly and prepare for the upcoming outdoor season. "The season is progressing, everyone is stepping it up a little bit," Ani said. "For the number of people we have now, we've done good, so hopefully we'll do well outdoors."

After a record breaking indoor season, the Terror men and women will look to shatter more marks during the outdoor season.

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Mike's WWF Column: NWO

MICHAEL JENKINSON

Staff Writer

With a simple swerve in his chair, Vince McMahon shocked the world a few weeks ago on "Smackdown." On a night featuring four or five really boring Vince McMahon vignettes, five seconds of action made the night one wrestling fans will remember for a long time. When McMahon turned his back to the camera, the back of his chair revealed the letters nWo.

The nWo, for non diehards, is the faction that Hulk Hogan, Kevin Nash, and Scott Hall formed back in 1997. It was the first time Hogan had been a bad guy his entire career. The nWo was a group that was trying to take WCW over from the inside. The outlaw group added members right and left. Current WWF stars X-Pac, Mr. Perfect, and Big Show were once members of the group when it was in WCW.

The takeover storyline sent WCW's ratings through the roof. It was the only time that WCW was ever able to defeat the WWF in the Monday night ratings war. The evil Hogan turned into a coward, afraid of the nWo's top rivals Diamond Dallas Page and Sting. When McMahon revealed the nWo letters that fateful night, it signaled a new direction for the WWF. The nWo turned WCW from an also ran into the most dominant wrestling company in the world. With WWF's ratings dropping from their historic highs of a few years ago, McMahon is hoping that the nWo can do the same for the WWF.

Last week, a simple photo fea-

turing Hogan, Nash, and Hall had a sold out audience on their feet. It was only a photo, yet these three men, the most popular trio in the history of wrestling, got a crowd to stand on their feet by simply letting their faces be seen.

This storyline could go many ways. I'm sure there will be a quick ratings boost when the nWo makes their first on camera appearance. But no one knows how long the popularity will last.

No one, probably even Vince himself, knows how long the story will continue. The nWo and the WWF stars will be the focus of Wrestlemania 18. Perhaps a six-man tag featuring the nWo against Triple H, Austin, and The Rock will be the main event.

Although they both have small ties to the small wrestling group WWA, Scott Steiner, Randy Savage, and Jeff Jarrett were all crucial members of the nWo. Perhaps the nWo will be the springboard Vince needs to sign these top-flight superstars to contracts in the WWF.

There is only so much TV time to go around. Mid-level stars such as Edge, DDP, and RVD may find their TV time diminished because of the nWo. The top stars like Jericho, Rock, Angle, and Austin have nothing to fear.

They are too valuable to not have them on TV every show. Still, the excitement caused by the return of the already signed Hall, Hogan, and Nash will more than make up for the loss of a few stink faces and five star frog splashes.

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WMC Wrestling having a dominant season, looking at Conference Championships.

GREG LEDEKER
Sports Editor

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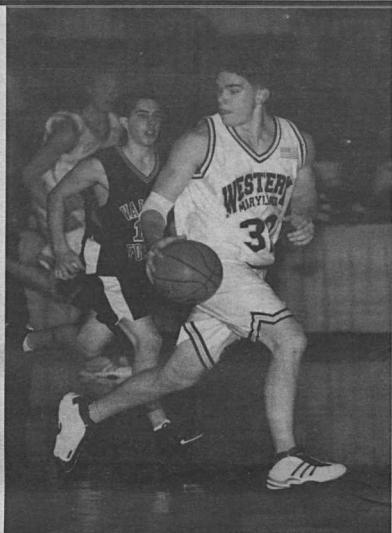
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Senior guard Jack Kowalik drives by the opposition.

Women's B-Ball fights through losing streak, and winning again

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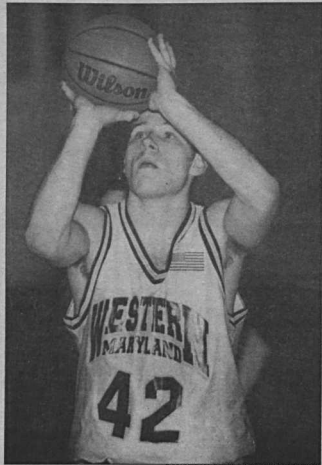
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Green Terror sophomore forward Alan Hoyt shoots for the hoop at a recent game.



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President Coley & Laura Lange named two of Maryland's Top 100 Women

Coley & Lange given honor of being two of Maryland's elite Women

HEATHER WEISSE
Staff Writer

On January 26, Joan Develin Coley, the president of Western Maryland College, and Laura Lange, a college trustee, were declared two of the state's most outstanding women by *The Daily Record*.

The Record, a Maryland business paper, has been annually recognizing women who make an impact on the state since 1996. According to Nancy Sloane, the founder and director of the Maryland Top 100 Women list, the program was created to give women an opportunity to increase their visibility among upper management.

"We had highly achieving, successful women in the state," said Sloane, "but we weren't reading about them in the paper." The program was founded by Record publisher Dick Groves; however, Sloane credits the paper's current publisher, Christopher Eddings, as



Joan Develin Coley, President of Western Maryland College.



Laura Lange, college trustee of Western Maryland College.

the one who realized the potential of the program. Sloane says that Eddings took the program to the next level, adding visibility to an award she believes the winners should indeed be proud of because winning is not an easy task. Both Coley and Lange were surprised and honored.

"You first look at the list of women and think, wow, I don't belong on this list," said Lange. "And then you think, I better work hard to make sure I really do belong!"

550 women were nominated for the award by various community and business organizations.

All nominees were mailed applications in October that asked them to outline their career, professional accomplishments, community leadership and mentoring

roles. The Record received back approximately 277 applications and the winners were chosen by a panel of outside judges pulled from various industries and areas of the state.

When asked about her most significant personal accomplishment, Coley jokingly replied "balancing eight plates on one arm." The graduate of Albright College funded her education with scholarships, loans and three campus jobs. On a more serious level, Coley is proud to be an educator and administrator in higher education.

Coley's intensive schedule keeps her constantly in motion. She usually starts her day with early meetings in Baltimore and ends with entertaining campus guests at her home. Until she looks at her calendar each morning, the president never knows whether she will be spending her morning blindfolded with other Maryland leaders in order to experience how blind children are educated, meeting up with business personnel such as Allfirst Bank CEO Susan Keating, or addressing student concerns on campus.

But Coley doesn't mind the hectic agenda; she likes to be busy. "When you can give back your talents, whatever they might be, and give almost as much as you can get, that is success," Coley said. "One individual can make an enormous difference."

The president currently sits on the Board for Target Community and Educational Services, Inc. and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Carroll County

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Baker renovation is in the works

"Big" Baker Memorial Chapel is in the midst of receiving more upgrades

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if you walk into "Big" Baker Memorial Chapel this summer and hear the low hum of an air-conditioner. It's just one convenience that the Baker Renovation Project has added to the 44-year-old building.

Two new restrooms will be constructed in the chapel's lobby. In addition, the basement will house new offices for the faculty and staff of WMC's foreign language and religion departments, two seminar rooms and a future computer laboratory.

"The addition of air-conditioning was important because, next to the Gill Gym, Baker Chapel can seat seven hundred to eight hundred people.... It's the second largest space on campus," said Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance. Before renovation, the only method of cooling the chapel during large public gatherings was by opening the windows.

The air-conditioning in Baker Chapel will run on the same centralized system installed in the Lewis Hall and Eaton science buildings.

"Restrooms in the lobby are an important feature of the renovation," Seidel said, "because they will now be internally accessible." To accommodate the new bathrooms, one bench will be removed from the back section of the chapel's main room. Prior to renovation, two restrooms, located in cramped quarters in the basement, were the only bathrooms accessible

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Falun Gong comes to WMC

Individuals persecuted for practicing Falun Gong

MATTHEW HURFF
Co-Editor-in-Chief

For one night, Chinese politics took the center stage on the Hill. That is because Ling-ling Tu and other followers of Falun Gong explained their cultivation practice, along with the persecution of its followers that has been happening in China, on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in McDaniel Lounge.

Tu demonstrated the fundamentals of Falun Gong, which is based upon teachings of the ancient Chinese culture.

It uses exercises and meditations to achieve personal improvements. At the root of Falun Gong are the principles of truth, compassion, and forbearance, which improve the body, mind and spirit.

Falun Gong was first taught by Li Hingzhi Li in 1992.

Li traveled across China to spread the practice. During this tour, he explained that Falun Gong is not a religion but is instead a complete system of mind/body cultivation.

Tu said Falun Gong is open to anyone and free of cost to practice. According to Forbearance, a publication dedicated to Falun Gong, it is practiced by over 100 million people in 40 different countries.

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Above, Campus Safety Officer Matt Warehime patrols a campus event. Recently Campus Safety has been criticized by some students for their "involvement" on campus. Read the Pro-Con article about Campus Safety involvement on page 6.

Falun gong practice causes problems in China

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Tu demonstrated some of the fundamental exercises of Falun Gong, which include "Buddha Showing a Thousand Hands," "Falun Standing Stance," and "Falun Heavenly Circuit."

The problem facing followers in China is government-led persecution. The persecution began in July 1999 because it was seen as a threat to the communist rule of China.

According to Forbearance, "The suppression of Falun Gong has been from the outset in direct violation of China's own constitution, as well as a breach of the international rights treaties China has signed."

So far, 366 people have died because of the government's efforts to discourage the practice through torture and abuse, while thousands more are being held in prisons, work camps and mental institutions.

Tu also presented a graphic video show-

ing the extent of the brutality of the Chinese government.

The video contained beating, footage of Falun Gong protest, and the efforts of politicians around the world to stop the violence against the followers of this practice.

"I think it is terrible what the Chinese government is doing to the followers of Falun Gong," said sophomore Physics major Brian Wingert.

Corrections

In swim team article, the coach's name was incorrect. Her name is coach Kim Easterday. Also, Co-captain Jon Soucy is a senior.

In the article on Black History in Music, the president of the Black Student Union (BSU) name is Maya Redfearn.

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Liberty Week emphasis freedom

Western Maryland College senior books Ralph Nader to speak during event

AJLA ABRECHT
Staff Writer

"Liberty and justice for all." Most students at Western Maryland College grew up reciting those words, but how many of us have what most thought to what they mean? What are our responsibilities as far as keeping our country a land of liberty?

WMC senior Jeremy Keil believes that these are questions a lot more people should think about. Keil is launching Liberty Week near the end of March with the goal of encouraging students to get more involved in political and social activism.

Liberty Week, which begins Monday, Mar. 25 and ends Saturday, Mar. 30, is a series of nightly lectures given by prominent political speakers.

The speakers will include the CATO Institute's Doug Bandow with the topic "Freedom and Virtue," Delegate Carmen Amedori (Rep) addressing "Politics of the Minority," Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne speaking about "Freedom and Virtue," County Commissioner Julia Gouge (Rep) explaining "Local Politics and You," and Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader with the speech "Crashing the Party."

Also on Saturday will be a benefit con-

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"Big" Baker gets air conditioner

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from Baker's interior.

The renovation team of Baker Chapel is the architectural firm of Marshall Craft Associates, Inc. of Towson, Maryland. Henry H. Lewis Contractors of Owings Mills, Maryland are construction managers of the project.

Baker's transformation began last year with the removal of asbestos-based material from the building.

Students may have noticed signs posted on the doors of the chapel warning of the presence of asbestos.

An inspection of the building by environmental experts revealed that the basement floor tiles contained asbestos.

Asbestos was commonly used in building materials such as floor tiles and insulation 40 years ago. These campaigns procured fund money to cover the costs of the Baker renovations. It also covered the renovation cost of Lewis Hall and Eaton Buildings.

Coley and Lange honored as elite women

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Chamber of Commerce. She also participates in Leadership Maryland, Inc., an organization designed to further develop community leaders.

When and if Coley ever gets a free evening, she likes to go out to dinner and see a play. She considers herself an avid theater connoisseur and loves a good drama. "Of Mice and Men," based on the novel by John Steinbeck, is one of her favorites.

Laura Lange would rather spend her free time taking a cooking class or going out to dinner with her husband. Along with her family and her work, the native Texan has a passion for Tex-Mex food and cooking.

Lange, the senior vice president and director at Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., has been a Western Maryland College trustee since 1998. As director, Lange assists people with financial planning and initiated a program at Legg Mason to mentor new financial advisors. She said she loves her work, both at Legg Mason and at the college, and can't remember a day not waking up and saying "I get to go to work today."

In fact, that's Lange's secret to success - loving what she does. "If you find something you love and throw yourself into it, whatever it is, you'll be good at it. Success is limited in something you don't love," said Lange.

Lange said that the only thing she regrets about her fast-paced career is not having as much time with her family as she would like. She credits her success as a mother and businesswoman to having a supportive husband who has been a full-time parent for the last eighteen years.

A magazine profiling this year's Top 100 Women in Maryland will be available in the Mar. 30 edition of *The Daily Record*. Honorees will be formally recognized at an evening reception on Mar. 26 at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore.

Coley, who is being honored for the second time, will be awarded The Circle of Excellence if she is named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women for a third time. The President will not be eligible to receive the award again until 2004 because award recipients cannot win in consecutive years.

What will Coley do if she wins a third time? "Retire," she joked. "No, that would be a fabulous honor, an incredible honor."

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Liberty week brings many prominent politicians and speakers to WMC

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cert featuring the campus bands *My Sister Kate*, *White Collar Crime*, *Room 402*, *Morning Star*, *Active Sack* and the *Mishaps*. All proceeds from the concert will go to local charity.

Keil said he had hoped to set up debates rather than lectures, but most of the potential speakers he contacted were unenthusiastic by the idea.

Keil lined up the final set of speakers by recruiting them through institutes, offices, aides, and a speaker's bureau.

He is particularly proud of booking Ralph Nader, who accepted a drastic cut in his usual speaking fee in order to come to Liberty Week.

Keil himself is a member of the Libertarian Party, a national political party whose philosophy is that as long as the rights of other individuals are not violated, "each individual has the right to govern himself or herself in whatever manner he or she chooses," Keil said.

The Libertarian Party generally supports legislation that lessens government control over the lives of the American people.

Keil is one of the many Libertarians who is a former Republican party member.

He became increasingly dissatisfied with the Republican party

during the time of the Clinton impeachment trial.

He thought they handled the trial badly, and he noted that their failure to fulfill the "Contract with America" was costing them their base of support.

During the next presidential campaign in 2000, Keil heard that Green Party Candidate Ralph Nader was running to get 5% of the vote, and decided to support a multiparty system by voting for him.

When Keil's friend Dennis Lucey, then a senator, heard this, he advised Keil to check out the Libertarian Party.

Keil took Lucey's advice. "Their philosophy really matched up with mine," Keil said.

He became an active Libertarian almost immediately.

The Libertarian Party is small and in need of support, and Keil found a multitude of opportunities to gain experience and advance through its ranks.

Keil's main goal remains getting the Libertarian message out, something he feels is made more difficult by the general nature of its members.

"Libertarians tend to be more individualistic, to stay away from government organizations," Keil

said.

"They often view politics as a defensive action rather than an offensive action, and the party is therefore much less visible and less involved in reaching people than it should be."

Keil's vision of Liberty Week began as a means of spreading information about the Libertarian Party.

He saw Lucey and himself as the main proponents of libertarianism on campus; as Lucey graduated in 2001 and Keil is set to graduate this May, he hoped to inspire others to take over once he is gone.

He soon decided instead to broaden the focus to include a variety of political viewpoints in order to interest more people.

He said he regrets he was unable to book a Democratic speaker; all those he contacted declined, and he wanted to set a definite schedule by the end of Jan Term.

Despite that minor disappointment, Keil is proud of the final version of Liberty Week, which offers speakers from a cross-section of political parties and retains its original pro-activism focus.

"I wanted to show that it's not that hard to become involved," Keil said.

"All you have to do is just take ten minutes to write a letter or an e-mail, or send off \$10 to a political or social action group, and you're involved."

Keil is proof that being involved can pay off.

He organized Liberty Week largely through his own efforts, although he names Kate Prisky, Neal Page, and Doug Novielli as fellow students who were willing to work hard with him.

Prisky and Page organized the benefit concert and Novielli was put in charge of the web site, libertyweek.org.

General faculty support was facilitated by Dr. Franke, who served as Liberty Week's advisor and as the faculty liaison.

"It's been a lot of fun doing this," Keil said.

"I think a lot of students should get a renewed sense of civic pride; I think everyone wants that."

I hope Liberty Week will motivate people to get actively involved in politics or social action groups.

I hope at least some people will be inspired to go out and join something."

Students victim of McDaniel break-in

Questions arise about whether strange calls and break-in are related

STACY GEORGE
Staff Writer

The two residents of this second floor room, who wish to remain anonymous, are working with Campus Safety to determine who attempted to enter the room during the early hours of Sunday, Feb. 10.

One resident and her boyfriend were in the room when they heard the doorknob turn and saw the door start to open at 5:45 a.m.

The resident said she only saw the person's silhouette and then her boyfriend jumped up to attack the unknown male, who began to run down the hallway.

The boyfriend began to chase him through the hallway, but lost track of the man and did not know which exit he left from.

The male is described as being under six feet tall, wearing dark clothes and headgear.

They immediately contacted Campus Safety and reported the incident. Officer Rausser came over to investigate.

The resident was asked to recall any social events she may have recently attended and if she talked to any new people, including this male who just tried to enter her room. She could not think of any unusual circumstances.

There seems to be a correlation between a series of prank calls the two residents have been receiving and this attempted burglary.

Both residents stated that they had received a few weird phone calls during the week.

The residents described the calls as "weird" because they could not distinguish whether they were on campus calls or off-campus calls. They described it rather as a "phone bomb" sort of ringing.

When one of the girls answered the phone, a male voice would say, "Hey, you know who this is."

He insisted he was in the one girl's English class, but this was a false statement because she is not taking an English class this semester. He said nothing else before hanging up.

At about 5:35 a.m. on Sunday, the "phone bomb" ringing happened again. The resident did not answer the phone and pushed the DND button instead.

There are three speculations about why the incident occurred.

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Break-in causes concerns for students

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First, it is possible that the male assumed there was no one in the room because they did not answer the phone.

Second, it may have just been a random coincidence because her door was unlocked and this was the first open door he found.

Third, if there is a correlation between the phone calls and this incident, there may be the slight chance that this was no coincidental attempted entrance into the first unlocked door. Again though, this is just speculation.

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, said that the investigation is at a standstill. "We have exhausted everything we can do, unless new information comes forward," he said.

Webster also said Campus Safety sees no correlation between the McDaniel incident and a similar entry in Whiteford just days earlier. Webster said that both suspects are male students.

As always, if you have any information on either of these two suspects, please contact Campus Safety immediately.

Campus Safety Blotter

LEROY McDUFFIE

News Editor

The following incidents were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:

02/07/2002 at Rouzer Hall a student was keeping unauthorized pets in her dorm room.

02/07/2002 at 4 p.m. on the parking lot of Gill gym vandalism was done to student's car.

02/08/2002 at 12:15 a.m. student found to be in possession of alcohol underaged at Blanche Ward Hall.

02/08/2002 at 2:00 a.m. student assaulted by another student at Blanche Ward Hall.

02/08/2002 at 2:35 a.m. student found to be in possession of alcohol in a public area, while under the age of 21 at Blanche Ward Hall.

02/08/2002 at 2:50 a.m. someone broke the glass out of the vending machine in Blanche Ward Hall.

02/08/2002 at 3:18 a.m. intoxicated student drove his truck into DoCs jeep, student arrested at Historic Drive

02/08/2002 at 6 p.m. Physical abuse: Non-

student threatening the safety of students.

02/08/2002 at 11:24 p.m. underage possession of alcohol at Garden Apt's Lot.

possession



02/09/2002 at 1 a.m. vandalism of vending machine at Whiteford Hall.

02/09/2002 at 8:59 p.m. 2 non-students

stopped for underage alcohol possession

02/09/2002 at 9:45 p.m. college student employee observed violating alcohol policy.

02/09/2002 at 11 p.m. Property crimes at Decker Student Center,

02/10/2002 at 1:23 a.m. minor in possession of alcoholic beverage at Garden Apartments.

02/10/2002 at 3:04 a.m. Anonymous student reports of smell of marijuana. 4 students cited by Westminster Police. 02/12/2002 at 3:30 p.m. non-student intimidating student at ANW lower parking lot.

02/13/2002 at 8:50 a.m. a student's automobile hit another student's vehicle while trying to park.

02/14/2002 at 1:20 a.m. two students in possession of alcohol in public area of Blanche Ward Hall.

02/15/2002 at 2 a.m. an unknown suspect set fire to the bulletin board in the Whiteford Hall Lobby.

02/16/2002 at 2:10 a.m. underage possession of alcohol at Daniel Maclea Hall

02/17/2002 at 9:30 p.m. student was concerned after observing a large sword in the residence hall and reported it to Campus Safety.

02/18/2002 at Lewis Hall of Science fire extinguisher reported missing by housekeeping.



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Newspaper is no place for revenge

Felicia Donelson asks for due respect in the newspaper.

The Commentary section of the school paper is a place where students can voice their opinions about the various things that are happening in and around campus.

However, this section should not be used to personally attack students; the school newspaper is not a place to provide negative publicity toward a student.

Western Maryland bases itself on a code of honor and respect.

There is no honor in attempting to humiliate a student in a public forum. This act is immature and unprofessional on all levels. It is better to criticize the person's actions or demeanor rather than the person itself.

In a recent issue a student was personally attacked and wrongfully accused. The reasoning behind this attack is in the past and unimportant at this time.

My goal is to ensure that no other student has to endure such public humiliation. Personally attacking someone via the school

newspaper is wrong.

Once one enters the college scene, the desire to be called an adult is strong.

However, if one thinks like a child, and does childish things, how then is it possible to identify one as an adult?

First of all, if you have a problem with someone, do not try to

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embarrass the person. Simply talk.

Secondly, how would you like it if someone who knew absolutely nothing about you judged you based on something untruthful written in the paper?

Many people would respond

with, "that sucks," and it does. It creates or alters one's reputation based on another's opinions and attitudes.

It is true that this happens to celebrities all the time, but we are not famous and Westminster, Maryland is definitely not Hollywood, California!

Lastly, the one being attacked does not have an opportunity to defend themselves.

The school newspaper is not distributed on a daily basis, therefore, if you wanted to clear your name, it could be looked upon as trying to respark a dead fire.

As a WMC student, I am sure that this type of behavior is not supported, nor is it needed.

Therefore, if you are thinking about expressing your thoughts about someone via the paper, consider the consequences of your actions.

Remember, what goes around comes around and karma might bite you in the rear for deceitful actions you take against another.

~Felicia Donelson is a freshman Political Science major.

Pride in WMC name

Jessica Jones provides an uplifting look at the name change.

Walking through the bookstore, looking for the perfect WMC sweat shirt, I was bombarded with shocking comments around me. Most likely I was not supposed to hear these comments, as they were passed quietly to the ear of a friend, but I could not help it.

"Let's buy as much as we can, before they change the name." "I don't care what the new name is, this will always be Western Maryland College to me!"

This past weekend I was at a party with many WMC alumni and again I heard those unsettling comments. "How can they do this to us?" or "I am never giving that college a cent again!"

Once again I had that unsettling feeling. Maybe I am just too easygoing, but I honestly do not see this name change as a threat to our community. I think that it can only make our good college better.

Come on guys, it's just a name! Women all over our country change their name when they get married. Do they suddenly lose their identity? Are their history and values suddenly ripped away as they sign the marriage papers? Obviously not.

continue here, as it always has, no matter what the school is called.

I have said it many times before, but I guess it bears repeating: Western Maryland College rests on its community, and as long as our community stays strong, we have nothing to fear. This school is more than a name.

Western Maryland College rests on its community, and as long as our community stays strong, we have nothing to fear.

Many of my fellow students state that when they are alumni they will give no donations to this institution if it possesses a different name, and to be honest, I agree.

Like my parents, I would much rather support this school by sending my child here.

And, in the sad event that a child of mine does not want a liberal arts education, I hope that they will still want to come here and visit with me.

Then they can experience, even for one day, the place their father spent four very important years of his life.

I am going to stand behind this place. I really don't care what it is called.

~Mike Wiles is a junior English major.

The name of the college is a symbol—an abstract thing. Even when the name changes, everything else will stay the same (except maybe for a few signs).

So what if you will not be able to buy a sweat shirt that says WMC on it, get one with the new name on it. I bet it will be just as comfortable. For those of you that are not going to "give another cent to the school," what good is that going to do you?

Your alma mater (and the school will still be your alma mater) may not be able to do all of the wonderful things it could have had you opened your mind and accepted the change.

I am well aware that it is human nature to resist change, but let's be adventurous and accept this change with open arms. Many say they are proud to be from WMC. Well we all should still be proud. We should be proud that our board of trustees and other leaders of our community have had enough courage to take on such a challenge.

I am proud to be a student at Western Maryland College. I support the name change and will do all that I can to support the school and its new name in the future.

~Jessica Jones is a senior Communications major

Name change reaches an acceptance on a personal level

While strolling around campus at 6 a.m. a few days ago I came to a startling conclusion (besides the fact that I should have been asleep at 6 a.m.): I owe Western Maryland College my life.

Literally, I realized that, without this institution I would not exist.

It was here that my parents met outside the dining hall (then in the basement of what is now Hill Hall)



Michael Wiles

over thirty years ago, did the falling in love thing, got married, and eventually produced the kind of person that goes for walks at six o'clock in the morning.

As I walked around campus in those early hours I thought of how much this school has changed since my parents were students here, and came to the conclusion that, despite what I was sure I believed a few

weeks back, it really does not matter what you call this place.

When the name change was announced, I felt like I was in the middle of some personal nightmare.

WMC has given me so much over the past three years, the least of which is the pride of knowing I am going to graduate from the same school as my parents, thus continuing the somewhat questionable tradition of gaining a liberal arts education.

I refused to believe that the name change was possible; in some ways, I still refuse to believe it. But, the more I think about it, the

It is the sort of place where the Deans know their students, treat them as equals, and, despite the modern popular opinion, do care what they think—not just the current students, but students they taught over thirty years ago.

more I find that this is no nightmare at all.

A few days after the name change was announced, I ran into

Dean Ethan Seidel at Safeway around 10:30 p.m.

While I knew Dean Seidel, and knew that my parents knew him as well, I doubted he had the misfortune of knowing me. As it turns out, he is thusly unfortunate.

He approached ME, and asked what I thought of the name change. I told him my feelings, he told me his, and, while we were of two different minds, we had a great conversation.

What grabbed me most about our conversation was that he asked what my parents thought, by name, and was able to sympathize with me when I told him they reacted with their unique senses of humor. It was that night I realized something.

Western Maryland College is the sort of place where you run into the Deans at night in the local supermarket.

It is the sort of place where the Deans know their students, treat them as equals, and, despite the modern popular opinion, do care what they think—not just the current students, but students they taught over thirty years ago.

As much as I hate to admit it, I have had a change of heart. I hate to see our school's name go, but I can honestly say that, when it does, I think I will be ready for it.

Some people believe that this name change will bring an end to our institution's traditions, while others think it will bring a new beginning.

I think it will bring neither. I honestly believe, for better or for worse, business as usual will

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Campus Safety should be more lenient

It is no secret that WMC students more often than not go to off-campus parties in the surrounding Westminster community. With that in mind, the majority of us are even aware of the fact that our Campus Safety officers are going to those locations and breaking up the fun. The question is, are they helping us out or simply traveling outside of their jurisdiction?

My response to this new reason for college students to rebel is that just maybe the officers, with the best of intentions, are stepping outside their boundaries. Take into perspective the underlying issue, which is that especially for the 21-and-over crowd, their partying options are pretty limited.

As a member of a Greek organization, I can safely assure you that it does not take long for a resident assistant to come in and bust a perfectly contained party. However, for the sloppy drunks that ruin it for the rest of us, all I have to say is, I guess you got what you deserved.

All right, back to the issue at hand. We as students of a small, private liberal arts college knew from the moment we took the two minute campus tour that this was nowhere near a happening atmosphere every day of the week.

Moreover, we expected that the population of students would drop significantly during the weekends at this "suicide school." Yet, I suppose we hoped that the

small doses of fun we received would somehow counteract the drabness we feel on a constant basis.

Okay, in all fairness, Campus Safety is just doing their job, right? Well, sometimes it is difficult to determine where the lines of friendship are drawn and where they are crossed.

I know I speak on behalf of several of us when I say that we feel a close bond with some of our officers; they are there to con-



Erin A. Romanski

fine in and shoot the breeze. Then, the minute a more powerful authoritative figure

comes in (a.k.a. the Westminster police), they step out of their buddy role and into their reprimanding characters.

Not to sound like a broken record, because I'm certain the same argument has been proposed over and over again, but come on guys cut us some slack! This is Westminster, Maryland. Our options are few and far between in this small college centered in the boozies of America.

Underage drinking is a guarantee on any college campus, whether you like it or not. At least if we are going to engage in this type of activity, we are going to do it in an enclosed environment. But when you come running the minute the stereo goes past the eighth decibel level, you force us to look elsewhere for entertainment.

On a final note, I would just like to reiterate for those non-barbarians who do not derive pleasure from vandalizing private property, starting fights, and generally adding a lot of unnecessary commotion to the lives of Westminster citizens, you may as well.

I in no way condone violence, but I also know that the words "Campus Safety" imply a much smaller vicinity than that of Carroll County. We must have overlooked that being the slovenly alcoholics that we are.

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.



Students are to blame, not Campus Safety

Last semester Campus Safety officers began patrolling with the Westminster police. I know that many students are upset with this action, but face it, the reason they are there is our own fault.

Many nights I have seen students stumbling up and down Pennsylvania Ave., screaming at the top of their lungs, kicking beer bottles, and generally having no respect for the citizens of Westminster who live

along that street. It actually is an embarrassment to me when I think that those disrespectful students are attending the same institution that we have been trying, especially as of late, to strengthen.

Now I know that this is not all of us, and it is horrible that we all have to pay for others actions, but life isn't fair. If you are upset about it, don't take it out on Campus Safety. Go to those who you know are the cause of the problem and let them know how you feel.

Believe me, Campus Safety officers are not thrilled that they must take on this new role in the City of Westminster. Don't forget that they have no choice. The city police have asked for their help and therefore as an act of good faith in order to keep the positive relationship we have with our surrounding community, they must react.

We also must remember that this isn't their idea of a good time. It is true that many students have wonderful bonds with certain Campus Safety officers. Do you think that they really want to get these students in trouble? Of course not. This is their job and the law and it doesn't matter how much they may like you as a person, they must obey their superiors. They can only bend the rules so far and I think that many of them

are more than generous when it comes to student write-ups.

I understand that this is a small college and with nothing much happening on campus we look elsewhere for fun, however, we are the ones overstepping the boundaries. Students expect too much from Campus Safety sometimes. Also, it is fine to go off campus just don't trash our community and there wouldn't be a problem. If we didn't have problems, Campus Safety wouldn't be there, and so on. Get the point.

So stop blaming Campus Safety and hating them for your peers' actions. Blame the right group and go to the direct source of the problem. It takes a lot of energy to hate someone or something, so wouldn't it just be easier for both parties to come to some sort of a compromise?

Don't vandalize property and get so sloppy drunk that you don't realize what you are doing and then the community will stop complaining to the cops. Campus Safety will then no longer have to do these patrols and all those involved would be content.

What about this is so hard to understand? I was under the impression that I wasn't in middle school anymore. How about you?

-Donna Hurd is a junior English major.



Donna Hurd

Academic Probation is appropriate consequence to GPA

Lauren Banaszewski
counteracts argument
against academic
probation.

Having read "Academic probation raises financial issues with students" in the last edition of The Phoenix, I disagree with the writer's reasoning.

Was she telling us that there is something inherently wrong with the academic scholarship program or was she trying to convince us that the point of college is to have fun?

I think all of us can agree that college offers unlimited potential for fun and exciting experiences. There will never again be such a wonderful plethora of opportunities and adventures.

However, what I think a lot of students forget is that the real point of college is to get a degree.

And one of the ways that this

is achieved is through the help of academic scholarships, which allow many students to go to expensive liberal arts colleges who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to do so.

What is the definition of an academic scholarship? Well, it is exactly what the name implies. Money is given to the student as a reward for high academic achievement. This does not mean that once you are in college you can stop getting good grades and still receive money from the school.

There are guidelines and requirements that must continue to be met in order to keep receiving money. Having said that, I will now discuss some of the points that the writer used to support her argument.

Point one: She insinuates that being put on academic probation is something to take personally. Re-

buff: The financial board does not sit down with a student's picture and say, "I don't like the looks of him or her. Let's put them on probation just for kicks."

One either meets the requirements or one doesn't. If one doesn't, then one has to suffer the consequences.

Point two: We are "punished"

If keeping an academic scholarship is important then one's actions must reflect that.

for being "well-rounded" students when we don't keep our grades up. Rebuff: Being a well-rounded

student doesn't just mean belonging to a Greek organization and having lots of extracurricular activities. It means that one also does well academically.

The dictionary definition of a "well-rounded student" is one who is "broadly-trained, educated, and experienced."

If one cannot handle doing many extracurricular activities and maintaining a good grade point average, then priorities and goals must be assessed to provide a feasible academic experience.

If keeping an academic scholarship is important then one's actions must reflect that.

Point three: It is "two-faced" that Greeks and athletes only need to maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Rebuff: Greeks and athletes at our school are not given money to participate in their activities. There is no "letting off the hook" for them

because organization requirements and scholarship requirements are two completely separate issues.

I think it only makes sense to have a higher standard for academic achievement than club participation.

Otherwise, why doesn't the school just give scholarships to everyone with a 2.5 GPA or better.

Point four: "College means enjoying yourself before you are too old to know what fun is." Rebuff: If your definition of fun means something that only happens up to the age of 21, then you are in for a long, sad life.

So I guess my final point is this: Have all the fun you want. Just don't expect the college to pay you for it.

-Lauren Banaszewski is a junior English-History major.

Statue is an odd symbol of sportsmanship in WMC athletics

Colby Goodrum questions
representation of college
morals

Many of the students, if not all, have been inside the Giller Center for one reason or another.

However, at the off chance that someone reading this article has not been inside the facility, or cannot remember all of the details, let me set the stage.

Upon entering the building there are many things that will catch your attention, all of which are entirely logical things to be found in our school athletic building, except for one.

There is the desk immediately as you walk in the building, where the attendant is sitting, but probably not paying attention to you.

Most people just walk by without signing in because let's face it, no one really cares except for the athletic director.

To the left is the main basketball gym, and to the right are the practice gym, the soda and candy machines, and the offices with a little lounge outside where people can sit and wait for their coaches.

On the wall are the respective schedules for the intramural leagues, and other news about upcoming athletic events.

However, for all of the stuff in the building that makes perfect sense, the statue directly next to the attendant's desk really baffles me.

Why would a school that boasts itself as "The Home of Champions," put a statue of a boxer getting knocked out in the lobby of its athletic building?

Is this supposed to inspire our team to do better?

If I played a sport, it would re-

ally just make me depressed.

It would make more sense for the statue to be of a triumphant boxer standing over his opponent, maybe that would psyche the other teams out, instead of our own.

Then again, that would probably fall under the realm of bad sportsmanship, and that just is not allowed. Not here.

Then there is that velvet rope around the statue, as if that would really deter someone from doing

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any harm to this most mysterious of motivators.

Then again, who cares? What is it really doing there? Can someone please tell me, for the love of god!!!

If this is the kind of thing that passes as motivation, I have some great ideas for other buildings around campus.

Maybe in the music building we could install speakers that blared people playing all the wrong notes to one of Mozart's symphonies.

Or just before you walk into Hoover Library there could be a statue of some illiterate children from a third world country.

That would really make me feel good about myself and what I am

about to do.

I could be wrong, but I don't think the boxer falling down is really getting it done in the motivation department.

Maybe I am way off, and the statue is some kind of reverse psychology the school has going to make us all mad so we will play better.

But I would really like to know. Could someone please tell me?

-Colby Goodrum is a junior English-Philosophy major.

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Bank makes financial mistake in accounts

Tara DellaFrancia alerts
students to overcharging
bank fees.

I've made my financial mistakes. I think it's a part of being young. You find out how to splurge, or you find someone to love, and then all of a sudden, you're spending your high school savings.

No matter what, I thought, there would always be the bank; always a place to cash checks, save, or withdraw.

Then came the epitome of financial mistakes: I bounced a check. Well, two checks.

After pleading, crying, arguing and more, I was finally granted audience with one of the cubicle inhabiting people at the bank.

She was shrewd. Possibly a marketing/financial analyst reject that, like many other unknowns and job flops, have moved to

My particular bank prides itself on working well for small businesses

Westminster.

She was the representative of my financially depleted student account-bearing bank.

My bank described the procedure: until six months following your check bounce (also known as a lovely little financial faux pas among college students, she condescendingly noted), the credit card and ATM associated with my student checking account would be frozen.

But I was free to use my checks.

I questioned the logic of this. I see how one can overcharge the account, but you cannot overdraw an account with an ATM card.

With checks, which the bounced user (in this case, my financially handicapped self), is free to use checks, and therefore bounce more of them.

I figured that the bank did this to induce more fees from someone that is likely to bounce more checks.

Furthermore, I must have "misplaced" their propaganda-like literature describing their policies and fees. Damn those smiling people of all ethnic backgrounds in suits and working clothes alike that had agreed to pose for the pamphlet cover.

After months of taking careful attention to not endorse the monopoly bank, more events soon transpired. My monthly balance arrived in the mail.

Having only been able to pay by check to Safeway, Wal-Mart, Target, and generous commentators that spot me some cash, I had accumulated what my bank had called an "Activity Fee" of \$8.00.

Again, the logic of this appeared confusing. My particular bank prides itself on working well for small businesses.

If said bank screws over unsaid college students, they are really screwing over future owners and employees of said small businesses.

Needless to say, I will be entrusting my financial matters, corporate or otherwise, to a much more competent bank upon my college graduation.

-Tara DellaFrancia is a Junior English Major

Written complaints lead to unnecessary controversies

Jessica Watson and Tammi Slater
educate students on commentary writing.

With every issue there are corrections to be made. For the most part the corrections are properly brought to the attention of a staff member so that they can run in the next issue.

However, there are some students who tend to go beyond just pointing out a mistake. Although the process is quite simple, some make it more difficult.

Along with pointing out a typo or error, some feel that it's necessary to mock the paper and complain. So let's ask the question: How does one complain about something they know very little about?

Every other weekend the section editors and assistant editors of the *Phoenix* newspaper staff are hard at work in the office.

They work in a room that was hardly meant for a newspaper, with a printer that never prints when you need it, and a computer that is probably possessed by some demon spirit.

Still, they slave all night, sometimes into the morning, until each page is laid out and each story is placed.

Not to mention overcoming obstacles such as stories that aren't finished, were never started, or don't make it in until the

very last minute, blank spots in the layouts, and the need for pictures when there are none available.

Then, early Monday evening, the co-editors in chief come into the newspaper room and prepare for a long night.

They have to go through every article, every caption, every byline, and every ad and make sure that everything fits into place.

An editor's job is never done. No sooner does the paper come out, do the complaints come rolling in. Somewhere throughout thousands of words a student's name is misspelled and he/she is unhappy.

Sometimes they have to make last-minute calls to double-check what will go to print and sometimes the paper isn't ready to go to print until 4 a.m. the next morning

(keep in mind that classes still go on the next day).

By that time the computer screen looks fuzzy and unreadable, their words are slurred together and they are exhausted. Still, they put their own personal needs aside, and push on to get that paper in on time. On Wednesday morning, the paper can be found in fresh stacks at the information desk.

Most editors aren't even awake for this; they are catching up on precious sleep missed from the night before. But those who are rush to get a couple copies and read mainly with satisfaction.

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He/she feels as if the editors aren't doing their job well enough and should be doing it better. Somewhere else a title is misinterpreted, or a caption portrays the wrong image, or a credit is wrong.

All we hear are complaints. We are thankful for the readers who notice the mistakes, bring it to our attention, and then continue to read the paper. However, we don't understand where someone gets the basis for making a mockery of the situation.

Mistakes will happen whether we want

them to or not; if you look in any big newspaper like the *Washington Post* or the *Baltimore Sun* you will find a mistake or two. Nobody is perfect.

The editors and the writers take countless hours of their precious time to ensure a quality product that keeps you, the alumni, and your parents aware of the events that are occurring on campus.

But the first thought that comes to your mind is "well, what about this typo?" is mind boggling in itself. Students can complain all they want about how something was misrepresented in the paper, but in the end it really gets them no where.

All we can do is take note of it, and run a correction in the next paper.

So think before you complain please, whether it be to your friends or to the staff writers and editors themselves.

Each person that takes part in writing for this paper puts a piece of themselves into each issue.

Stop looking at the little things and look at the whole picture. Some colleges don't even have a newspaper.

-Jessica Watson is a freshman communications major and Tammi Slater is a junior Communications major.

Message to the thieves: Stop stealing, it is wrong

Steve Sharkey discusses the recent break-ins along with other events happening on campus

A memo to the bandits that are sneaking around campus and stealing stuff: you suck. Please do me a favor and drive up to Hagerstown and check yourself into one of the prisons.

That's where you can get the real education. It seems that you cowards have been having taking advantage of girls. In the Hagerstown correctional facilities I am sure that many of the inmates will be willing to teach you a lot more about taking advantage of people—specifically you. And please don't tell me that stealing is part of your financial aid package, because I'm not buying it. Stealing is just plain wrong. Whether the items you steal have sentimental value or real monetary value, you are severely hurting other people.

I am going to go to your house and I'm going steal your parent's car, then while I am at it I am going to steal your little sister's favorite teddy bear so that she cries every night. Now I am not really going to do this, but I am just trying to illustrate to all of you out there that stealing is wrong.

This is a campus community and if you want to be a part of illicit activities go somewhere

else—I really don't have time for it.

I also get mad at people that have simple jobs that don't go to them. The last two weeks I have tried to work out consistently at around 11 a.m. But, on Fridays my health club and spa has been closed at that time because the workers did not come in to run the place. Now I don't know if you have been to this health club, but all the attendants have to do

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is sit at a desk. Nothing else—every once in a while they have to take a phone call, but other than that they just sit there.

Now, I don't now that much about being a good employee but I assumed that if you were scheduled to work you were supposed to show up to your job of doing absolutely nothing.

Now most of the attendants do a good job, but if you can't show up everyday, call ahead, or get a new time to work.

Now that I have finished my rants I am going to talk positively about something: Lawn Sports. It the middle of freaking February

my buds and me are playing horseshoes and croquet every night. Why? Because the weather has been awesome and these games are fun. It takes some skill and nearly no athletic effort.

Croquet can also be considered the "survivor" of sports. It is much like golf because you try to advance your ball as fast as you can on a course. But, if your ball hits an-

other person's ball it's totally legal, and you get rewarded with two extra shots. How cool is that?

Because of this I am encouraging all of you to enjoy the great outdoors when the weather is nice. Play a lawn sport or just veg out on a blanket—whatever you want, it feels good. In last week's editorial I told all of you to go out and voice your opinions on anything and everything on campus.

That includes what you like and what you dislike and even what can be: voice your opinions on any and every issue if you want to have any input. I am going to finish out

this week's article by telling you to go one step further. You should also write those complaints down and send them to the people in power. The written word is much more powerful because they cannot deny that you ever sent them a letter.

That complaint will also cause that administrator to give you a response. When you send most people a phonemail it is deleted before they hear it.

When you send people an e-mail it is usually not looked at. But, for some reason a professionally written letter holds much more sway.

I do not know the reason for this, but it is certainly true. Maybe it is some sort of human biological urge to respect paper. So if you want your voice heard, write down your complaints and send it to those in power.

If they don't respond in a reasonable amount of time then send them back a bunch of papers until their inbox is filled.

Most people will respond on the first try, but you can make them talk to you with persistence.

-Steve Sharkey is a senior Political Science major

Late night thoughts on the 2002 Winter Olympics

Matt Hurff discusses some of the oddities of this year's Winter Olympics

I must say that I really enjoyed this year's Olympics, but there were a few things that were a bit strange. One of those things included the Bobsled announcements.

One evening a friend came into my room claiming the announcer said, "Bobsledding is like sausage. Everyone likes the end result, but no one wants to know how it comes together."

Is it just me, or is this analogy really disturbing?

The Bobsled announcers were also very annoying when they kept discussing whether the event is called the "Bobsled" or "Bobsleigh."

Who cares? They move really fast down the ice—that's all that matters to me.

Another ridiculous thing about the Olympics was the stupid berets. I saw on "The Tonight Show" a line with a wait of seven hours just for one of those berets that the U.S. teams were wearing.

I really do not understand the point of that at all. I have never seen a single person wearing one of those hats before. This leads me to believe that a million people are going to be tossing these overpriced pieces of junk into their closets along with all of their other useless things.

The judging controversies that took place were also very perplexing to me. I think media outlets gave these incidents more coverage than anything else during the games, including the war in Afghanistan.

Unless Canada has decided to invade

Russia, it really does not deserve that much coverage.

So, in any case, you may feel that this article is ridiculous, and that was the point. When writing this it was 3 a.m. on a Tuesday before the paper was sent to press and we frankly did not have anything that would fit into a space this small, so take that for whatever it is worth.

In any case, those berets are still ridiculous.

-Matt Hurff is a junior English major

A Performance by the Evasons: no strings attached

JESSICA WATSON

Features Editor

There's just something different about seeing the phenomena take place right before your eyes, no strings attached, as opposed to watching it on TV.

A half-hour before show time and the Decker Center Forum is almost filled to maximum capacity with a restless audience. Earlier in Englar Dining Hall Tessa and Jeff Evason, the dual team of mentalists, performed a few mind reading tasks for several students. With only a taste of their performance for later that night, they immediately drew a crowd.

"I saw the Evasons come in and I watched Tessa read serial numbers off of dollar bills without looking at them," said freshman Felicia Donelson.

Donelson was one of many who witnessed the phenomena and Jeff did get to use her as an assistant. "He touched my arm and then he asked me if I felt him touching me, and I said yes. He asked me to close my eyes. For a moment it felt like someone was blowing on my arm. Then it felt like someone was stroking my arm with a sheet of paper. When I opened my eyes I asked 'what was that?' and he said 'I did not touch you.'" As Donelson asked around, everyone declared that Jeff didn't touch her.

Overflowing with excitement, many students made it their mission to attend the show and to be there early for great seats.

"If they hadn't come into the cafeteria like that I would not have gone," Donelson says. "I was already planning to go ice skating with friends that night, but I'm glad I went. The show was off the hook."

NBC called them "the finest act of its kind in the world," on the show "The World's Greatest Magic 5." On Fox's "Powers of the Paranormal" they were introduced as "the most amazing mind reading act you've ever seen." The Discovery Channel called them "a new generation of mentalists." The couple has astounded audiences across the globe, performing at several colleges, corporate events, theatres, cruise ships, casino show rooms, and in over 28 countries.

On February 15, they brought their thought provoking interactive show to WMC.

"We really enjoy performing on a college campus," says Jeff. "We enjoy being around the age group. There's always a lot of excitement and people are really open to the kinds of things we do."

Tessa added, "we still feel a connection to college students. There is a lot of energy at WMC; it was very powerful and refreshing."

The program opens with Tessa standing on the stage blindfolded, immediately grasping the audience's attention. Jeff mingles his way through the crowd wear-

evening involved remembering a loved one who was recently deceased. Jeff asked for a volunteer from the audience who lost someone very close to them.

Meghann Butler was chosen for this part of the performance. She was very close to her grandfather, Richard Plant, who passed away about four years ago. She sat down on stage and tilted two small chalkboards that she held together back and forth. In between the boards rolled a fresh piece of chalk. Sitting off stage was one of her closest friends, right in front of a table.

All of a sudden, while Butler was focusing on her grandfather, the table started to move. The audience was silenced with astonishment. She was still rocking the chalkboards back and forth.

"It was really creepy," said Butler, "when I was tilting the boards sometimes the chalk would just stop moving." When Butler was asked to open up the chalkboards, the name "Richard Plant" was written across them.

The fresh piece of chalk looked as if it had been used.

It was so weird. I usually don't believe in these kind of things, so I wasn't sure what to think or expect." Aside from being an eye witness to this spectacle, one has to wonder: How is this possible? Is it possible?

Jeff confirms that it is the participant's own connection with the loved one that allows this to happen. So, even though the loved one may be deceased, they still live on and remain a part of that person.

The couple has been performing for well over 18 years. In 1983, Jeff Evason was working as a radio announcer and a part-time magician in Toronto. Tessa had recently moved to Canada from the Caribbean Island St. Lucia; she was working as a fashion model.

Although they had never met before, they did share a mutual friend in the fashion business. To enhance an upcoming fashion show, this friend invited Jeff to perform a short act of illusion using one of the models as an assistant. Tessa volunteered for the part.

"It took flight like a magic carpet," said Tessa. "By the end of the year I knew there was no turning back."

From then on they worked together. One of the most popular aspects of their performances was their feats of telepathy. With such positive feedback from their audiences, they decided to study the area of psychic phenomena further and devote more of their show to performances of extra sensory perception (ESP).

"Most people would think that what we do is impossible," said

Jeff. Jeff and Tessa are living proof that anything is possible.

"We feel so fortunate that we have had this incredible burning desire to be entertainers," said Tessa. "It's good to feel the joy we have as well as the joy people give to us. Entertainment is one of the

a lot of studying and time into it." "You have to stimulate the natural abilities that you have," said Tessa, "and tap into the energy waiting to be opened."

On their web site, www.evason.com, there is information regarding learning more about the phenomena. On the site they display their book "The Magic of ESP," an introduction to the topic which includes several real ESP experiments you can do on your own. It teaches you how to develop your mental potential. Jeff also recommends the "Idiot's Guide to Being Psychic," because "the topics are very diverse and it's easy reading." Tessa added that you can also find more information at the library; it has numerous resources available.

"Let your intuition guide you," she said. "I believe we all have this gift and we all have the opportunity to develop it."

They don't consider themselves to be psychics and they don't do hypnosis. They have never claimed to have "super natural powers" and they aren't asking anybody to believe in the occult. However, they do believe that nothing is impossible, and that the powers of the mind reach far beyond what many assume. The mind is a terrible thing to waste.

"You have the ability to do anything you want," Tessa said. "When you believe in yourself you are drawing energy to yourself, and that's what makes things possible."



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Jeff and Tessa Evason have been performing for twenty years



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hardest and most demanding professions that anyone can choose. There's always a fear of failure but really you get to be who you are almost to the greatest degree." It was a risk that they were willing to take.

After the show it is pretty common for audience members to come and ask if they learn some of the same mind reading techniques. "Most of them want something quick and easy to learn, which is not a problem. But you've also got to realize that we've been doing this for twenty years, and we've put

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Kick the habit for credits starting next fall

HEATHER WEISSE
Staff Writer

Student smokers who want to kick the habit may get an added bonus next fall: four college credits.

Western Maryland College is currently designing an interdisciplinary smoking "truths" course that will take students through the academic components surrounding the cigarette industry as well as a five-week intensive cessation program. While "Kicking the Habit with Tobacco Truths" is designed for smokers, the course will be open to the entire campus, maybe even faculty.

The class was offered this spring, but postponed until the fall because of lacking enrollment.

Communications department chairperson, Dr. Robert Lemieux, first thought of developing the course while listening to guest lecturer and smoking cessation expert, Dr. Arnold (Skip) Amass, addressed his health communication class last year. According to Lemieux, a lightbulb went off.

"I thought, wouldn't it be interesting to offer a smoking cessation course with an academic component," said Lemieux. "I did some research and found that no course really educates on the cultural issues like politics, biology, marketing and communication."

Lemieux sought out the help of Dr. Herbert Smith in the political science department, Dr. Sam Alspach of the biology department and Mr. Joseph Carter, a lecturer in the economics department, to create this multifaceted course. The four faculty members will each teach a comprehensive two-and-a-half week curriculum that explores the effect their respective field has on the cigarette industry.

Amass, a WMC alum, will teach students how to "kick the habit" during the concluding five weeks of the semester. Students who successfully complete the course will be recognized as certified Smoking Cessation Facilitators by the American Cancer Society. However, successful completion is not contingent upon the student successfully quitting smoking; that's just the optimal outcome.

After drafting the initial idea, Lemieux pitched the course to Steve Krahling-Haddad, associate vice president of development at WMC. Krahling-Haddad believed

the most exciting aspect of the course is the interdisciplinary approach which exemplifies the liberal arts curriculum. According to him, no other college or university offers such a comprehensive smoking cessation course.

"The opportunity for WMC to be a pioneer really appealed to me," said Krahling-Haddad.

In the preliminary stages of applying for funding for the class, Krahling-Haddad is looking to individuals such as alumni and friends of the college and large organizations such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to supply grant money. He is even going to the pharmaceutical companies that manufacture smoking cessation products such as Nicorette gum.

The Carroll County Health Department anticipates giving the college a grant for the course pending completion of necessary paperwork. The grant will come from the Cigarette Restitution Fund, which is ironically funded by the cigarette companies. The CRF was established as a result of a multi-state settlement with the tobacco industry in 1998.

Barbara White, coordinator of the CRF for Carroll County, actively participated in the initial planning of the course. White hopes that the class will spark student interest in tobacco control, an industry that currently lacks qualified workers.

"Because of the recent surge in funding, there is a lot of interest in tobacco control right now. This course will give students a great background," said White.

But the lack of student support for the class this semester could mean there isn't enough interest on campus. Lemieux believes the low class enrollment was partially due to misleading advertising.

Sophomore biology major, Katherine Yi, didn't even know the course was being offered. But Yi doesn't really believe she would be a good candidate for the course.

"I don't think I'd be interested in the course because I don't smoke and almost none of my friends do," said Yi. "I've been pretty much hammered by the subject."

Yi's dad gave her some advice to interest more students. She recommended that the course fulfill a BLAR, or some other graduation requirement such as an EPE course. According to Lemieux, suggestions like these are already being reviewed by the planning committee.

60 Seconds

What do you think the next Olympic sport should be?

By: Brad Widner



"Skateboarding."
-Jeremy Robinson '04
Business/Economics



"Ultimate frisbee because I can throw a frisbee."
Ken Bertkau '05
Undecided



"The involuntary luge... it sounds like fun."
Phil d'Adamo '05
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"I say ultimate...if I say ultimate they'll get the point."
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"Is shuffleboard already one? Because I choose that one."
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Greek life dates

KATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Alpha Nu Omega will be doing a Change for Charity Drive, sponsored by Mix 106.5. The benefits will go to John Hopkins Children Center.

Collection Dates:

2/28 and 3/1 - Outside of Englar Dining Hall
3/2 - Going around to all the Residence Halls

Inter-Greek Council will be holding their weekly meetings on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Leidy Room. The first Thursday meeting will be March 7th. The meetings are open to all Greeks.

Greek Corner: The housing application process

JESSICA JONES
Staff Writer

In ANW and Blanche, the floors that Greek organizations call their homes are once again up for grabs. No, the Greeks are not in trouble; they are currently participating in the Greek Housing Application process, which has no guarantees.

In the past several years, the process for the Greeks to obtain housing has become more extensive. The application they must fill out is made up of eight sections that focus on the organization's purpose, goals, and future events.

One section is so specific that it requests a "short paragraph from each member stating his/her commitment, involvement... and perceived ability to attain the group's goals."

While Amanda Rose, Residence Life Coordinator for Greek Housing, requests all of this information to try to "get every one involved in the process," some organizations do not believe that the

questions are relevant.

Alpha Nu Omega President Janet Prost believes that some of the information is relevant, but not all of it. Prost says, "There is no need for them to know our activities or future plans to show our strengths. We are obviously strong because we are still an organization."

Other organizations do not mind the sometimes tedious nature of the application. In fact, some officers applaud it. Phi Alpha Mu President Becca Clark says, "The more they know the better. We appreciate that they want to know so much about us... that way they can make a better decision."

In addition to submitting this extensive application, organizations are required to attend interviews with the housing committee. This group is headed by Rose, who sees this process as a "big Tetris game." Also on this committee are Betsy Chinnock, Assis-

tant Director of College Activities, Liz Towle, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, an Inter Greek Council



The Phi Alphas display a banner with pride off of the balcony of the first floor in Blanche.

ci member, and an administrator or faculty member who has not yet been selected.

During these interviews,

the same basic questions are asked to each organization, as well as specific questions pertaining to the group's application. Towle sees the process as "pretty straightforward. Organizations are given the chance to spell out all of the great things they have done."

After all of the interviews, the board has a group discussion until they come to a conclusion. Rose says they are "trying to balance a lot of little things to make as many people happy as possible." Obviously, not everyone will be happy.

The Alpha Gamma Tau brothers were not happy last spring because they did not receive housing for the 2001-2002 school year, nevertheless see the housing application process as a positive one. According to fraternity President Ellis Rollins, the application process "has forced us to reevaluate our-

selves and set organization goals so we can be together again."

Phi Delta Theta members, who also were forced to live separately this year as, agree with Rollins. President Dan Belove says, "Because we do not have a floor we have really gotten our acts back together."

Although Belove sees the process as "another loop you have to jump through," he believes that if the Phi Dels receive housing next year they will know how to handle themselves.

Contrary to popular belief this process was not extended to try to get rid of the Greeks. "God no," Rose says, "I'd be out of the job." The fact is that the college does not have as much room as it did in the past. It is becoming more difficult to fit everyone somewhere. Therefore, Rose hopes that "when an organization is granted housing they are thankful that the college worked hard to allow them to live together."

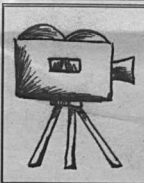
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When the movie begins, you are treated with a vision of the past - a very mythical and beautiful past. There is a narrator who takes you through of Middle Earth, where the epic trilogy "Lord of the Rings" is set. She guides you through the formation of the rings of power, an awesome battle to save the lands from the dark Lord Sauron, and begins to tell you about the "One" Ring.

"One ring to rule them all, one ring to find them, one ring to bring them all, and in the darkness bind them." - This is the basis of the story of J.R.R. Tolkien, a trilogy that was written over 50 years ago. Peter Jackson, who directed "Lord of the Rings," did his best to maintain the purity of the novels, and from what I can tell, did an excellent job.

The first movie of the trilogy, "The Fellowship of the Ring," tells the story of the inhabitants of middle earth finding the ring of power, and their quest to destroy it. Leading the quest is Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), who seems to be the only one able to withstand the power of the ring. He is joined by 8 other members, who consti-

Movie to see: Lord of the Rings

tute the "Fellowship." The movies takes us on a huge adventure crossing many different lands, and introducing us to orcs, wizards, hobbits and elves among others.

The movie has many different stars who either appear in cameos or are a member of the fellowship. For instance, Liv Tyler plays Arwen, a mystical and beautiful elf who is in love with Viggo Mortensen, who plays Aragorn. Aragorn plays a huge part in the fellowship, and as you find out in the movie, will play a large part in the movies yet to come.

I don't want to give too much of the plot away, but I can tell you, for the men, that there are some awesome battle scenes in the movie. The first takes place in the first five minutes and sets the story for battles to follow. For you ladies, the movie intertwines all the action with a great love sequence between Arwen and Aragorn.

This has to be one of my favorite movies, and I am eagerly awaiting the release of the second movie, "The Two Towers," which comes out in December 2002.

So if you are looking for a great movie, full of action, adventure, romance, and a great plot, I recommend you seeing "Lord of the Rings." Sitting through the three hours is well worth it, and I am sure you will enjoy it.

HOROSCOPES

EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS
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Well Valentine's Day has passed and all we have to look forward to is the upcoming Spring Break. I know I can't wait for it, and because I am a psychic, I sense that you cannot wait either. Well here are your horoscopes to tide you over until then.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

If I was a pitching coach, and you were a pitcher, I would be telling you "to stay within yourself." Whatever that means. But, I am just going to say that you will be face with many decisions in the upcoming weeks, so just do what feels right for you.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Don't appear too snobby around that girl or guy that you are interested in, because they definitely do not go for it. In other words, no one is looking for a jerk in a relationship, but it always seems to end up like that...hmm.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Right now, you are at the height of your intellectual thinking ability, so try to fit in as much work as possible. But, this will lead to you burning yourself out, so actually, you are screwed either way you do it. So just do...whatever you want to.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

If things aren't operating exactly like you would like them to, then it is time for you to take a break. I know that normally isn't your style, but you are going to find yourself completely tired after every day, so just relax, have a beer (or some other beverage), and get some sleep.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

This is going to be a really difficult time for you, and you are going to get all grumpy, and crappy, and you're just going to be a pain (Note to self: don't mess with Leo right now). You are going to need to refocus this month, and concentrate on what is truly important.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

How did hitting up the BK work for you? Well now you have to remember to keep up communications with people close to you, because, well you know, its good to keep tabs on people. Oh, and if you are currently dating someone...ouch.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Jeez, are you still having trouble with the money issue? Well either way, your love life is going to be making a very interesting turn. Heck, you may even be hooking up with a really good friend soon, the only problem is, it most likely will be blamed on alcohol and that will sure make the next morning a bit awkward.

Scorpio (October 23 - Nov. 21)

It is time for you to get things out into the open. You've been keeping some things bottled up, and it is making you kinda grouchy. Your friends have started to call you Oscar the Grouch, and we all know what happened to him...that's right, he lives in trashcan.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Its time for you expand your horizons. This means you should get out of your room sometimes and get off campus. Make a Denny's run late at night or something. However, remember to keep the goal in sight and not let it get away.



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Pisces

Capricorn (December 22 - Jan. 19)

Do not wear a red shirt...Red is not good for you right now. I am not sure why, but definitely not good. Besides that, not really sure...Things are just going to stay the same, but let me reiterate...avoid the red.

Aquarius (January 20 - Feb. 18)

You lucky dogs. That's all I have. Maybe you should go out and buy some lotto tickets, but I can't guarantee that you will win, because obviously if I could, then I would be out buying a bunch of tickets. By the way, when you do go out, pick me up a ticket.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Hey, it is your time fishy. You should be feeling great right now, because as the Ladies Man says, "yes, its time for you to get your groove on." So get out there and get your groove on, unless you can't dance, then let me tell you, no one wants to see that poor display of coordination.

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"I've never been to anything like this before; it was interesting. The food was really good and I got to learn about a culture that I really didn't know that much about."

-Sarah Reitz

"I liked Maya's performance and poetry reading. It was very emotional and dramatic."

-Maribel Calderon



Felicia Donelson provides the comic relief for the crowd.

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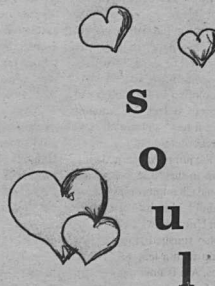
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"I think it was very well done I loved the decorations. It wasn't just dinner, it was an educational experience."

-Kennedra Tucker



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Chris vs. Steve: hot topics in the world of Sports

CHRIS TAUGHER AND STEVE

ZAMAGAS

Phoenix Staff

Chicago Bulls:

Steve: On paper, the recent Bulls/Pacers trade may look like another losing effort for the Bulls. They did give up their top 3 scorers in Mercer, Artest, and Miller. But this is not even close to being as bad a deal as the Elton Brand for Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry deal. With this one, Chicago now has Jalen Rose, a player yearning to become a franchise player and be the one who the team goes to instead of Reggie Miller.

They also get a solid point guard in Travis Best, which will be much better than the likes of Fred Hoiberg. Look for this to spark something with the Bulls and Bill Cartwright.

Chris: What the hell are the Bulls doing, you ask? Well it's pretty simple. The franchise has already set a 70 win season and now they want to focus on obtaining a 70 loss season.

The Bulls are sending a message to the rest of the league. While most teams plan to either win now or win in the future, the bulls want to loose now, and loose in the future.

Under the microscope: Surprises

Steve: As the NCAA closes out conference play and turns to tournament time, now is a good opportunity to take a closer look at the nation's top 25 teams. Who would have predicted at this point, Cincinnati, Alabama, Gonzaga, Marquette, and Pittsburgh would

all be in the top 10? Well...not me. I'll be honest.

Granted, Conference USA doesn't have the toughest RPI. Gonzaga's only real competition out in the West is Pepperdine and the Big East isn't as tough as years past to put up a fight with Pittsburgh.

It is also interesting to note that these teams all overcame the loss of key players. Alabama lost Gerald Wallace, Marquette lost Brian Wardle, Gonzaga lost Casey Calvary, Pittsburgh lost Ricardo Greer, and Cincinnati lost Kenny Satterfield.

Nonetheless, these teams are all ranked in the top 10, and none of them were in the preseason top 25. There were teams ranked in the preseason top 25 and now are nowhere to be found.

What happened to Iowa, UCLA, Michigan State, Temple and UNC? We have seen the demise of the Tar Heels this year and have enjoyed it for the most part while also watching an Iowa team rely too heavily on Luke Recker.

It has also been great to see teams like Arizona bounce back after losing as many players as they did and Stanford remaining steady after losing four of its starters.

It will be interesting to see if these five surprise top 10 teams can make a push in March and surge past the big 3 of Duke, Maryland, and Kansas.

Something to vent about: Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Chris: I am so sick of hearing about the Bucs. In the last two

years their defense has gone from great to good, they forgot about their best back in Warrick Dunn and they have not won a playoff game.

Everyone hopped on the Bucs bandwagon three years ago when they went to the NFC title game and lost to the Rams. It seemed like Tampa needed a savior to take them to the big game.

Enter Keyshawn Johnson, who's nickname should be Keyshawn "The only thing he doesn't do is catch touchdowns." Johnson after leading the NFC in receptions (106) but only tallying one score.

Then there was Brad Johnson. Johnson had a decent year (3406 yards, 13 TD's) but with a mediocre receiving core of Reidel Anthony and Jacques Green the Bucs offense scored 20.2 points per game (26 in the NFL).

The Bucs are hoping third time's the charm by hiring their third "savior" John Gruden. Gruden, who is the best young coach in the game has the potential to lead the Bucs to the next level, but Tampa gave up too much to get him. I will believe it when I see it.

Chris vs. Steve: Daytona 500:

Steve: Remind me again how this "sport" is more popular than the NBA. Sad.

Chris: The 44th running of the Daytona 500 on February 17 pulled in the highest ratings in NASCAR history. What a great job Fox has done with NASCAR. It is truly a

sport on its way up. It's exciting, family fun, that...wait a minute what am I saying? Who cares about NASCAR?

Chris vs. Steve: Kansas

Chris: Now that football season is over, we can concentrate on the best time of year to be a sports fan—March Madness.

We all could get the pleasure of witnessing two more Duke-Maryland match-ups. I hope the seeds end up that the two can meet in the championship game. They are the best two teams in the country. Sorry Jayhawk fans, your team is overrated yet again. This is the year you win in all, right? Or was that the year you had Greg Ostertag?

Or maybe it was the year you had Raef LaFrentz? I can't even remember when Kansas made it past the sweet sixteen let alone the Final Four.

Steve: Each year, we see Kansas somewhere in the top 25, usually the top 10, yet they have been subject to early exits from the NCAA Tournament and have yet to win a NCAA title under Roy Williams. This may be their year, however.

As we make our way into March Madness, the Jayhawks are now the number one team in the country ahead of both Duke and Maryland. Losing only Kenny Gregory from last year's squad, Kansas has all its weapons in store to close out the Big XII season, arguably the nation's top conference this year along with the SEC.

They have the perfect outside-

inside game with the backcourt of Jeff Boschee and Kirk Heinrich and a frontcourt of Nick Collison and Drew Gooden, a top candidate for player of the year honors with Duke's Dunleavy and Williams and Maryland's Dixon. The Kansas faithful may be happy Williams didn't take the UNC job come early April.

Parting shot: Olympics:

Chris: First of all, congrats to the U.S. team for capturing 34 medals. We all should be very proud of our athletes. God bless America.

Unfortunately, the story of the games has been all the judging controversies. The Russians are upset, South Korea is upset, even Wayne Gretzky was upset. Russian president Vladimir Putin said, "North American athletes receive a clear advantage." To all the upset countries; quit crying and just blame Canada.

Woman's Tennis starts over

CHRIS TAUGHER

Assistant Sports Editor

The Western Maryland College Women's tennis team will try to improve on its 4-7, 3-5 record last year. The only problem is no one from this year's team was around last year to remember that season.

First year coach Teresa Barnes said about the season's outlook, "We are young and futuristic." Young is probably an understatement since none of the women played on the team last year. The Green Terror roster consists of six freshmen, Sharon Desperak, Bayley Fiamini, Katrina Buckley, Darcie Hartwick, Genevieve Kallins, Shannon Pugey and one sophomore Katherine Yi.

Barnes has taught tennis for 5 years. She also works with the varsity boys and the middle school team as the head pro at McDonough School Tennis Camp.

Barnes also teaches lessons on the side with Western Maryland's new Men's Tennis coach Matt Bilger.

Gone are the days of Lara Henderson, class of 2000, and Althea Desrosiers, class of 2001, who led Western Maryland College to two 10-win seasons (1998, 2000) and won the Centennial Conference double's championship in 2000. But in return, is a new crop of talent ready to prove themselves.

Loyal fans of Green Terror women's tennis "may not recognize the faces but they will recognize the hard work," said Barnes, who is WMC's third new women's coach in five years.

The Terror open March 16, 1:00 p.m., at home against Ursinus.

Records fall for WMC Track team in 2002.

MARCUS HILTON

Sports Staff

The WMC Indoor Track and Field Team has had several record-breaking performances this season, and at the Potomac Valley USATF College Invitational in Landover, M.D. on February 9, the Terror continued their success.

Despite competing with only 13 athletes, the Terror enjoyed several stellar individual performances.

One of those performances came from junior jumper Ifeanyi Ani, who continued his already remarkable season.

He took first in the triple jump with a leap of 48 feet, 3 1/2 inches, which set a new school and conference record.

With the jump, Ani earned himself a trip to the NCAA Division III National Championships, which will be held March 8-9 at Ohio Northern University.

He also finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 21 feet, 10 inches. Ani is now the Centennial Conference record holder in

both the triple jump and the long jump (22 feet, 6 1/2 inches).

In addition to Ani, the other Terror men also enjoyed success. Sophomore Calvin Woodward's time of 1:59.73 in the 80-meter run was his indoor personal record, and senior David Hose won the shot put with a throw of 49 feet, 3 inches, which was the best throw in the conference this season.

On the women's side, senior distance runner Diana Pool set a school record in the mile with a time of 5:23.04, breaking teammate Jill Krebs' two-year-old record of 5:24.12.

Pool also finished fourth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:54.71, and Jen Bruce tied her own school record in the pole vault with a vault of 9 feet.

The Green Terror competed in the Centennial Conference Championships.

February 22-23 at Haverford. Results were not available at press time.



LINDSAY HICKS

Senior Bio-Chemistry major Todd Peters enjoying an enjoyable afternoon in the Quad with the Frisbee team.

Men's Basketball brings tough season to a close and hopes for future success.

CHRIS SEIBERT
Phoenix Staff

The future of the WMC Men's Basketball team is more optimistic than one might first imagine.

Despite finishing the season with a dismal record of 6-19, the majority of the team will be able to return next season with the mentality instilled by this season's seniors.

Seniors Teron Powell, Jack Kowalik, and Sean Minnier have lead by example, showing their younger teammates the desire and dedication needed to succeed.

Jack Kowalik lead the 2001-02 Green Terror by being productive in several offensive areas of the game, finishing among the Centennial Conference's best in scoring average, field goals made, and three-point field goal percentage.

Besides putting up impressive numbers for the Green Terror, Jack displayed to his teammates a will to succeed, and a never-give-up attitude.

Only one word is needed to describe the play of the Green Terror's Teron Powell: hustle. Teron's hustle and drive propelled him past his opponents.

Arguably the most athletic individual on the court, Teron boxed-out for rebounds in the paint and defended guards on the perimeter. Teron also could bring the ball up the court and post-up smaller defenders. In the Green Terror's final game of the season against Washington College, Teron scored 24 points while also grabbing 8 rebounds and dishng out 5 assists.

Providing an example not seen on the scoring sheet was senior Sean Minnier. Sean provided a spark to the WMC offense by hit-

ting the offensive boards with great intensity and success. In his final game, Sean ripped down 13 rebounds and also contributed 12 points.

The Green Terror men's may not have experienced the success that most teams hope for. Looking at the season a little closer though, a 6-19 record is not as bad as it looks.

The team was under the guidance of a new head coach, the third different head coach in the last 3 years. In addition, injuries to several key players also caused problems with cohesion and cooperation as new players were constantly being shuffled into the game.

A third factor also contributed to the difficulty of the season-- the schedule. The Green Terror played several difficult teams including the defending national champion Catholic University, nationally ranked Franklin and Marshall twice, Gettysburg twice, and a non-conference game against the Division-I Princeton Tigers.

So now with this season over, the men will definitely want to put the painful thoughts behind them without forgetting the lessons learned from their three seniors.

Looking ahead to the possibilities of next season, head coach Jay Dull will be capable of returning 13 players to his roster. Among the 13 players are several gifted shooters and intense rebounders.

Alan Hoyt, Greg Hill, and Adam Hynes, all provide accurate 3-point shots as they each made 18, 24, and 20 3-pointers respectively. Remarkably, Greg Hill was shooting over 45% from beyond the arc before an injury ended his season. The Green Terror also

missed the shooting of sophomore Sam Anstead as an injury caused him to miss almost all of the games.

In the paint, Jon Pearson, Andrew Slye, and Sylvanus Adenaike provide height, strength, and mobility. Pearson finished 11th in the Centennial Conference in rebounds per game.

Also James Jegede can leap high and provide a player capable of grabbing a rebound and starting a fast break by himself.

With the frustrating 2001-02 season over for the men's basketball team, they can now focus on improving for next year.

Many players will be able to return with the experience gained from a tough schedule and knowledge from this year's seniors. Thus despite a negative appearance, Green Terror fans should be optimistic about their team and next season.

Continued from Men's lacrosse on page 16

The anchor for any defense in Lacrosse is the goalie and WMC is no exception. Senior Brian Knottingham will play between the posts this year for the Terror. Knottingham had a very successful season last year, and will hopefully continue at that pace this season. "The teams that win have top-notch goalies, at every level," said Reitenbach. "We think we have a top-notch goalie." With Riley departed, Jeremy Freed and Alex Toj will step up as the leaders at midfielder. Mike Coleman, a senior with four years of experience, will also start at midfielder.

Included in the regular season are games against St. Mary's and Widener, along with the spring break trip to North Carolina.

The games against Washington and Gettysburg fall on the same week and after that with hopefully be a return trip to the four team conference tournament.

Wrestlers win CC Title

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

Going into the Centennial Conference Championships, the Western Maryland College Wrestling team was looking to take first place at the meet. The team didn't just win the tournament, but dominate it in the process. Nine out of the ten wrestlers who entered for the Green Terror won medals while five of them will still compete at the NCAA Division-III finals in March.

Wrestlers winning gold at the conference championships were seniors Vinny Pedalino at 125-pounds, Chris McNally at 197-pounds, Andy Chencharik at 174-pounds, and junior Levi McVey at 184-pounds, and freshman Dan Patterson at 133-pounds. While Pedalino and McNally have been to Nationals, there are a couple of first timers on this year's team. Patterson, McVey, and Chencharik will all be making their initial appearances at the meet on March 1 and 2 in Wilkes Barre, PA.

The team didn't just capture gold, but silver as well with junior Bill Bobbitt, senior Rob Johns, and sophomore heavyweight Drew Reinecker all picking up second-place finishes at the championships. "The lone bronze medal performance belonged to freshman Mikey Blake at 149-pounds. The team finished with 106.5 points, a considerable lead over second place finisher Muhlenberg at 80.5.

The Green Terror wrestling team capped off a tremendous season at the conference championships as a team, but the individual honors will wait until the National Championships where five wrestlers will have the chance to add more gold and history to the 2001-2002 campaign.

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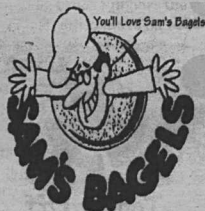
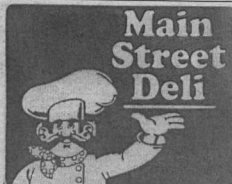
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WMC Wrestling caps off amazing season with sizzling 16-1 record.

Countdown to WWF Wrestle Mania

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

It has been a spectacular season for the Western Maryland College Wrestling team as they have a sizzling 16-1 record, including victories in 9 out of their last ten matches.

With their regular season over, the Green Terror is hoping for success in the postseason.

"The season went well," said junior Bill Bobbitt. "We haven't had our entire team together this season because of injuries, but we were still ranked 15th in the country."

On February 9th, the Green Terror faced one of their biggest tests of the season as they entertained the 4th ranked in the nation, Kings College, along with Messiah College in a tri-meet.

Despite missing senior national qualifier Vinny Pedalino and junior Davey Blake, WMC started off on fire by winning three of the first four matches to begin the contest and took a considerable 16-6 lead.

At the 133 pound weight class, super-freshman Dan Patterson picked up a huge come from behind win and has only lost one match the entire season.

The opposition would fight back and tie the match at 16-16 and spoil the return of previously injured senior star Rob Johns to take a 25-19 win. The loss was only the second setback of the season for the Green Terror. The team would rebound in their match against Messiah College, as they picked up a

slim 25-19 victory.

Johns came back and picked up a critical decision for the team at 157 pound weight class to help the team gain a split at the meet.

Despite an injury depleted roster, the Green Terror looked to pick up a win against tough conference rival, Gettysburg.

WMC dominated the contest from the start and cruised to a 37-12 victory. Bobbitt picked up the sole pinfall on the night for the Green Terror at the 165 pound weight class.

One of the highlights of the season for the Green Terror was their

"We haven't had our entire team together this season because of injuries, but we were still ranked 15th in the country."

-Bill Bobbitt

January 23rd match against York College.

Before a huge home crowd, WMC dominated their non-conference foe to a 35-6 count. Davey Blake began the scoring for team with an 8-2 victory at 141 pounds and soon after his brother Mikey, who picked up a win at 149 pounds.

Also victorious on the day for the team were Pedalino, Patterson, senior Andy Chencharik, freshman Dan Riggs, senior Chris McNally,

and sophomore Drew Reinecker.

On January 20th, the Green Terror hosted a Quad-meet, involving Wilkes University, Delaware State, and Howard University.

In their first match against Wilkes University, the team came back from a rugged start to take a 28-11 victory. The team won sixth consecutive clashes to take the contest. Victory was the theme of the day for the team as they swept the meet with two more wins over Delaware State (33-15 and Howard University (24-21).

The team is optimistic about their postseason chances. "If we had our entire team in the lineup, we would be unbelievable and definitely a legit top five team," said junior Eric Bartczak.

Despite many injuries, the Green Terror had a strong 17-2 mark.

With a collection of young and experienced competitors healthy on the roster, the team is prepared to make a huge splash at the Centennial Conference Championships at Ursinus College on February 16th.

Correction

The Phoenix would like to apologize to the WMC wrestling team for the mishap in the last edition of the Phoenix. Enclosed to the left is the story that was placed on the back page of the issue, but due to problems was not placed there. Once again, the Phoenix would like to apologize for the mistake and reiterate that we do support all athletic teams at the College and will continue to do so in the future.

MIKE JENKINSON
Phoenix Staff

With Wrestlemania less than a month away, the wrestling fan's Christmas season is upon us. Wrestlemania is the biggest event, hands down, of the year.

The card is shaping up nicely, as some of the top matches are either already set or the storylines to have these matches set have started.

The main event is Chris "Y2J" Jericho against Triple H. A great choice for a main event. Triple H, after being on the shelf for nearly eight months, has come back and has had fans excited for his every move. His recent split with Stephanie has given him even more popularity, and made him the choice to take on the champ.

And what a champ it is. Jericho finally captured the gold in December on one of the best performances by a singles wrestler in years. He wrestled two classics against Rock and Austin back to back. Since then he has gone on to defeat both of these men again in two more PPV's. Jericho has managed to get more crowd venom as a bad guy champ than any wrestler since probably Bret Hart's glory heel days against Austin.

Every time Jericho and Triple H have stepped into a ring, their natural chemistry has allowed them to put on a great match. With Wrestlemania as the backdrop, I'm sure this match will be no exception.

Although Jericho and Triple H have the main event slot, there will be a clear number two match on this year's show. A match that will

pit the biggest star of last generation's WWF against the biggest star of this generation. The Rock is set to take on Hulk Hogan. Hogan's nWo has been a huge success so far, with ratings, PPV buy rates, and merchandise sales way up. The WWF hopes the thought of a Rock vs. Hogan match will bring back old fans to see this classic before it ever happens.

Stone Cold, after being the main event his past three Wrestlemania's, gets a chance to battle Scott Hall of the nWo, a match that should be both fun to see hyped, and good in the ring. Depends on how much Hall has left in the tank after his year and a half long break.

We also have the tag team title match set. Hilarious comic duo Chuck and Billy, the most overrated team in the WWF, take on the most popular good guy team, the APA. The APA has always been a very popular duo, but the WWF has been reluctant to push them because of their health. Both guys are somewhat older, and Farooq's knees are so bad he's almost retired in the past year. Luckily they both are healthy now, and both seemed poised to carry the momentum of a tag title shot to Wrestlemania.

It looks like Ric Flair is going to face Undertaker in a match of old guys past their prime. Undertaker is still one of the most popular men on the roster, and he deserves better than this throwaway match.

More matches will be developing before Wrestlemania X8.

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Women's Basketball wins Conference Championship, prepares for March Madness

Historic season continues in the playoffs

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

When the Western Maryland College Women's basketball team met for practice in the winter of 2001, one of their main goals was to win a Centennial Conference Championship. Currently riding a seven game winning streak, the squad reached their goal and won the prized Conference trophy. The team can look towards March Madness to continue their sparkling season.

To qualify for the Conference championship tournament, the Green Terror had a strong obstacle in tough conference rival, Johns Hopkins. In front of a raucous home crowd, WMC came out strong and took a 38-28 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Blue jays wouldn't go away and spent the next 20 minutes chipping away at the Green Terror lead until the final seconds of the game.

With 18 seconds on the clock and the score knotted at 68, WMC sophomore guard Toby McIntire drove the ball to the hoop and threw up a shot that missed, but junior

center Kris Brust positioned herself well for the rebound and grabbed the ball and was fouled. With just two seconds left on the clock, Brust calmly sank two key foul shots to win the game for the Green Terror 70-68.

The team was lead by star freshman guard Kelly Camp's 15 points and junior guard Jennifer Piccolomini contributed 13 points and 4 steals on defense in the critical win.

The Green Terror went on the road to Allentown, PA for the first round of the Centennial Conference championships against Muhlenberg College.

From the start, both teams played tough defense and points were hard to come by as WMC held a slim 31-29 lead at the half.

With the second half, neither team could build a sizable lead and the game remained undecided until the last minute of regulation.

With under a minute left in the contest, the Green Terror led 53-50 until Muhlenberg hit a short jumper to close the lead to 53-52.

On the next possession, the Mules fouled WMC guard Piccolomini and sent her to the foul line for two shots with seven seconds left on the clock.

She missed both of her attempts, and the home team had one

more chance to win the game but their attempt at a last second victory would fall out and the Green Terror won a thriller 53-52.

After their close win, WMC earned a spot in the Centennial Conference championship game against Swarthmore College at the Gill Center.

Behind their home crowd, the Green Terror would build an early lead from the start and cruise to an impressive 66-38 win.

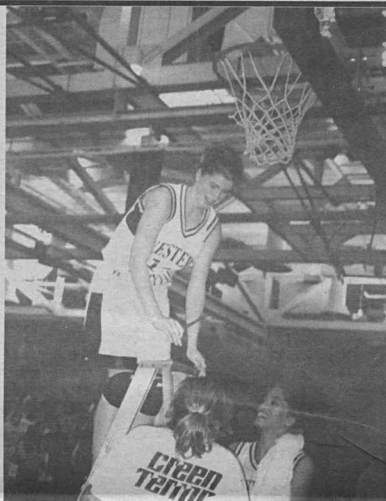
The team came out playing strong team defense and took the opponent out their game early on their way to building a commanding 29-12 halftime lead.

Piccolomini had a big day for the team with 14 points, including eclipsing the 1,000 point mark for her career at WMC.

Toby McIntire had another strong game with 9 rebounds and three assists and Kris Brust came off the bench to score 13 points in the victory.

Following their Centennial Conference championship, the Green Terror women can now wait to find out their opponent in the first round of the NCAA Division three Basketball tournament.

It has been a historic season for women's basketball at WMC and the season isn't over yet with hopes of playoff glory looming.



Kelly Camp of the Western Maryland Women's Basketball team cuts down the nets after winning the Centennial Conference Championship.

Men's Lax looks for first Conference title

MIKE JENKINSON
Phoenix Staff

The WMC men's Lacrosse team has recorded two consecutive 11-4 seasons, and are poised to make a run at their first conference championship.

Last season saw the Terror record a victory over Washington College, a powerhouse in men's Division-III Lacrosse. To win the conference title, however, they are going to need to surpass both Washington and Gettysburg. The Bullets are coming off a season where they finished 2nd in the country, and remain one of the elite programs in the nation.

Senior goal keeper Brian Knottingham summed up the season outlook: "We've got to make sure we don't lose any of the games we should win. But Gettysburg and Washington are definitely the two toughest teams on our schedule. To do well, we have to get through our conference first."

Another obstacle to overcome is making up for the losses of Team MVP Dave Riley, and All-American Brett Sweeney. Fortunately for the Terror, almost all of the other contributors from last year's team return this season.

All told, there are 38 guys on the team this year. On both offense

and defense, there are 8 out of ten guys on the field that had experience from the year before. Coach Reitenbach says "The losses (Riley and Sweeney) are huge, but 12 of our top 15 guys from last season are back."

Included in that bunch were the two leading scorers from last year's team, Tom Brown and Joe Ellis who tied with 98 points a piece. These two attackers will play with freshmen Rob Weaver.

With training camp time over the team is ready to settle into their season. With starters returning at every position, they hope their experience is enough to improve on the 11 win mark.

The Defensive team is lead by senior Jason Wiles. Wiles will definitely be out at the time of the opener. Senior Scott Armstrong will take his place in the starting lineup. A contributor and hard worker for years, this will be Armstrong's first opportunity as a starter. Josh Hanlon will be the other defensive

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LINDSAY HICKS

WMC fans cheer the Women's Basketball team on to a last-minute 70-68 victory in the Centennial Conference Championship game against Johns Hopkins University on Saturday.



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A meal for the phenomenal women of WMC

Luncheon awards de-serving women of WMC

JESSICA WATSON
Features Editor

Phenomenal women across campus, nominated by their peers, students, coworkers, and supervisors, were honored at the Third Annual Phenomenal Women's Luncheon on March 7.

The event was co-sponsored by the office of Multicultural Services and the Women's Issues Group.

"We are here to acknowledge and show appreciation to women on campus who have made a difference," said Carolynne Wanga, graduate assistant of Multicultural Services. This award was started three years ago by Mary Grace Almandrez, Director of Multicultural Services.

"I started this because I noticed that hard working women weren't getting recognition, and I wanted to give the community a chance to show their gratitude," said Almandrez. With this in mind, Almandrez thought long and hard about what to call this award. "I



thought of the poem 'Phenomenal Woman' by Maya Angelou and my inspiration behind that was Maya Redfeam." Almandrez said she considers Redfeam to be a true phenomenal woman on campus.

"This luncheon is for everyone who knows a workday doesn't end at 4:30 or when you go home," said Almandrez. This year, 62 women were nominated for the award, which is the largest that they have ever had. Only 30 could be chosen as recipients.

"It was inspiring to read all of the nominations," said Jill Krebs, president of the Women's Issues Group. Those who weren't chosen as recipients were given a certificate of honorable mention. Those chosen attended the luncheon. Each received a certificate of appreciation, an inspirational book if they were nominated more than once, and two copies of the poem "Phenomenal Woman."

"To be phenomenal is a privilege and a responsibility. The purpose of having two poems is to pass one on and continue the cycle of affirmation," Almandrez said.

It has been a tradition that Maya Redfeam do a dramatic presentation of the poem "Phenomenal Woman" at this luncheon. This time Almandrez took a different approach. Freshman LaShawn Eley recited the poem instead as a tribute to Redfeam. At one point in her presentation Eley forgot her line, and Redfeam filled in. It was a moment of union and empowerment for phenomenal women everywhere. Eley circled around every table and recited the last line with her hand resting upon Redfeam's shoulder.

"I wasn't planning to end it like that," said Eley. "but I'm glad I did."

The last lines of Maya Angelou's poem read "Now you understand just why my head's not bowed. I don't shout or jump about or have to talk real loud. When you see me passing, it ought to make you proud. I say, it's the click of my heels. The bend of my hair. The palm of my hand. The need for my care. 'Cause I'm a woman phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, that's me."

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ROTC has interesting training weekend

STACEY MYERS
Assistant News Editor

The cadets in WMC's Army ROTC left campus Friday for a weekend of obstacle courses, orientations and leadership training. The semi-annual field training exercise, held at Fort Indian Town Gap, Pa., lasted from March 8 to 10.

About 35 WMC students joined 15 students from Mount Saint Mary's College for the exercises last weekend, said Captain Ricardo R. Torres, Assistant Professor of Military Science.

During the weekend, the students hone their navigational and teamwork skills through challenges like the "MacGyver Course," said sophomore Cadet Pete Christake. In this challenge, each team of students is given a specific problem and the materials to help solve it, and they are timed on how well they find a solution.

For example, the team may have to cross a broken bridge, Christake said. However, they only have planks that are too short to make it across, some rope and a barrel. All of the items have to come across the bridge with the cadets, and the entire team must make it across, he said.

"These are really fun, and we

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WMC launches advanced pigeon lab

Laboratory brings new meaning to the word innovative

STACEY MYERS
Assistant News Editor

This semester, a new opportunity for studying the psychology of learning opened in Winslow Center. Dr. Margaret McDevitt, assistant professor of psychology, started a pigeon lab to research how we learn by observing the birds' behaviors.

McDevitt transferred to WMC from San Diego State University two years ago, and brought most of the pigeon lab equipment with her, she said. She had to wait for departmental approval before starting the lab, but now that it is up and running, she hopes it will continue for many years. The pigeons were purchased from a man who raised them as racing pigeons, McDevitt said, so this is their second career.

"Pigeons live for a very long time," McDevitt said. "I have one right now who is 16-years old, and she's very healthy."

The lab itself is a series of connected rooms, the largest of which holds the pigeons. All fifteen birds have their own spacious

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"What's the deal with all the pigeons?!?"



Student Jamin Bartololmeo, holding a pigeon in the new psychology lab. Read the story on the front page for more information about the new addition.

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Nominations for Phenomenal Women at Western Maryland College

PHENOMENAL WOMEN 2002

- Ms. Sara Albol, Student
- Ms. Claire Adams, Student
- Dr. Jeanne Ahearn-Green, Lecturer of Social Work
- Ms. Robin Eversen, Director of Alumni Relations
- Ms. Ilana Bean Del Rio, Student
- Ms. Norma Corner, Housekeeper
- Ms. Mary Jo Colbert, Director of Conference Services
- Dr. Janet Conley, Coordinator of Deaf Education Support
- Ms. Katherine Cousins, Coordinator of Special Events
- Ms. Neitzel Feustel, Benefits and Employment Manager of Human Resources Department
- Ms. Eleanor Geiman, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
- Ms. Sheri George, Student
- Ms. Rachelle Giguere, Student
- Ms. Margaret Griffin, Secretary of Political Science and International Studies Department
- Dr. Esther Igich, Professor of Biology Department
- Dr. Vera Jobczyk, Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies Department
- Ms. Cynthia Jones, Student
- Ms. Barbara Kashen, Payroll and Accounts Payable Manager
- Ms. Joan Lusk, Certified Physician Assistant of Health Services
- Ms. Rebecca Martin, Senior Coach Lecturer of Exercise Science and Physical Education Department
- Ms. Terry Page, Office Manager of College Activities
- Ms. Tonio Pope, Student
- Ms. Joan Ruymer, Food Service Employee
- Ms. Elaine Simpson, Work Order Coordinator of Physical Plant
- Dr. Marilyn Smith, Chemical Hygiene Officer/Instructor of Chemistry Department
- Ms. Uniso Tatum, Student
- Ms. Nykole Tyson, Student
- Dr. Mary Upson, Lecturer of Foreign Languages Department
- Ms. Peggy Ward, Lecturer of Music Department
- Ms. Shonda Wilson, Residence Life Coordinator

Understanding pigeons may lead to medical breakthroughs for humans

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cages. The birds are not hooked up to any sort of machinery; rather, the experiments are all based on observing the birds' behavior when they are placed in certain situations.

The experiments are designed to study the way living creatures learn, McDevitt said. In the study of experimental analysis of behavior, psychologists believe that there are basic stages of learning that are common to all animals, she said.

The more advanced the species is, the more levels of learning it possesses. However, the most basic level is common to all creatures.

Therefore, by studying the pigeons, McDevitt and her students are able to investigate the basic laws of learning, she said.

McDevitt chose pigeons over other lab animals because she prefers working with them, and they have superior eyesight, which is important in tests where they have to distinguish between colors, she said.

"Pigeons are nice animals, they're not aggressive," McDevitt said. "Rats have teeth."

Students in McDevitt's class, *The Psychology of Learning*, are training the pigeons using operant conditioning, said junior psychology major Jamir Bartolomeo.

Operant conditioning is a voluntary behavior that revolves around choice. Once the pigeons have been trained to understand the available choices, they will then go through an experiment to determine what the pigeons value by what choice they

consistently make, McDevitt said.

All of the choices involve receiving food, but the delay in how long it takes to get the food depends on what color key light the pigeon chooses, McDevitt said.

Previous research suggests that pigeons value knowing exactly when the food will come versus receiving food at random intervals, and the students are hoping to test this theory, McDevitt said.

The students in the class are divided in to pairs, and each pair shares a bird.

The students alternate days when they come to train the bird, said junior psychology major Jenny Wetzel, but the training time is consistent each day.

For freshman psychology major James Dillard, working with the bird is his favorite part of the class, even though she's not the most docile of the animals.

"My bird has a bad temper; she got away once," Diller said. "Luckily though, Dr. McDevitt was there to catch her. But there are other birds who are very calm."

To get the birds from the cage to the plexiglass testing chamber, the students carefully pick up each bird and place them head-first into a plastic pitcher.

The birds then brace their feet against the pitcher so they do not hurt themselves, Diller said.

The students also take precautions to make sure the birds remain healthy. "We weigh each bird daily, to make sure they do not go below an 80% weight."

"In addition, we have an on call veterinarian that is available if a bird becomes sick or underweight," Bartolomeo said.

For some students, though, working with the birds can be a little frustrating. "We were calling my bird 'Stupid Bird,' because she wasn't learning very fast, but we decided to change the name, because she's not stupid, just learning," Wetzel said.

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Campus Safety Blotter

LeRoy McDuffie
News Editor

February 8, 2002: Over 150 people in the Pennsylvania House Apartment; extremely loud, and underage possession of alcohol.

February 9, 2002: Vending machine vandalism on the basement floor of Whiteford Hall.

February 9, 2002: Fight between student and non-student, at Oum Plaza. No criminal charges filed.

February 9, 2002: 2 non-students cited for underage alcohol possession at Elderdice Hall.

February 10, 2002: Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage at the Garden Apartments.

February 10, 2002: Anonymous tip by student of smell of marijuana. 4 students cited by Westminster Police (Whiteford Hall).



February 10, 2002: A possible trespass occurred in McDaniel Hall when an unidentified individual entered a dorm room.

February 10, 2002: An anonymous call was made to a student room. This situation takes on a suspicious nature in light of an earlier incident in the same room.

Rotc training at Ft. Indiana brings unity among cadets

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all have a great time doing them," Christake said. "There is nothing like the success of accomplishing a difficult problem and doing it as a team."

The students also participate in situational tactical exercises, which are like simulated war games, Christake said.

During these exercises, the cadets are given a mission and a chain of command to accomplish a goal. Some of the goals may include reconnaissance, bunker assault, and area ambushes, he said.

Sometimes the cadets are challenged with resistance from instructors who act as the enemy, often in the form of a sniper or an ambush on their unit, Christake said.

Although no real weapons are used during these exercises, all other aspects of the training are made as realistic as possible. Movement techniques are employed and proper gear and camouflage are worn, Christake said.

Normally during the weekend, supervised cadets are given the opportunity learn how to operate and fire M16-A2 assault rifles on a rifle range, said Christake.

However, due to the increased security following the September 11 attacks, the ROTC program was unable to receive any M16's from the Maryland National Guard, said Torres.

As a result, the students will be using simulated M16's, affectionately called "rubber dummies" in their training, said sophomore Cadet Eliza Wick.

The exercise is mandatory for all contracted cadets, but is voluntary for all other ROTC students, said Torres.

Contracted cadets are students

who have a scholarship from the Army and will be commissioned as officers upon graduation, said Christake.

The weekend is also free for students. "Good old Uncle Sam picks up the check," Christake said.

"The Army provides the equipment, food, transportation and the sleeping quarters."

Aside from the fun and games, the cadets also have a chance to experience Army discipline during the weekend, Wick said.

The students are expected to get up at 6 a.m. each morning and clean the bathrooms and barracks before breakfast, Wick said.

Then, after a long day of field exercises, the students have classes or discussions about what happened during the day.

Plus, each student usually has to pull at least a half an hour of watch each night, and the shift might start at 2 a.m., she said.

But Wick doesn't mind at all. Being in the Army, and participating in the discipline the Army teaches gives her a sense of purpose.

"ROTC is fun because you meet different people," she said. "After 9-11 it made you feel like you were part of something - like you were doing something real."

Check out the photo above, which shows some ROTC cadets in training.

Attention organizations:

Has your group done something has not been covered by the Phoenix, let us know. We would like to keep the rest of the college community informed of what you are doing or working on.

Cadets in Training...



WMC ROTC Cadets endure training to become better soldiers.

Corrections

In the last Phoenix, Lacrosse goalie Brian Nottingham's name was spelled incorrectly. His last name was spelled Knottingham.



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Greeks have bad reputation Normalcy is overrated

Jill Thalimer disputes the stereotypes that Greek members obtain.

You see the keg parties, the beer bong, the streaking through campus...and you assume it's a bunch of frat guys.

You see girls walking around with an attitude surrounding them, and assume they are sorority girls. Well, in some cases, you're right, but the truth is that Greeks are no more likely to party and be snobby than other students.

From movies like *Animal House* and *Legally Blonde*, a false image is portrayed of sororities and fraternities. In the classic movie *Animal House*, John Belushi portrays the epitome of a frat guy.

Doesn't go to class, drinks beer like its water, and hits on girls regularly. As we all know, these guys do exist, but they are not the norm. Frat guys are just like any other guys. There are as many sleazy guys in frats as there are in any other organizations.

In *Legally Blonde*, Reese Witherspoon and her sorority sisters only feed into the stereotypes of sorority girls. I know of no sororities on any campus that have exercise rooms in their houses, or an entrance way that looks like a palace.

And even if the house is nice, the fake attitudes that the girls in the movie have are clearly not a reality.

The truth is, most girls have attitudes, Greek or not. It's more about being female, not about being in a sorority.

In real life, sororities and fraternities do party, but they also do many beneficial things for our community.

They participate in service projects, they raise money for various charitable organizations, and set an example of true friendship and leadership. Being involved in Greek life can teach a person many things.

Not only are you encouraged to become

The friends you make are forever and that is something that can never be taken away.

a leader in your chapter, but also around campus and in the community as a whole.

Each person is given confidence and life skills that last a lifetime.

The friends you make are for forever, and that is something that can never be taken away.

Don't buy into the hype you see in movies or on TV; that is just not the reality. So don't judge people by some letters on a sweat shirt.

Get to know people for who they are. And who knows, you just might want to go Greek yourself.

~Jill Thalimer is a sophomore Social Work major.

Colby Goodrum discusses his discrepancies with outside appearances.

There are a lot of things in the world that worry people: nuclear war and war in general, global warming, Medicare, retirement, and now there is terrorism to worry about more seriously. However, all of these things pale in comparison to what worries me most: normal people.

I kid you not, I have a bumper sticker that says, "Normal People Worry Me." This raises the question of: who can be defined as normal?

Normal is most simply defined as people or things that go along with the norm of society, which makes perfect sense, but even within this definition there will be debate about what exactly is normal.

Regardless of what the hell normal means, the state of being normal is something that concerns our society.

Everything we experience we want to be normal. From the normal ingredients found on the back of food packages, to your mom asking you to act normal at your grandparents' house (maybe this didn't happen to you?).

The cause of this constant need for normalcy seems to derive from our society needing everything to be defined, because having something defined makes people feel more comfortable.

However, in the process of everything being made normal, things merge together and become less defined.

This is exactly why normal people worry me. If I am walking down the street and see a bunch of people behaving themselves and dressing similarly, it is difficult to figure them out.

I know something must be wrong with them, but I just do not know what.

In a different instance if I am walking down the street and pass a craggly old man

The cause of this constant need for normalcy seems to derive from our society needing everything to be defined...

talking to himself, or a person with blue spikes come out the side of their head, it is much easier for me to reach that ever so important definition.

I can look at those people and say: "he's a bum, and he's a freak." I don't get that same closure from looking at someone with a freshly cleaned shirt, and ironed pants.

~Colby Goodrum is a junior English-Philosophy major.

The worst possible type of Patriotism

I offer the following because, it would seem, America's sympathy stops where its greed and denial begin.

I spend a lot of time on Ebay: not so much to shop, but rather because I believe you can tell a lot about a society by what it buys and sells. Over the past few months, I have learned more about our society than I ever expected.

Since September 11, 2001, our country has been understandably sensitive regarding the precedence of certain images and sym-

(all of which contained prominent images of the Twin Towers) to the removal of the Towers as the "backdrop" for the many TV shows that take place in New York, many people are acting as though their countries greatest tragedy possess no physical reminders.

In fact, if we do still want the Twin Towers in our lives, they come at a cost: literally.

On Ebay, the Twin Towers, and our memories of them, are selling to the highest bidder.

As you could have guessed, the sudden recall and banishment of Twin Tower related items has only driven up their value on the aftermarket, which makes the denial of their existence not only puzzling but downright disturbing.

While I lost no one close to me in the terrorist attacks of September 11, I would like to think that, had I, I would have the courage to honor them by facing, and celebrating, what we once had in the great state of New York, and by letting others know it is alright for them to do the same.

Clearly, this situation does not speak well of our country. In the weeks following September 11, I was genuinely impressed by America's ability to come through in the clutch and stick together when the odds were

against us.

Now, it seems we are back to our old selves, making money wherever we can, even if it means selling reminders of our collective pain to each other.

I love this country and its people, but something about this latest venture of ours truly bothers me.

I hate thinking that we only mourned the loss of the World Trade Center, as well as those with it, until we found a way to make money from the tragedy.

But, it appears some of us have done just that.

In any event, I think we have handled the loss of the World Trade Center in the worst way possible.

Between those trying to put its existence behind them and those profiting from their countrymen's denial, we have not only dishonored those who lost their lives in the destruction of the World Trade Center but dishonored ourselves as survivors.

As I have said before, I deeply hope they decided to rebuild the World Trade Center, be it in the likeness of the first towers or not, because it seems some among us doubt America's ability to rebound from tragedy. We have to teach these people that our conflicts cannot be denied, but also cannot be profited from.

While I lost no one close to me in the terrorist attacks of September 11, I would like to think that, had I, I would have the courage to honor them by facing and celebrating what we once had in the great state of New York, and by letting others know it is alright for them to do the same.

We need to bring back the Twin Towers, if not in reality at least in our heart and minds.

I remember the World Trade Center. Do you?

~Mike Wiles is a junior English major.



Mike Wiles

bol in our every day lives. The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center are perhaps the best examples.

Unfortunately, our society has all but decided the best way to deal with the pain of these lost symbols is to pretend they never existed.

In the past six months, the Twin Towers have been aggressively removed from our collective psyche.

From the recall of all promotional material for the forthcoming Spiderman movie

What are your thoughts? Feel free to respond whether you agree or disagree with what has been written. Address your articles to the Commentary section, or call Erin Romanski at x8600 for more information.

Are mathematics proficiency exams really necessary?

We all assume that Western Maryland College is not a school that is easy to gain admission into, right?

Lately, we have patted ourselves on the back for being such a wonderful school with a high-level of liberal arts education. So then one would conclude that the students here are not dummies.

Realizing this, I wonder why we have proficiency exams at all, especially the math exam.

Before you can graduate from high school you must take algebra and geometry, and I don't see how a student could graduate having failed one of these classes.

Also, I assume that a student at WMC must have had a decent GPA in high school in order to be admitted; at least I hope this is the case.

Another thing to remember is that before a student is admitted to college they have to take the SAT's

which also tests them on mathematical abilities. So, I ask, why the redundant testing?

There is no need for it. In order to graduate from WMC you must take a college level math



Donna Hurd

course.

I believe that if a student can pass this course then why do they also need to pass a test, which again will test them on the same material?

Some students have to worry about passing this test up until their senior year.

This is a time that demands enough stress and hard work. Adding the proficiency exam on to the pile is just adding a log to the fire.

Students at this point are looking for jobs, have internships, are applying to graduate schools, and are working on senior seminars.

I realize that the number of seniors that still need to pass this test may not be a huge percentage but it is enough to stress them.

I have heard professors discussing these same aspects before and I think that maybe now something should be done about it.

Many students end up having to take a review class for no credit in order to pass this test.

I believe that the money spent for this class on books is com-

This is a time that demands enough stress and hard work. Adding the proficiency exam on to the pile is just adding a log to the fire.

pletely wrong. If we have to pass the test for graduation then materials for the class should be provided for us.

Don't get me wrong, this isn't a personal vendetta or anything. I have passed both tests already and

therefore will not have it hanging over my head next year. However, I know that there are some of my classmates who have not and I am thinking of them and the incoming students.

Incoming students should not have to fall victim to the repetitiveness of this testing either.

The only math test that should be used is a placement test so students who plan to take math in college know what level to begin at when they get here.

In short, I think that the proficiency test in many ways is very pointless.

Perhaps the department and the college should reconsider this requirement for future students. If they can change the name then they can sure change some of the policies.

—Donna Hurd is a junior English major.

Mathematics Proficiency tests are an accurate assessment

It seems as though the words "standardized testing" keep coming back to haunt us, even well into our college years.

The only difference is that they hide behind the title "mathematics



Erin A. Romanski

proficiency testing." However, I fail to see how this comes as such a great shock to the student body their freshman year.

Guess what, people? You're not just going to get into this school on looks and a well-written essay.

As students in a private liberal arts college, we need to assume from the beginning that our worth will be tested time and time again. It only makes sense that the faculty wants to ensure that we do in fact leave high school with some knowledge under our belts.

Proficiency tests provide rather accurate results as to whether or not that particular area of study, in this case math, was covered thoroughly enough that it doesn't need to be a graduation requirement.

For some, this test is only the

beginning of a rather arduous process of non-credit courses designed to reevaluate and even reinstruct students.

As students in a private liberal arts college, we need to assume from the beginning that our worth will be tested time and time again.

However, you have no right to complain about this if you, in fact, failed the test.

Obviously there is then a need

for the material to be put back into our bombarded college brains.

Call me a hypocrite if you will, because I did in fact pass the proficiency test and took the easy road and fulfilled my science/mathematics blarney with two sciences.

As an English major, I have no desire whatsoever to engage in even ten minutes of math during actual class time, nor will I need it for my future career.

Then again, I can safely say that I have paid my dues long before college with a wealth of mathematics classes, mostly at the honors level.

I don't pretend to lecture about something I know little about. My only suggestion is to stop complaining and acting disappointed about the results of a test only you

have control over.

Wait until graduation when you receive an assignment from a boss that seems tedious.

Are you honestly going to put your job in jeopardy by refusing to do it, simply because it sounds like something you've done a million times before?

Life is about making choices. We all made the choice to go to Western Maryland with the knowledge that a math proficiency test would be awaiting us on day one. Either suck it up, or try to prevent this future test repetition in advance.

It's guaranteed that you will be much happier with the results.

—Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.

The many misconceptions of today's bumper stickers

Tara Dellafranza comments on her interpretation of bumper stickers.

Bumper stickers were sacred to me when I was little. My first one read "I Brake For Brontosaurus." Eventually, this, along with other gathered stickers, made its way onto my expressive guitar case. Each sticker on the case says something about me: "I participated in the 30th Star Trek Anniversary" (i.e., I'm a dork), "Don't Let Friends Vote Republican" (I'm a liberal), "I Love Irish Music" (I'm a music minor).

Similarly, I've always smiled in support of those who have displayed their ideals via bumper stickers on cars: "Meat Is Murder," or the ever-popular, ironic, well-intended environmental slogan stickers that suburban activists happily place just above their exhaust systems. I'm always impressed by "Child-Free" Beemers

and "Right To Life" vans. Anyone expressing his or her beliefs, outright, graphically, and unadulterated via bumper sticker is obviously committed to them.

Recently, two new classes of bumper stickers have developed. The first includes patriotic American flag or God Bless America stickers, prevalent since September 11th, is a constant reminder of the rather human nature that Americans have seemed to develop post-tragedy. These stickers express pride and support the freedom of expression that America's supposed to be about.

The second breed of stickers, most often sported on SUVs, can be categorized by their circular nature.

Sitting in traffic one day, I finally realized that most of these stickers represented country names: GB was Great Britain, etc. Henceforth, I was able to decipher the stickers that I encountered. I was and still remain in support of

those. These stickers are simply displaying pride in one's heritage. As Americans, I think it's important that we retain some aspect of our ancestry, and displaying these stickers is a great way to do it. Furthermore, most people can figure out that IREL is an abbreviation for Ireland.

Months later, I found myself browsing band merchandise at a Sister Hazel concert. There I found SH bumper stickers.

Even though I was at a Sister Hazel concert, it took me a moment to realize that SH stood for Sister Hazel, and not obscure country somewhere in the world. If it took me a bit to realize what the SH stood for at the concert, and I was a fan of the band, then would non-fans understand what the SH stood for?

Soon, I began noticing STP and DMB initials popping up in the standard black and white circle format. Sports, such as the frequently abbreviated LAX (lacrosse) and

NHL (National Hockey League) began appearing in stickers on Jeeps and other such vehicles. Before long, I was unable to distinguish between bands, states, countries, and sports because there were so many stickers that looked the same.

After asking around campus for a month, I finally realized that all of the OBX stickers around stand for Outer Banks. (If you get closer to the sticker than you ever could get while driving a car behind it at a safe distance, the true meaning of OBX is revealed underneath.) Is it some exclusive place; a private club?

Since noticing OBX, I've come across other such black and white circular stickers: LBI (Long Beach Island), REM (presumably the band), and XXX (presumably the car of either a stripper, pimp, or simply a pornographic approach to sticker cynicism).

And there it was: SH. "That one's Sister Hazel," I announced to

myself, proud that I could decipher another sticker. Upon closer observation on foot, I noticed that this SH, according to the caption beneath, was promoting the pride of someone who has been to not a Sister Hazel concert, but to Stone Harbor, NJ.

There you have it—now all you people with those bumper stickers—either get clever, cynical bumper stickers (like XXX or HTML, the more clever ones I've seen) or make sure you don't give out the wrong idea. I mean, what if you have MJ on your car?

Someone could assume it's Michael Jackson you're a fan of, and come up to you with a monkey and a single glove. Or, a cop might pull you over on the assumption that MJ is for marijuana. In reality, you might smoke pot, but you're really just digging Mick Jagger.

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A message for the graduating class

Steve Sharkey offers his perspective on dealing with senior year.

For all of you Seniors out there I have a memo: We are graduating in less than 100 days.

For all of you that are sleeping this could be a pretty big wake up call. When someone told me about the situation it made me think about my last four years.

Wow—that went by fast. I have had a lot of great times here. But, for much of the time I neglected myself.

I always finished my schoolwork and I usually had enough time for some fun, but I did not always save enough time for myself. First off I didn't exercise. If you didn't notice you can tell by my big beer belly that hangs out over my jeans.

Also I never took time out to think about what I was really doing and where I was really going.

I spent much of the time just riding the current. I would have something to do so I would just do it, but I would never remember to actually focus on why I was doing things. I suspect many of you have the same problems.

Starting last semester I started asking those questions about my daily activities. I would look at each thing I did and ask why?

Many things I found that I did were for someone else, and many times not even because they really asked me to do it.

Many of the things I was doing were for the graduate school admissions committees. Other things were out of a sense of duty. Many things we all do are for our parents.

Take every opportunity to enjoy travel

Over Jan Term I had a startling realization that many other Juniors and Seniors have probably had recently along with millions of college grads before us. What is that realization you ask?

Well, it is something we all know: college goes really fast. I sat and thought of ways I could change this fact, and the only thing I could really think of was become a lifetime student. Unfortunately, that is not realistic option, so I wondered what else I could do.

I thought, well maybe I could stop being

Now I am not suggesting that you go out and do everything for yourself. But, I am suggesting that when you take up an activity, a job, or a duty make sure you know why you are doing it.

Right now I am talking to everyone, but I am really talking to all of you people that will do things "because if I don't nobody else will," or because "that is the way we have always done things."

I was definitely that person at different times and at different times I did things for myself.

The point I am trying to get across is that your time is yours, not others. If a task that seems unimportant to you is really important enough, then someone else will do it.

After you have devoted enough time for yourself then you can start devoting your time to others.

If it isn't, then it just won't get done. Are those things that you think make all the difference in the world always that important?

I will take an analogy that one of my first bosses told me and I honestly do not know where it came from.

He told me that when you leave a place it's like having your hands in a bucket of water. When you pull your hands out, the water comes back and fills in the space that you took up.

The organizations, groups and tasks you do were probably here before you came here

and they will probably be here afterwards. Many times it can be fun to be a part of a group or organization, sometimes you might do something new and innovative that will make things better for the future members of that organization or the whole campus community.

But are those little things that overrun our lives really worth it?

I would say no. My best memories from this college include those lazy days on the quad, that one great party or the days that I played pickup football.

I never remember all so well the details of the meetings I went to. That means that I think we should all enjoy these days.

After you have devoted enough time for yourself then you can start devoting your time to others.

Don't get caught up by the tide of life. If you do you are going to be 40 years old and say to yourself "is this my life." Now I try to work out and enjoy everyday.

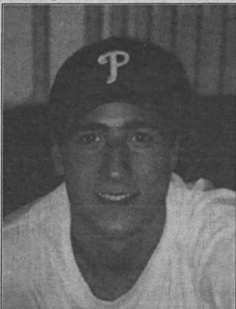
Does this mean you should do this too? Maybe, if you want to. But at least you should all think about what your actions mean to you and what they really mean to other people.

Maybe I am writing this because I am delusional and I am experiencing senioritis. But maybe I am just trying to pass on some ideas to all of you.

Do you have to agree with me — well no. But if you are still reading this then you are hopefully at least thinking about what I have said.

And that is all I really wanted you to do in the first place.

—Steve Sharkey is a senior Political Science major.



Matt Hurff

as active and enjoy more of each and every day. But then I realized that by doing so I would be changing the college experience that I have had thus far, and I really don't want to do that, just prolong the inevitable.

Phi Mu Basket Raffle and Easter Egg Hunt



Come out and support the Children's Miracle Network
When: Saturday, March 30
Where: The Quad of Western Maryland College
Time: The hunt begins at 11am
What to Expect: Prizes for children, Easter basket raffles, and a whole lot of fun!!!!

Baskets have been donated by:
Dutterer's Florist
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Basket raffle tickets will be sold the week of March 11th-15th and 25th-29th during both lunch and dinner

Club age requirements are ridiculous for admittance

Erin Romanski remarks on the absurd age limits placed on club entry.

With the approach of the long-awaited weekend nearly in sight, by the time Thursday rolls around, I, like many other students, am ready for a break.

Therefore, the solution to our problems comes in the form of dancing our worries away and getting far away from campus to socialize with other college-aged people at a club. What more often than not deters us from this innocent desire are the age limits enforced by clubrooms in the Baltimore and D.C. areas.

All right, 18 is not an unreasonable age requirement for admittance into a club. I am almost 20, so my personal qualms have nothing to do with this complaint.

Granted, you are not technically an adult until you reach this age and can officially buy lottery tickets and begin smoking cigarettes legally.

Yet, where does the standard

apply that men cannot be admitted on the same night that 18-year-old women can unless they are 21-years-of-age or older? Is this in fact a double standard?

However, I fail to see the logic that legalizes men as near pedophiles and women as the younger prey.

On an additional note, the rea-

21 have the privilege of the open bar, but they also pay less. Hmm... nope, doesn't make sense to me.

Sadly, there are some of us left who choose not to make fools out

anything goes, we are actually punished for not being old enough to live it up. Just another constant reminder that age 20 comes and goes without hardly any recognition worth mentioning.

My suggestion here would be that if you are going to limit the fun to "thirsty Thursdays" alone, at least give us a break on price, like ladies free before 11, or all those under 21. Otherwise, waiting outside in the freezing cold so we can get checked for illegal weaponry just isn't as enthralling as it used to be.

And, I might add, neither is having the public reminder of a bouncer screaming at the top of his lungs "20 and under to the right!" as if we are being segregated upon admittance to a concentration camp.

One final reiteration: cut us some slack please. The words poor and college student flow all too nicely together.

There is no reason to make us empty our pockets so we can sit back and watch 21-year-old drunkards sling back

the kamikaze shots.

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.



I am not trying to imply that this is a sexist rule, nor am I going to start spewing out women's rights remarks.

soning behind jacking up the admission prices for us adults not of drinking age is what exactly?

So, not only do those who are

of ourselves on-campus and revert to more harmless behavior at a club.

When the music is loud and

The Internet connection needs improvement in dorms

Dan Hamvas laments the slow ethernet connection in his room.

Hi, it's Hungarian Dan again and I honestly hope that the someone in charge will get to read this article and finally do something (other than sending me to Smith's House for counseling).

As perfect as we Hungarians are, truth must be told, we do have some little flaws. My little flaw is called: pornography. I can't help it: I just love porn. Some might even say I'm addicted to it, but I have my excuse in the developmental phase of my adolescent years.

You see, I was porn-treasured of my high school class. I kept all that nasty material my classmates acquired through embarrassing ambushes of magazine-stands in public areas (dressed in baseball hats, shades and the rest of the Halloween spy-kit). Why me?

Well a good man and a safe place is hard to find. And honest to God, I kept them very well, but... well, I'm one of those kind of drug dealers who tastes what he is selling. And damn, I got hooked on it. And now, here I am in the States, and basically I'm on a therapy. I'm being detoxicated against my will. I am deprived of the sight of those angelic women who give it all up for money (plus I am not allowed to use bad language)... But detox

proved to be too hard for me, so I decided to punk out.

I worked up enough money and went shopping. It took the company a month to get me their product, so you can imagine how anxious I was to get my key to porn-heaven: a computer. But finally the day of truth came, and I got it. It was in my hands.

I undressed the monitor in a gentle yet teasing manner, freed the sex-slave from its cardboard cage and very sensually plugged them together, uniting all the cords and plugs in one giant orgy.

Then I went through the tiresome and self-humiliating process of the Ethernet- connecting. Let me tell you, it was the worst of my dates so far and I never had so many problems trying to introduce myself, and get hooked up.

After four days of screwing around, my computer finally gave it up for me, and the Internet lost its virginity for the penetrating eyes of Dan Hamvas- for exactly two minutes.

Then it started ducking out. I guess it had a headache. It kept saying: "This page cannot be displayed." All right, so at first I thought I'd be gentle. I restarted, tried again and again, but it kept punking out on me.

So finally I made it do stuff it was hesitating to, like look up my mail, and hook onto Yahoo, so that I can look at movie trailers and

short films, or even having a look at newspapers from home... Sometimes I had to keep clicking for 5 minutes before something happened. Sometimes I had to let it take a break.

But in the end, I always just went crazy and forced the bitch to do those nasty things (truth be told: I even tried to download some porn, but when I finally found something workable, I always got this "have-a-headache-not-in-the-mood" line: "This page cannot be displayed."

But I'm a nice guy. I thought it was all me.

That I was being too pushy. That I took the wrong approach... And then I thought that my computer was frigid. She was one hot damn boogie mama, but frigid. She had all the things in the right place with a 1.2 Giga Intel processor and a 256 MB RAM, but she just hated the thought of hooking up. Oh, how those grey and blue colors of the box teased, and tempted and lured me. And how the thought of infinite wanderings in porn-kingdom turned me on.

And then I started looking for counseling. I went to other people on my floor in the building and talked to them and asked them for advice, but to my surprise almost all of them shared the terrible fate of these miserable porn addicts.

They were all complaining about how sometimes these computers are not willing to perform the

basic services that their masters order them.

At that point it all started to sound like a conspiracy, like a conscious rebellion.

As if the computers knew this was a male dream, and they would purposefully deny giving us access to those women we dream of when we wake up and head off for the laundry room.

A revolutionary idea just struck me all of a sudden. What if we are blaming the wrong person? What if we're blaming SONY and Dell and Compaq when it's not them at all?

And suddenly a thought manifested in me... It might be the connection. And then I just knew it. That had to be it. Because if it was my brand new machine, other people wouldn't complain.

But it's the Internet server that makes my life miserable and the lives of those other 4-500 students. Then again: why does it work perfectly in Charleston? And if it works there, what's the deal here? Because this is ridiculous.

I'm not only sexually frustrated any more, but also stressed and depressed because I was better off walking down to the lab every day than being in my room waiting for the Internet connection to gather enough juice to fire up.

I'm tired of waiting and extremely irritated by it.

Somebody might want to fix the

problem, because not being able to download porn is one thing, but not being able to access my mailbox or perform the simplest actions on the Internet is an other, which makes people furious at the school beside the thousand other little things they are mad about.

And as much as I am an expert on matters like this, I still wonder. Maybe somebody could enlighten me about simple things, such as, what kind of line we are using? T-1 or a T-3? Or what type of wiring? I assume the best. Or if not, then we have a whole lot of room to expand, right?

-Dan Hamvas is a senior Communication major

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A Behind the scenes look at "Escape from Happiness"

HEATHER WEISS
Staff Writer

Last Saturday night was bittersweet as the cast of *Escape from Happiness* took the stage for curtain call. For some cast members, it was their final bow at WMC; but for everyone, it marked the end of seven weeks of hard work and an outstanding two-week run.

The performance laboratory class presented the contemporary farce by George F. Walker to sold out audiences - six shows in a row.

"It was exhausting," said cast-member David Kemp, a senior theater-communication major, "but it was a lot of fun."

Senior English-theater major Missy O'Brien agreed. According to O'Brien, after the initial excitement of opening-night wears off, continuing to perform the same role over and over again can seem monotonous. But this was not the case with *Escape*.

"This show was the most fun I've ever had in a show at WMC," said O'Brien, who played Nora, the idealistic mother. "I couldn't wait to come back every night and do it again."

The ten-member cast portrayed a dysfunctional family struggling with their every day, bizarre lives. In addition to Kemp and O'Brien, *Escape* showcased the talents of Senior Julie Keough as Mary Ann, Senior

Amy Hyde as Gail, Senior Maya Redfearn as Dian Black, Senior Jon Parke as Stevie Moore, Junior Chris Hickle as Tom, Junior Mike Pitiskoulis as Rolly Moore, Sophomore Chrissy Anderson as Elizabeth and Graduate-student Jonah Knight as Mike Dixon.

Hundreds of hours went into preparing for the three-hour performances. The cast started rehearsing Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons as well as evenings, Monday through Thursday, during the last week of Jan-term. Besides "in-class" rehearsals, each actor spent a great deal of time working on their characters individually.

The actors' greatest challenge? Making the characters real and not presenting a cartoon circus act. O'Brien spent a lot of time

thinking up motives for her character's sometimes shocking actions. (At one time in the show, the audience finds out Nora has helped criminals by putting them to work in her house.) O'Brien said investing so much effort into her character was unavoidable due to Nora's dynamism.

"You really want to show the audience something - find something that they can identify with, not just entertain," said O'Brien.

According to Director Ron Miller, the play demanded extreme behavior from the actors. Because the characters acted out behaviors normally repressed in society, each undergraduate actor's technique was strained.

However, Miller believes such extreme behavior allowed the WMC community to identify more with the characters.



The cast of "Escape from Happiness" smiles for the camera.

LINDSAY HICKS

The Harlem Renaissance ended Black History Month, but the WMC community wonders, is it really over?

JESSICA WATSON
Features Editor

While the month in itself may be over, members of the Black Student Union and the WMC community reflect on the events and feel differently.

On February 28, the BSU held its Black History month finale. They ended with their mock Harlem Renaissance festival. Live music, dancing and poetry allowed the audience to relax, mingle, and reflect on the month that celebrated African American achievements. While this event ended Black History month, the legacy of African American achievements should linger throughout the WMC community year round.

Throughout the month of February, the BSU worked extremely hard to promote awareness on campus and get the community involved.

"We wanted to make sure that it was educational," said BSU president Maya Redfearn. "We may all be from different races, cultures, and ethnicity, but we also share a lot of similarities."

Senior Angela Chapman also addresses the issue. "We have so many stereotypes over us. A lot of us are in our comfort zones, accustomed to common beliefs and hesitant to step out and explore," she said. "We interact on a 'hi' and 'bye' basis, but in many senses we are still divided."

Such events included the Soul Food Dinner, which featured live drama and poetry, nonstop music, and artwork. The decorations at each table and on the Decker Center forum walls vividly displayed information about prominent African American figures throughout history and a wide variety of delicious food was served.

Another popular event was when the famous poet Nikki Giovanni spoke in Big Baker Chapel, delivering words of wisdom and poetry overflowing with reality and a sense of humor. She educated the audience about herself and what she believed in, and

stayed afterwards for a book signing.

There was also the Gospel Jubilee, which featured WMC's own gospel choir along with several other choirs from the Baltimore area, including groups from the Beth'el Temple Church of Christ. Even if you were not sitting in the audience that night, the gospel melodies could be heard from all across campus.

Finally there was the Harlem Renaissance. Walking into the Decker Center forum on this night was like stepping out of a time machine, where all who came were immediately surrounded by the Cotton Club, on a late night, right before the performances were about to take center stage. The best attraction was not the food this time, it was the talent. Students showed their true colors, taking on the roll of the Cotton Club dancers, Zora Neale Hurston, poets Langston Hughes and Angelina M. Grimké, and singing sensation Billie Holiday.

Even if students were unable to attend these events, the BSU sent out inspirational messages on voice mailboxes all over campus.

There was no way for anyone not to be exposed to the livelihood and cultural celebration that was taking place on campus.

"Just because people didn't come out doesn't mean that they didn't learn something," said Redfearn. "We were trying to target the general population of the WMC community; we wanted them to at least expand people's minds and horizons to different ideas. Overall, who's to say that it wasn't as effective as we wanted it to be."



Kristin Lagana blows up the spot with the WMC Jazz band.

LINDSAY HICKS

Now Black History Month has come and gone, yet still a question lingers as to whether or not awareness of this culture will still be promoted on campus.

"We are a part of America," says Freshman Nikki Worrell. "There shouldn't be just one special month to promote our culture. What would happen if a black man found the cure for cancer? Will we tell him 'sorry, you have to wait until February'?"

"Nothing is set in stone yet, but the BSU will be planning some things to further promote this culture," said Redfearn. "We're having a fashion show on April 6, and we feel that is a good way to promote African American culture."

Redfearn suggests that one of the best ways to increase attendance is to start small and then work their way out to a larger picture. However, this isn't possible without the willingness of this community to open their minds and change their way of think-

ing, Worrell agrees.

"The best thing to do is to get your friends to come and just put the word out there," she said.

Lashawn Eley, freshman, also expresses the same idea. "Sometimes I feel that we're not understood," says Eley. "Some people think that they can't attend an event because they are not black. They think they know what they are talking about, but they really don't know." One of the main goals that BSU wants to achieve is shattering this paradigm that you have to be black to participate in their events.

"Black History Month is not just African American history, it's America's history," said Redfearn.

"It should be everyday that we are learning about our heritage," said Chapman, "and not just with African Americans, but with any culture." Heritage does not deserve a month, it deserves a lifetime.

An Unsung Hero: Serving salads with more than a smile

KATIE CHAMPION

Staff Writer

Every day as the sun rises over the city of Westminster and frost still covers the ground, Sandi Zepp leaves her Pennsylvania Avenue apartment and trudges up the hill to the Western Maryland College campus. She starts her day as many do, making breakfast.

But Sandi is different. This morning she will prepare eggs for over 300 people.

The morning smells of Englar Dining Hall envelops her as she begins preparing breakfast for the students who will pass through today. As she hums to herself stirring eggs, Zepp is already full of energy at 7 a.m. while most of the college still sleeps.

Although the college has only employed her a little more than seven months, Zepp has already become one of the better-known employees on campus.

In Sandi's world, all the students who stop by her caesar salad station share one name: "sweetie." She has come to regard the students as "my kids," flashing them smiles and wishing a heartfelt good day to all.

"I like cookin' for the kids," Sandi said with a smile. "I love talkin' to them and I think that's

what makes my job unique."

A graduate of Francis Scott Key High School in Frederick, Md., Sandi has three grown children: David, 35, who is a construction worker and lives in New Windsor, Eric, 33, who is a college student in Florida, and Amy, 21, who lives with Sandi.

Zepp has been involved in food services for over 25 years. She worked as the manager of Rinaldo's Pizza and held positions at both Martin's and Weis grocery stores.

Many of the Glar staff agree that her prior experience with food service is what makes her such a positive addition to the staff. "Sandi is excellent with customer service, which is one of the most important things to us. She works well, fast and is always here," said Brenda Davidson, director of operations.

Zepp always seems willing to help out other employees when needed. Moreover, her strong work ethic spills over onto the students she serves. Napkin comments once complained about Glar workers not being readily available to help the students. But in the short time she has been working in Glar, many

compliments have been given on Sandi's helpfulness, said Davidson.

"She is almost too willing to please," Davidson said. She will do anything to make people happy,



Sandi Zepp says she loves her job and members of the WMC community agree.

like serving breakfast at 11. We can't be doing that."

Every weekday Zepp reports for duty and works the morning shift serving breakfast. She is in charge of preparing eggs, stocking dessert plates, putting out fresh fruit and making sure everything is

running smoothly. In the afternoon, she is in charge of one lunch shift and makes the register from 2-3 p.m. until her workday ends.

"Sandi is great," sophomore Pat Coyle said. "I come in every day for the late lunch and she is always careful to remind me that it is just cold sandwiches and salad available. She refuses to swipe my card until she is sure I know what I am getting into."

The most noticeable trait about Zepp that students seem to love is her outgoing and flirtatious personality. She is not afraid to tell it like it is. In one conversation with a student, instead of the usual "have a good day, hun," Sandi served a plate of beans to a female student and followed up with "good luck with that one." At her Caesar salad station, Sandi knows what the students like best. As one hurried student asked what types of dressing were out for the day, Sandi replied "caesar" while shaking her head approvingly and "bacon," shaking her head in disgust. The student chose the caesar.

"I love my job," Zepp said. "The kids are all so nice."

Sandi also makes it her business

to know what's going on around campus. She has been spotted at basketball games cheering on the girls who live in her apartment complex.

She has even been known to sit down with students in the dining hall and start a conversation. "One day I was eating lunch and this woman just came down and sat with my friends and I and chatted with us," sophomore Erich Bass said. "She's a really interesting lady and she seems to care about us."

Alan Hoyt, a member of the men's basketball team, is especially fond of Sandi. "I get a salad from her every day and she always has something nice to say," Hoyt said. "She brightens my day and I think more Glar employees should have her enthusiasm."

Nevertheless, much of Sandi's job is monotonous.

Along with making salads for hours on end, she also has the task of folding napkins for hamburgers and swiping cards at the register. But she does it all with a smile on her face.

"She definitely goes above and beyond the call of duty and we are lucky to have her," Davidson said. "She is a fun person and she interacts well with a young crowd."

Members of WMC travel to the ends of the earth and back

CLAIRE ADAMS

Staff Writer

WMC may seem to be small and unknown at times, but it recently reached the ends of the earth—almost.

Multiple WMC personalities left a "Westminster" winter for even colder climates. Provost Sam Case, Dr. Sherri Hughes of the Psychology department and sophomore Lee Geraci, a biology and psychology major, journeyed north to Alaska to conduct research.

At the same time James Melhorn, chair of the Board of Trustees, left to vacation in the south—the far south of Antarctica to be exact.

Case, Hughes and Geraci visited Big Lake, Alaska, near Anchorage, to research the effects of extreme environmental conditions, hunger and lack of sleep on the human body.

Hughes has been teaching at WMC for 13 years. This is her fifth time making the trip to do this.

Why do all the way to Alaska to do that?

Well, Case pointed out there is a good reason—the annual Iditarod race, a hundred mile trek in the middle of an Alaskan winter.

"You can do it on foot, on a bicycle, on skis or on snowshoes," Case explained.

As a veteran researcher and participant of the race, Case noted that

this year was rather mild compared to past winters, with only a couple feet of snow and an average daily temperature of 25 degrees. Hughes also competes in the race with Case, all 100 miles.



Sophomore Lee Geraci taking a break from work to hit the slopes.

Case said that plenty of research on such athletes has been done in normal climates. The cold adds a different dimension into how the body acts.

Hughes joined the group to research the psychological aspects of the racers, and Geraci assisted in collecting data.

Case explained that they found

a correlation between diet and post-race brain function.

Their work has been published nationally and is even featured in a new college Exercise-Physiology textbook.

While Alaska was used for study, Antarctica was a leisure get-away for Melhorn and his wife.

After traveling twice to the Arctic Circle, and to Alaska, Melhorn explained they were drawn to such places.

"We're attracted there because they are places that people don't often go," Melhorn said. "We're attracted to the sealife and the wildlife."

Melhorn, who's been a trustee of the college since 1993, explained that it was the perfect time to visit Antarctica because it is summer there right now, with temperatures reaching into the 30s.

While they had to remain on a ship the entire time, he said they saw an abundance of whales, penguins, seals, and icebergs.

"It's almost indescribable," Melhorn said, attempting to describe the icebergs. "It's just the size of them and the beautiful colors that reflect off them."

Melhorn said that the trip was both leisure and educational. Researchers and scholars living in Antarctica came on the ship and gave lectures on the area and wildlife.

Faculty Art is in full bloom at WMC

JESSICA WATSON

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For the first time, members of the college community and surrounding areas were able to take a look at the world interpreted through the eyes of the art faculty and former students of WMC. Everyone views the world from a different perspective. Sunday, March 3, was the opening of the first Bi-Annual WMC Faculty Art Exhibit. From still life, to classical techniques, to the abstract world, the faculty art exhibit went above and beyond in getting viewers excited about art and its many forms.

The Rice Gallery of Art in Peterson Hall is covered with masterpieces from wall to wall. Each piece told a story and gave insight into the thoughts and minds of the artists.

A popular exhibit to see is a preview of the "Birth of Venus Series," done by Susan Ruddick Bloom. Bloom is a professor and the chairperson of the Dept. of Arts and Art History. It is a series of the interpretations of the Greek/Roman goddess Venus/Aphrodite throughout time and different cultures. Bloom has been photographing interpretations of Venus/Aphrodite in museums world wide, including Athens, Paris, London, and beyond.

The finished product is a mixture of classical art and contemporary art, with an emphasis on the beauty of the female body.

As viewers move from paint-

ing to sculpture and so on, another display that immediately draws a crowd is that of Katya Dogyn Mychajlyshyn. Mychajlyshyn is an Art Conservator and art instructor at WMC. Her works portrayed a wide variety of subjects, ranging from members of the college community to still life.

Mychajlyshyn has a fascination for and devotion to classical art, which is clearly visible throughout her technique and style.

"Classical art is a simple art but it is also a lost art," she said, "but involves working with the human form, the body. It is not widely celebrated, and I want to change that."

She has several portraits of members of the WMC community on display. When viewing her still life paintings, it is easy to notice that each one possesses bright colors and contrast, some with thick brush strokes and layers. They all look so real.

Looking at the display by Linda Van Hart, one might notice that all of her pieces had a common theme.

"They are all meditation pieces," Van Hart said. "They are internal, calm, unconcerned, and private." They symbolize rebirth and relaxation, and have a recurring image of a zebra.

"The zebra will not be confined," she said, "they are inde-

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Studying abroad at WMC

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In an increasingly globalized society, more and more American college students are studying abroad; but most WMC students aren't taking advantage of the opportunity.

Only 20 WMC students studied abroad this year, a significantly lower rate than Dickinson College's 335 students and Gettysburg College's 300 students. Why aren't more WMC students studying abroad?

"The one thing about students on our campus is that they are very involved, with a large percentage involved in athletics," said Samuel Case, dean of the faculty and Provost. "Many students may not want to give up a season to study abroad for a semester."

Case admits that financial aspects may prevent students from studying at foreign universities. Unlike both Dickinson and Gettysburg colleges, WMC academic scholarship monies cannot be used for studying abroad.

This fact often wrongfully deters students from exploring their study abroad options because most need-based aid, state scholarships and federal aid may be applied toward studying abroad. The college does allow students to apply WMC academic scholarships toward the WMC-Budapest program.

Dr. Collette Henriette, foreign language professor and study abroad coordinator for the past three years, believes that if more students show an interest in studying abroad and the college receives a larger endowment, academic scholarships for study abroad might be a possibility.

But because she is a full-time faculty member and has no staff support, Henriette doesn't have time to write grant proposals and build the program. Her "labor of love" (as she calls it) is to provide accurate support and advising to those students who want to study abroad.

Henriette does, however, think that any motivated student can find an affordable study abroad program.

She commented that many programs cost less than in-state public college tuition and cost significantly less than one semester of tuition at WMC.

"One student traveled to Dijon, France this semester for \$2,000," said Henriette. "The Academic Programs International program in Spain is less than \$7,000 a semester and that includes tuition, housing, meals, laundry, excursions... and a mobile phone."

WMC is affiliated with 25 different study abroad programs, including the Semester at Sea program sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, College Year in Athens, AustralLearn and the American University of Paris. An affiliated program has established a written agreement with WMC to formalize association, and all affiliated courses are considered WMC courses.

Students who attend an affiliated program pay for the program through the WMC Student Accounts Office and easily transfer their

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grades and credit.

However, thousands of study abroad programs exist, each varying in length (semester, year or summer), field of study and location. Students should not limit their program of study to those only affiliated with the college if an outside program is in their best interest.

Those who attend non-affiliated programs must request a leave of absence from the Dean of Academic Affairs for the semester/year which s/he is abroad. Only credit, not grades, can transfer back to WMC.

The college has only one requirement for studying abroad: a 2.5 g.p.a. Henriette feels that this requirement may also hinder WMC's participation in study abroad programs, but said that the WMC-Budapest program has only a 2.0 g.p.a. requirement.

Eleven of the 20 WMC study abroad participants traveled through the WMC-Budapest program this fall. The program, started in 1993, allows students to study for a semester at the WMC-Budapest campus and provides housing accommodations at a local hotel.

Living in central Europe for four months offered abundant travel opportunity, especially for students who purchased a convenient Euro-rail pass. Junior biology major, Sean Carroll, traveled to France, Holland, Italy, Germany, and Switzerland while studying in Hungary.

The best thing about his experience abroad? "Being embraced by all of Europe and enjoying the diverse culture, people, sights and sounds that it brings," said Carroll. "Learning a lot about myself and the world, that both are endless in potential and great."

Case, an alum and dean for the past two years, studied Scandinavian physical education at the University of Oslo in Norway after graduating college. He believes the college has a responsibility to educate students to live in a global society, a concept which first struck him while viewing the Disney exhibit at the 1964 World's Fair in New York.

"The song 'It's a small world after all' was playing," said Case. "Global communication, global corporations... we have to educate people about this and we need to be more tolerant about culture... Studying abroad is about so much more than a student's field of study... it's about life."

Henriette agrees. She believes that studying abroad allows students to define themselves, appreciate culture and explore various points of view.

"A student doesn't know what it means to be American until they go abroad," said Henriette.

Anyone wishing to study abroad for a semester, year or summer should contact Henriette at ext. 2468 or visit the study abroad office in 327, Lewis Hall of Science. More information can also be found at the study abroad website, <http://www.wmc.edu/ForLang/StudyAbroad.htm>.

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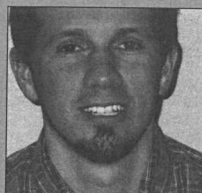
What is your ideal spring break?

By: Lindsay Hicks



"To go on a cruise in the Caribbean with a hot guy and a nice tan."

Lori Panos '05
Social Work



"To not have to do any homework and go to the Bahamas."

Chris Baeuerlein '02
English



"Somewhere I can chill on the beach, go to some clubs, and meet a few ladies."

Adam Scott '05



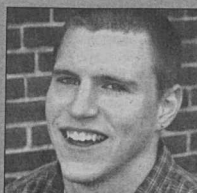
"I would spend it in St. Croix on the beach with a bunch of my friends."

DeAnna Jones '05



"Somewhere far away from WMC where it's warm and there's plenty of frosty beverages"

Steve Paul '02
Business Economics



"It would last forever and I wouldn't need to do anything."

Ted Stephen '03
Physics

Greek Corner: Greek leaders represent WMC in Philadelphia

JESSICA JONES
Staff Writer

Every year about 900 Greek leaders from here to as far north as Maine gather together to better their leadership abilities. This year, Western Maryland College sent six Greek leaders to the Northeast Greek Leadership Association conference (NGLA) held in Philadelphia.

At the Adams Mark Hotel, Brooke Joseph, Jamin Bartolomeo, Zach Wulderk, Emily Seal, Melissa Grimmer, and Alice Wusinger attended roundtable discussions and information sessions from February 28 to March 3. Issues addressed at this conference ranged from drinking and driving to organization recruitment.

Despite the large range of session topics, Grimmer, president of Panhellenic Council, says, "No matter what session you went to, you could relate to the topic somehow."

One session that Grimmer found to be valuable was "Making the Most of a Visit From Nationals." National organizations get a visit every semester from their national consultants, who according to Grimmer "have a bad rap."

This session helped explain to leaders that the consultants are there to help the chapters. Grimmer plans to share this information with her sisters, explaining that having a national consultant is "a good thing."

Wulderk, President of the Inter-Greek Council, was also fortunate enough to attend the NGLA conference. Though Wulderk attended

many information sessions to benefit his chapter (Alpha Gamma Tau), he also attended roundtable discussions where he gained ideas from leaders of other schools. Wulderk says he plans to "implement a lot of new service events where we will involve the rest of the (Western Maryland College) community." Wulderk has bright ideas of campus wide fundraisers and he plans to donate the money raised to a charity.

Bartolomeo attended this conference to acquire information about the Inter Fraternity Council. Bartolomeo, who hopes to put an IFC into practice at WMC, attended sessions about IFC at small colleges. He says he was able to "talk to a lot of guys about trying to do what they do, and gather general information about how small colleges work." With this new information, Bartolomeo will work with other fraternity chapters to establish the IFC.

While each leader that attended the conference had a different experience, all could not help but mention a moving speaker, Mark Sterner from Campus Speak. In Sterner's program, "DUI: A Powerful Lesson," was a story of this man's spring break vacation, 20 years ago. After taking shots at home and then driving to a bar to drink more, Sterner and his friends made the deadly decision to get back into the car. Because the driver was so drunk, he drove off of the side of the road killing all but two of the men in the car.

According to Bartolomeo,

Sterner's story had a strong impact on the audience because the night had been videotaped. As Sterner was telling his story, the Greek leaders at the conference were watching actual footage of the night.

This session proved to be effective in sending a strong message, as did most of the other sessions. In the future, Grimmer hopes to bring Sterner on campus to help educate the community on drinking and driving. Wulderk enjoyed a session led by David Stollman so much that the two exchanged phone numbers and are in the process of scheduling an event here on campus.

But the six leader's time away from WMC did not consist of only business. One night they were able to go to South Street, where they tasted the famous Philadelphia cheesesteaks.

Another night, each leader participated in a dance-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital. The final night of the conference, the Greek leaders were invited to attend a banquet with all other students that participated.

Seeing that all of the leaders enjoyed the conference and found it useful, the only complaint was that the sessions were too short. According to Wulderk, the workshops "were so good students could not get deep enough into topics."

Despite that, Bartolomeo says the conference was a "fun experience, and people who want to better Greek life should talk to Betsy [Chimick] about going next year."

The First Annual Faculty Art Exhibit

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pendent. They are black and white, but never gray. They have a certain stamina and endurance. When they run, they create an optical illusion."

Wasyli Paliczuk's paintings and sculptures were placed capriciously about the gallery. Several images display life, but not how we know it. One piece featured a man in the Ukraine, coming out

of a worn shack, broken down but still standing. He peered over a white fence, as if to say hello. "Here in America, we think we are poor, but we don't know what real hardships are. We are lucky."

"What a great variety of art there is," said Paliczuk, referring to the exhibit. "It's not whether or not you like it, it's how different it is from what you know about art."

Movie: Chocolat

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Chocolat is a charming film about a young girl Anouk (Violette Thivisol) and her mother Vianne (Juliet Binoche). The film opens with cinematic majesty as the red-hooded pair enters a small French town during the season of Lent. Vianne rents a room and a shop, and to the dismay of the Comte de Reynaud (Alfred Molina), opens a chocolaterie. Vianne and Anouk manage to charm much of the town, but encounter opposition from the Comte, who insists that chocolate is sinful. This film centers on the curiosity of strangers that become the familiarity of home.

The over-arching themes of Chocolat are relatively simple: Vianne and Anouk, as well as a few outsider friends they make during the film, are outsiders. They do not attend church, and appear to have wandering spirits. Vianne enjoys helping others and fixing familial issues among the villagers, providing remedies from aphrodisiacs snail to a long talk over hot chocolate.

The most symbolic object in the movie, other than the healing chocolate itself, is Vianne's cloth-

ing. She always wears the color red, which at first contributes to the cautious nature of the villagers. Vianne's shop manages to convey the feeling of both new and old with her vivid clothing and exotic South American décor.

The acting in Chocolat is incredible-while it is clear from the beginning that the Comte is trying to stifle the passions of his villagers (symbolized by their want for chocolate), it is also clear that he is evil. However, instead of typifying this role, Alfred Molina presents his character as a complex man of many facets and inner conflicts.

Juliet Binoche carries the film well, leading and charming the audience as easily as her character leads the film. She plays a woman going against the standard, needing to make a positive impact on the world.

While Chocolat is only about two hours long, it does seem longer. The plot is predictable, but the film concentrates more on grander concepts and themes. If you're in a meditative mood, or desire incredible artistry in film making, Chocolat is an ideal movie for you.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Greek Community!

Alpha Gamma Tau: Tony Braglio, Ben Hillis, Mitch Hoffman, Cory Manyard, Mark Murphy, Ronald Yard, Josh Yosucio

Alpha Sigma Phi: Brad Barr, Matt Cline, Jacob Gerding, Mark Iwanoski, Andrew O'Carroll, Mohindra Ramphal, Brad Williams

Gamma Beta Chi: Brad Darrah

Phi Kappa Sigma: Maiciej Gajec, Brad Graham, Luke Hoffman, Isaac Morgan, Tim Saul, Ted Stephen, Micheal Wiles

Sigma Phi Epsilon: Justin Deprima, Shaune Greenwood, Bryce Kehoe, Chris Morgan

Alpha Nu Omega: Jennie Jones, Kimberly Lowry, Crystal McCubbin

Phi Alpha Mu: Kirsten Bauer, Alison Costa, Erin Fitzgerald, Jessica Guthrie, Nora Petito, Leslie Waller

Phi Mu: Lauren Angelini, Ivy Daniel, Diana Fuentes, Julia Keene, Kristen Pohl, Betsy Rosenbaum

Phi Sigma Sigma: Jennifer Elliot, April Gelwicks, Adrienne Glick, Kelly Grubb, Tiffany Saylor

Important Greek Life Dates

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Phi Mu will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt and Basket Raffle on March 30th to raise money for Children's Miracle Network (CMN). The Easter Egg Hunt is open to children of the faculty, staff, and community. The egg hunt will begin at 11 a.m. on the Quad. There will be prizes available for children. The basket raffle is open to students as well as to the community, faculty, and staff. Tickets will be sold outside of Glar the weeks of 3/11-3/15 and 3/25-3/29, as well as on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt.

Music: the latest from Alanis Morissette

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Staff Writer

After her amazing debut on "Jagged Little Pill" and her not so phenomenal second album, "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie," Alanis Morissette is back with her third album "Under Rug Swept." For those who thought that after her last album Morissette was going to be a little less angry, you're wrong. Alanis is back, and she's full of angst.

Morissette chose to ditch her long time collaborator and producer Glen Ballard on this album. She produced the album, wrote all of the lyrics, and plays most of the instruments. The result is a wonderful album that has a whole range of emotions and feelings.

Not nearly as angry as Jagged Little Pill, Morissette still has some gripes. In "Narcissus" she sings about conceited men. She exclaims "Dear popular boy I know you're used to getting everything so easily/A stranger to

the concept of reciprocity/People honor boys like you in this society." There is also a sense of mellowing out and letting go of anger. In "Surrendering" Morissette says, "I applaud your perseverance/and I embrace you for your faith in the face of adversarial forces/that I represent." Morissette has definitely grown as a songwriter.

This album is a lot more personal than previous albums. Every song is about Morissette. It is Morissette's personal, introspective look at herself and her relationships. Though the cd gets kind of slow and dry towards the middle. After hearing "A Man," "Flinch," and "So Unsexy," one gets tired of her man bashing. The catchiness of her latest single "Hands Clean," the tight melody and harmony of "Surrendering," and the warm and heartfelt feelings of "Utopia" are sure to make this cd a commercial hit and impress Morissette's eager fans.



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LINDSAY HICKS

This was my first time dancing for this event, but I had a good time. There were a lot of different talents and ethnicities on display."

-Angela Chapman



JESSICA WATSON

The decorations and entertainment were great! They had a lot of food and that's what I was really happy about."

-Arnelle Quashi



LINDSAY HICKS

The International Club introduces WMC to a new kind of dancing.



JESSICA WATSON

"I liked the fact that people were having fun."

-Ina Puleri

WWF Column: Mania moments

MICHAEL JENKINSON

Phoenix Staff

On recent WWF programming they have been running clips from previous Wrestlemanias. Historic moments "indelibly etched" in the minds of the fans. It seems that everything is more important on this one day of the year. Wrestlemania history is important to wrestling fans, and the wrestlers know that every move they make will be watched again for the next 20 years on home movies because Wrestlemania is the "showcase of the immortals".

With Wrestlemania memories on the mind, I thought I'd review the most memorable moment from Wrestlemania past.

Wrestlemania three was the show that got WWF on the national radar. The show set an indoor attendance record with more than 93,000 fans jammed into Detroit's Pontiac Silverdome. Andre the Giant took on Hulk Hogan for the WWF title. The match itself wasn't very good because neither man has a lot of in-ring skills, but the glamour of a Hulk Hogan vs Andre the Giant feud, concluding with Hulk Hogan's lifting and slamming of the Giant, are such fun memories that they must be mentioned. Also on the show was The Ricky Steamboat vs Randy Savage classic for the IC belt.

The following year saw the WWF without a champion due to a technicality, and forced a WWF title tournament. Savage was again the man as he won four matches in the tournament in route to his first WWF title. One of the

greatest single night performances in the history of the business.

Wrestlemania Five saw the dominant performer from the two Wrestlemanias before it, Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage, battle for not only the WWF title, but for the love of Miss Elizabeth. This match, along with the next year's main event between Hulk Hogan and the Ultimate Warrior, were the two matches that helped define the Hulk Hogan era of WWF.

Wrestlemania Ten, considered by many fans the best manias of all time, featured two memorable moments. The WWF's first ever ladder match between Shawn Michaels and Razor "Scott Hall" Ramon. The night also featured a mat classic between Owen and Bret, the brothers Hart.

The next few years saw some fun moments and some good wrestling, but nothing to take down as part of history. Wrestlemania 14 was the show that ended that streak.

The greatest show in WWF history, Wrestlemania 14 clicked on all cylinders. The night saw a dumpster tag team match featuring the New Age Outlaws in the best match of their career fall to the hard-core tandem of Mick "Cactus Jack" Foley and Chainsaw Terry "Chainsaw Charlie" Funk. The Undertaker beat Kane in a match that concluded a great feud, and was one of the best, most physical matches you will ever see between two men of that size.

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Men's Lacrosse remains undefeated at 3-0 in early season

MICHAEL JENKINSON

Phoenix Staff

The road hasn't been smooth, but nonetheless, the Green Terror Men's Lacrosse team finds itself undefeated three games into the season.

This past Saturday, the Terror defeated Widener 13-10 in their home opener.

The previous week they recorded an 11-9 victory over Messiah and a 17-14 victory over Cabrini.

The Widener victory marks the second straight season that WMC has defeated Widener.

Seven different players scored for The Terror in the Widener contest. Tom Brown lead the way with four, Alex Tolj scored two, and Brad Darrah, Sam Katz, Joe Ellis, Justin Merson, and Jeremy Freed each contributed a goal a piece. Ellis also had five assists giving

him a 6-point day. Freed added two assists.

The previous week's victory against Messiah was a dramatic come from behind finish. The Terror were down 9-4 at the half. Then two individuals stepped up and went on goal streaks. Pete Schaffer netted two in less than three minutes.

This great achievement managed to be topped by Brown's own outburst. Brown scored four times in five minutes to cap off a six-goal performance.

"Stuff just started clicking," Brown said. "We started running a new offense, and my shots just started finding the net."

The 17-14 Cabrini game was a shaky win for the Terror. Ellis contributed six assists and three goals in the win. Freshmen attacker Rob Weaver had three goals in his first

collegiate game.

"Rob (Weaver) is a young guy we're real excited about." Said head coach Keith Reitenbach.

"He's got a lot of talent, and we're putting him in a big spot on the front line with Ellis and Brown."

The guys head south for spring break for a three game set against Marymount, St. Mary's, and a return match against Virginia Wesleyan.

Virginia Wesleyan upset the Terror at home last year and they hope to avenge the loss by defeating Virginia Wesleyan on their home field this year.

Brown said that he was excited for the road action during the spring break trip. "We get to head out on Friday to get ready for a Saturday game. It's kind of weird, but I'm excited."

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Men's Golf prepares for conference title chase

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Assistant Sports Editor

The Western Maryland College Men's golf team is looking to get back to the top of the Centennial Conference. After winning the conference in 2000 the team finished third last spring behind Muhlenberg and Gettysburg. Coach Scott Moyer thinks his team is, "young, talented and still learning how to handle the pressure."

Leading the young talent is sophomore Dan Waeger who will be playing at the number one position. Waeger had a solid freshman season, finishing in WMC's top 3 many times, including a team leading 18th place finish at the Glenmaura Collegiate Invitational.

Following Waeger is senior captain Billy Pannill. Pannill, who finished 11th at the Centennial Conference Championships last year, and Jason Pyle are the lone seniors on the squad.

Playing at the third spot is sophomore Joe Meier. Meier had a great fall season highlighted by his victory at the tournament held at St. John Fisher College. Meier shot a 73 in 30 mph winds to finish first.

In the four and five positions will be freshmen Mark Stirling and Brendan Zadrozny. They finished 13th and 16th at the St. John Fisher College invitational behind Meier

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WMC Softball team looking towards another successful season in 2002.

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

Following a school record 28 wins last year, the Western Maryland College Softball team is poised to have another strong season.

The team returns seven players from last year's team, and look to make another run at the Centennial Conference title.

"I think we are going to do better than last year," said sophomore Kate Hartman. "We have a well balanced team and we just have to pull through together."

Head Coach George Dix who has the most wins as a coach in Centennial Conference history, has led the team to seven 20 win seasons, including five conference championships and he is high on this year's squad.

The team returns many key players including sophomore pitcher/infielders Sam Abrams and Kim Camponelli.

Abrams broke a school record last year with 18 wins on the mound, while Camponelli was a perfect 9-0 with a Centennial Conference best 1.08 era.

The team will have to make up for the loss of senior Lauren Henry who was the leading hitter from a year ago. Junior third basemen Candi Kuligowski and first basemen Selenia Smart will hold the corners, while sophomores Kristin Barrick will play second base and Camponelli will play shortstop.

The outfield will be flanked by sophomores Lauren Cramer, Heather Sinclair, Kate Hartman, and junior Jen Geiman.

"So far, we look really strong," said Cramer.

"We are a small team, but we don't have any weaknesses and we should make a run at the conference this season."

Last year, the Green Terror made it to the Centennial Conference Championships semifinals before losing two heartbreaking one-run defeats against Gettysburg (6-5) and Ursinus (4-3).

After breezing through the conference with a 15-1 mark, the team's goal is to bring home the championship final this season. The program has been very consistent with six consecutive 20 or more win seasons, and 2002 looks to be no different.

Phoenix Sports Trivia

Which player has the most points in March Madness history?

Men's Tennis team looks to turn heads in Centennial Conference

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

"You have to lose to know how to win." This Steven Tyler quote emphasizes the last few seasons for the Western Maryland College Men's tennis team. The team has struggled for many years with lack of experience and depth, but this season appears to be different. The team has a new coach, Matt Bilger, and a new attitude that is looking towards success in the future.

The team is led by their top two players, sophomore Scott Mahoney and junior David Johnson. Mahoney who was a senior last year is looking to build upon his performance into another strong season. "After making some key adjustments to my game, I'm looking for a auspicious outcome this campaign," said Mahoney.

Johnson, a two-year letterman, has been with the team through hard times, but feels that this squad has the ingredients for big things in 2002. "I'm looking forward to a successful season with some new faces to help us down the road."

The rest of the varsity squad is filled by freshman Ben Denenberg, junior Chad Lovett, and senior Andrew Taylor at the 3, 4, and 5 spots. Other performers include seniors Chris Taugher, Alex Farga, and sophomore Craig Johnson who will complete the sixth spot in the rotation. The team's first match is on March 12 against Goucher College. Fans can check out the new team on Thursday, March 14 against York College.

With an experienced team and a new attitude, the team is looking to erase the past and set a new precedent for the future of the men's tennis program at WMC.

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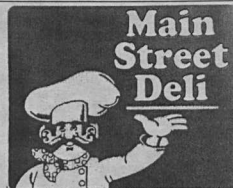
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National League 2002 preview: A changing of the guard?

Matt Hurff takes a look at the off season changes that will effect the NL

Now that we're only a couple weeks away from April, it is only fitting to start talking about baseball and the changes that were made in the off season to create this year's favorites.

When watching television and reading magazines, it is hard to not notice the major changes the New York Mets made to their team, the names are striking.

Mo Vaughn, Roberto Alomar, Roger Cedeno, Jeremy Burnitz, Sean Estes and Pedro Astacio are just few of the new faces on the team in an effort to improve upon a 3rd-place finish behind Atlanta and Philadelphia in the NL East.

A year ago, the NL East was probably considered the weakest division in the National League, if not all of baseball.

This year, the Braves and the Phillies also boast strong teams to

challenge the Mets.

The big off-season move for the Braves was the trade that brought Gary Sheffield's powerful bat to Atlanta. Last year, Sheffield hit .311 with 36 homers and 100 RBIs. This offensive support will certainly take some pressure off of Chipper Jones.

Another factor taking pressure off of Jones is his move from 3B to LF to allow the slugger to focus on his hitting.

The problem facing the Braves is their overall age, especially in their starting rotation. Starters Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine are both in their mid-30's along with closer John Smoltz, who is also coming back from major arm surgery. Because of this, do not expect the Braves to once again win the East.

Conversely, the Phillies must overcome the youth of their team. Next season they will rely on young pitchers Brandon Duckworth, David Coggin and Nelson Figueroa

to play important roles in their pitching staff.

Last season, the trio was very successful filling in for injured or ineffective starters. Will they be able to repeat this year?

Meanwhile, the Phillies have a deceptively solid lineup. Right fielder Bobby Abreu is the biggest threat with the bat with a .287 batting average along with 31 homers and 110 RBIs last season while to pace the team.

In the NL Central, the clear favorites are the St. Louis Cardinals. The thing that stands out most about this team is it's potent offense which boasts last year's Rookie of the Year Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds, JD Drew, and Tino Martinez. Those four hitters can all be expected to hit around 30 or more homers this season.

However, a team cannot be successful with just hitting, just ask Texas. St. Louis will not have to worry about that because they are very deep in pitching though.

Ace Matt Morris exploded last season for a 22-8 record with a 3.18 ERA. Behind him are solid starters Darryl Kile, Woody Williams, along with Bud Smith, who threw a no-hitter in his rookie campaign. Their bullpen is equally strong, as it is anchored by Jason Iiringhausen, Dave Veres, and Steve Kline.

Beyond the Cardinals, the Cubs and Astros are potential contenders. In particular the Cubs' acquisition of Moises Alou could likely benefit their offense, allowing it to help their solid pitching staff.

Nevertheless, it does not seem like either Chicago or Houston will be able to remain with St. Louis the whole season.

While the Central seems to have a clear-cut favorite, the picture in the West is still very cloudy. The World Series champ Arizona Diamondbacks should repeat with a strong season powered by Randy Johnson and World Series MVP

Curt Schilling along with right fielder Luis Gonzalez.

The major question mark for the Diamondbacks will be whether that trio will be able to repeat their 2001 performances. It seems unlikely that they will, especially since several of their players had career years. If those players cannot repeat, the Diamondbacks will struggle in a very competitive division.

The Dodgers will most likely be able to defeat Arizona. Los Angeles has a good chance simply because they are now healthy, unlike a year ago. With the acquisition of Hideo Nomo and Brian Jordan, they now have more depth. Jordan's leadership should do wonders for the Dodgers clubhouse. Predictions

East: New York
Central: St. Louis
West: Los Angeles
Wild Card: Philadelphia

Women's Basketball's season comes to a close at Scranton

GREG LEIDERER
Sports Editor

The season finally came to a close for the Western Maryland College Women's basketball team when they lost in the first round of the NCAA Division-III Tournament against the University of Scranton.

It was tough situation for the Green Terror as they had to go on the road to play at Scranton on February 27th.

The game was the first ever appearance for the program in the tournament, and in the first half, the team didn't play their usual game and fell behind 31-20 at halftime.

Opening the second half, the opposition went on a 18-4 rally to build a big lead on the Green Terror, that despite a late rally, they could never overcome.

Sophomore guard Toby McIntire paced the team with 15 points while freshman guard Kelly Camp put in 14. The loss concluded a season that saw the squad break a school record with 22 victories and a first ever appearance in the tournament. With star players McIntire, Camp, Jennifer Piccolomini, and Kris Bruss all returning next season, the team looks to build upon this year's success and go further in the tournament next year.

Baseball team off to good start, dismantles Lincoln University

STEVE ZAMAGIAS
Phoenix Staff

The Western Maryland College Men's Baseball team will be looking to wreak havoc come Centennial Conference Tournament time by building off last season's 16-14 record. Stocked with a blend of young talent and seasoned veterans, the Terror are looking to become a force in head coach Dave Seibert's 22nd year.

The team returns seven starters, including four of five spots in the infield and the entire outfield. Six are seniors, led by Kevin Culbertson and his lifetime .308 average, along with captain Scott Merkle, coming off an arm injury last season, and Jeremy Merrell, who netted a .970 fielding percentage last year. The infield consists of captain Guy Sheetz, Gregg Shelton, Gak Griffith and junior Todd Huber, who is coming off a breakout sophomore season in which he was named to the Centennial Conference Second Team as a designated hitter. Also back behind the dish is junior Bob Laffey, who will split time with senior Dave Dolch.

Also returning are three starters from last year's rotation, including All-Centennial hurler Jeff Starcher, sophomore Dave Skoczals, and junior Brent Kahoda. Junior Justin Raynor, who is already tied for third on the career saves list, will be the closer. Skoczals has already helped the Terror get off to a good start as evidenced by his one hit, 19 strikeout outing against Lincoln. It enabled the team to cruise to a 9-0 win in the first of a twin bill before dismantling Lincoln 47-2 in the second.

This game set new school records for winning margin, runs in a game, and runs in a 23-run 2nd inning.

Culbertson, the two-sport standout from Gilman High School, feels that everything is in place for a strong season. "I think we are ready to make a run in our conference. We know each other well on this team and we've been playing together for a couple years now so there isn't any reason why we can't make some noise in the tournament."

The team knows it will feel the loss of ace Dan Elbaz but is looking forward to matching up with its usual conference foes in Johns Hopkins and Franklin and Marshall.

The team's mark is now 2-1 as it travels to Cocoa Beach, Florida.

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The night ended with Michaels losing the WWF title, but the last WWF match of his career to Stone Cold Steve Austin. The win was Austin's first title victory, and served as a passing of the torch between Michaels and Austin.

Last year's show, Wrestlemania 17, had one of the most unforgettable moments in the history of Wrestling. The Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin were battling in a classic fight when Austin did the unthinkable. Stone Cold had represented the everyday man for years in his feud with Vince McMahon. But that fateful night last year, Austin turned on his fans and joined up with Vince McMahon to secure his victory and WWF title.

Woman's Lax looks to have great season, off to early 2-0

STEVE ZAMAGIAS
Phoenix Staff

The Western Maryland College Women's Lacrosse team and head coach Mindy Manolovich will look to improve upon its 5-10 mark from last season as this season enters its early stages.

The team is poised for a competitive season in the Centennial Conference and is looking to avenge the four losses they had last year by three goals or less.

Despite losing 2001 All-Centennial Conference Second Team members Lisa Weber and Amy Bittinger, the Terror return a solid core of players, including Third Team members Erin Mulhern and Tracy Kessler.

Returning to join this duo up front are attackers Amy Fife, Sara Thomas, and Alaina Filo.

Senior Kim Adams remains a force in the midfield while the squad brings back four solid defenders in juniors Erin Dolan, Alli Kinariy, and Sara Hansen to go along with sophomore standout Nikki Leppson. Price, the junior attacker from Abingdon, MD, is optimistic about what 2002 holds for them.

"We know that we are capable of big things this year and we can play with anyone if we play the way we know we can. We have the right girls here to make this a productive season."

The Terror are already two games into their season and have to a 2-0 mark to show, with a 24-0 romp of Hood College and a hard fought 16-10 victory over the first year program of Elizabethtown.

Against Hood, the Terror were able to get that trick from five dif-

ferent players and freshman goalkeeper Lindsay O'Steen earned her first shutout in her college debut. Seven players got into the scoring column against Elizabethtown, including five from Erin Mulhern and three from freshman Kim Lowry.

Mulhern, the senior attacker from Havertown, PA, now has 86 goals and is close to reaching the century mark for her solid career here.

Meanwhile, Lowry is one of the freshmen Coach Manolovich will be looking to for contributions along with defenders Liz Sexton and Erin Potash.

If the Terror are to be competitive as they head into conference play, then they will be doing so against three teams in the Nation's Preseason Top 20 in Gettysburg, Ursinus, and Franklin and Marshall.

The girls will be looking to the senior trio of Mulhern, Adams, and Filo for leadership as the team faces some of the best the country has to offer.

The team next faces Ursinus on March 13th and then opens a four-game home stand with Bowdoin College on March 22nd at 11 a.m.

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And finishing out the starting lineup is junior Adam Smith. Smith is a transfer from Virginia Wesleyan where he played number one.

The team travels to Jekyll Island, Georgia, over spring break to compete in the Golden Isles Invitational.

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Indoor Track team ends season with record-setting performance

MARCUS HELTON
Phoenix Staff

The success continued and the records continued falling for the Green Terror Indoor Track and Field team, who closed out their remarkable season at two recent Indoor Championship meets. "We've been going in to events with fewer people than most teams, but we're still coaching and scoring points," Coach Doug Renner said.

On March 1, at the Eastern Conference Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships, sophomore sprinter April Brown won the silver medal in the 55-meter dash with a personal-best time of 7.22 seconds. Senior Thea Bayly's time of 61.79 in the 400-meter dash was her personal best.

On the men's side, Ifeanyi Ani, the only male competing for the Terror, won the bronze medal in the triple jump with a leap of 47 feet, 11.75 inches.

The previous week, the Terror competed in the 2002 Centennial Conference Championships at Haverford, where the women took fourth place and the men finished seventh.

On the second day of competition, senior thrower Dave Hose

won his third-consecutive league title in the shot put. Hose's throw of 45 feet, 11.25 inches earned him his fifth straight gold medal. Ifeanyi Ani won the long jump with a jump of 21 feet, 8.25 inches. The 1600-meter relay team of Tyler Wright, John Riley, Dave Maskeroni, and Calvin Woodward won second-place with a school record-setting time of 3:28.82.

On the women's side, April Brown won silver medals in both the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes with times of 7.30 and 26.25 seconds, respectively. In other women's action, junior Christine Johnson took bronze in the long jump with a jump of 16 feet, 3 inches.

The Terror's success had continued from the previous day.

The first day of competition was highlighted by the WMC sweep of gold in the triple jump, as Ani and Johnson each took first place. Ani's leap of 49 feet, 4.5 inches, was his personal best, and it set a new school, conference, and meet record. In other men's action, Brad Turner won bronze in the triple jump with a personal-best leap of 41 feet, 11.5 inches.

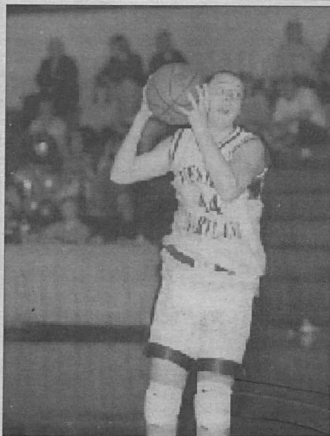
The Green Terror women also

enjoyed success. Johnson's triple jump leap of 36 feet, 9 inches earned her an NCAA Divisional qualifier. Jen Bruce broke her own school record in the pole vault with a vault of 9 feet, 6.25 inches, and the women's 800-meter relay team of Brown, Holly Thompson, Bayly, and Melissa Merson took first with a time of 1:48.38.

It was a successful indoor season for the squad, and the Terror hopes to turn in more record-breaking performances during the outdoor season.

In other noteworthy events, Terror distance runner Jill Krebs was awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. She is the first woman in WMC history to receive the honor, which requires applicants to have a 3.2 overall grade point average and to have excelled in a variety of sports.

Krebs has a 3.918 GPA and is a two-time Cross Country All-American. The competition for the scholarship is intensely competitive, with scholarships given in 3 categories: Football, Basketball, and "Other" Sports. Winning the "Other" Sports category makes the achievement all the more impressive.



Green Terror junior center Kris Brust taking control of the ball during recent contest. Read about the Green Terror's experience in the NCAA-III Tournament on page 15.

McNally becomes an All-American, leads wrestling contingent at National Champs.

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

On March 1 and 2, the Western Maryland College Wrestling team sent five competitors to compete in the Division III National Championships.

Senior Chris McNally gained All-American status, courtesy of his fourth place finish at 197 pound weight class. McNally's goal of a national championship fell just short as he lost a close match up with top seeded competitor, Augsburg's Kevin Rasmussen. Despite the loss, he earned the chance to compete for the bronze medal the next day, but lost controversial, nail biting overtime decision to Wartburg's Alain Djoumesei.

In the closing seconds of regulation, McNally used a countering maneuver to put Djoumesei to the mat. The move looked to many like a five point series, but was officially called only four points. Despite the this, McNally settled for overtime and eventually lost the contest.

Two time All American Vinny P... for a three-peat was

halted in the quarterfinals when he lost to Ithaca's Carlos Esterop.

During the quarterfinal match, Pedalino chipped a part of his tooth and would chip the rest of the tooth later in the tournament.

He was taken to the hospital later after having a mild concussion, but there was no severe damage.

Junior Levi McVey, freshman Dan Patterson, and senior Andy Chencharik also fell at the nationals, but enjoyed the experience.

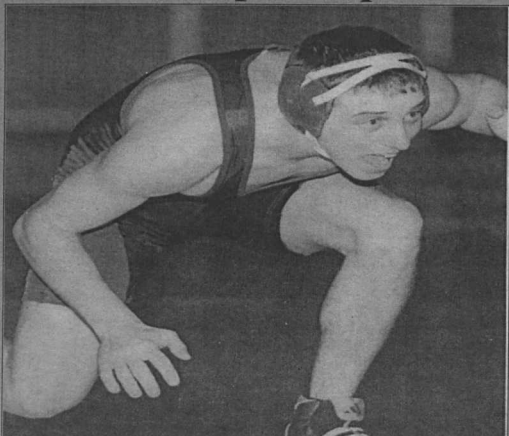
The team is losing many key contributors next season with the graduation of seniors Rob Johns, Chencharik, Pedalino, and McNally.

The seniors were cornerstones of the team and took the program to new heights in WMC wrestling history.

They all had performed in Nationals and most gained All-American status over their four years in the program.

Next year WMC fans can expect a solid return of McVey and Patterson to lead a young and very changing team.

Freshman experiences National Championship



Freshman sensation Dan Patterson prepares for battle. Patterson was one of five Western Maryland College wrestlers who competed in the NCAA-III National tournament on March 1 and 2.



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Ralph Nader closes Liberty Week festivities with McDaniel lecture

The former presidential candidate discussed various political topics with students and faculty.

LEROY MCDUFFIE
News Editor

Former presidential candidate and one of *Time* magazine's most influential people, Ralph Nader visited WMC as one of the keynote speakers during Liberty Week. Nader discussed the importance of being a good citizen by contributing to the democratic process.

The main points of Nader's lecture were to explain the "duopoly" among the Democrats and Republicans, the barriers of getting on the ballot, and to address the importance of citizens using their rights to address political problems in their communities, as well as their country.

Nader explained that the green party focuses on corporations having great influence in our government. Nader also said that the Green Party is heavily involved in environmental issues.

During his lecture, Nader discussed how the two main parties have a "duopoly" on the political system.

Nader explained how the Democrats and Republicans have



Consumer advocate Ralph Nader made a highly publicized appearance at WMC for Liberty Week, which was the brainchild of senior Jeremy Keil.

a monopoly on the political system. He also talked about how these parties have great influence doing election debates. In the course of his speech, Nader used several examples from his presidential campaign in 2000.

Nader explained how he was purposely kept out of the televised presidential debates between then Vice-president Al Gore, and then Governor George W. Bush.

Nader discussed how the debate committee was formed by the Democrats and the Republicans in order to ensure that the competition would not get any air-time.

He believes that his success in the 2000 presidential election is a positive sign for people who may run under the Green Party ballot. According to Nader, it is important to "cut down some of the barriers to allow more Green Party candidates."

Nader also discussed the many other problems that exist currently in the US political system, such as campaign finance.

Including the ballot access problem that third-party candidates face, Nader explained that it is harder to get on the ballot in the

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Smoking survey could extinguish WMC policies

Based on study, 69 percent of students who responded stated they were less accepting of indoor smoking.

HEATHER WEISS
Staff Writer

Recent survey results compiled by 35 communication research methods students are encouraging the administration to stiffen the smoking policy on campus.

Currently, students are permitted to smoke outside and in their dorm rooms with their roommate's permission. But according to Philip Sayre, dean of student affairs, some residence halls may smoke free as early as next fall.

Out of the 1500 students who received the 2002 WMC Smoking Survey, only 334 students responded, Sayre said. According to survey results, 69 percent of students are less accepting of smoking indoors. Based on survey statistics, Sayre believes that the student population would encourage a stricter smoking policy.

"My general reaction is that a strong majority segment of students are bothered by second-hand smoke and would be open to having the current smoking policy curtailed," Sayre said.

Sayre first became concerned about smoking in the residence halls because of constant carpet damage due to cigarette burns, fire safety and campus health. The department of student affairs surveyed 19 regional colleges (including The John's Hopkins University, Gettysburg College and Elizabethtown College) about their smoking policies last spring. Seven of the 19 colleges surveyed had a zero-tolerance smoking policy in the dorms. Sayre and Elizabeth Towle, assistant dean of student affairs, the All-College Council and the Student Government Association's Campus Life Committee are discussing policy op-

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Whiteford break-in leads to uneasiness on campus

Reality check for students, break-ins can happen to you.

KATIE CHAMPTION
Staff Writer

A recent break-in in Whiteford Hall during spring break has WMC students questioning the safety of residence halls.

On Sunday, March 17, around 3:45 a.m., an individual entered Whiteford Hall through a ground-level window where a security screen was not properly locked. The individual forcibly entered the RLC office and stole keys to three Whiteford rooms and was seen leaving the building shortly thereafter.

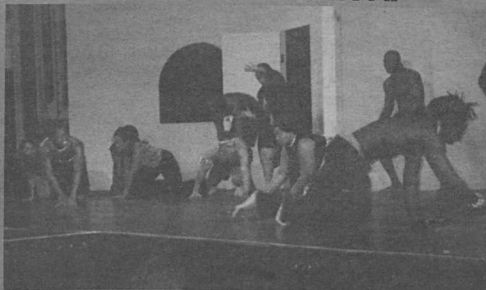
An anonymous witness described the suspect as a white, college-aged male, approximately 5'9" with a medium to athletic build. He has short dark hair with sideburns and was last seen wearing a t-shirt and dark blue jeans.

Freshman theater and communication major LaShawn Eley was shocked to receive a phone call at home over spring break informing her that her room was broken into. Though nothing was stolen, a picture frame that Eley made in seventh grade was broken.

"There was nothing that I could

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Crawl into fashion



It's a jungle out there! Check out page 9 for more details on "The Essence of Time" Fashion Show sponsored by the Black Student Union.

JESSICA JONES

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Nader explains the need for more civic motivation

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United States than any other western democracy. Nader also addressed the impression that multi-political parties are unstable.

He explained that this kind of impression does not help third-party candidates when they run for public office. Nader also addressed the need for people to participate in government through direct democracy. According to Nader, a direct democracy is the "fountain head of a democratic society."

He used an example of when he was younger; he hitchhiked to Washington D.C. to lobby against General Motors because the company had known that their automobiles were unsafe and could cause serious injury. Nader's commitment to public safety allowed for bills to pass legislature to ensure safer automobiles.

For more information about Ralph Nader and the Green Party, go to his website at crashingtheparty.org.

Right: a composite sketch of the suspect that has been breaking into dorms on campus since February. If you see a suspicious person resembling him, contact DoCS.



Break-ins at dorms causes more students to become extra cautious

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do," Eley said. "I didn't know anything about the security screen in the first place."

Another Whiteford resident who wished to remain anonymous stated that she is extra cautious. "I don't feel safe with all that has been going on lately," she said.

This incident follows two similar incidents that occurred on two consecutive Sundays this semester. On Sunday, February 3, a room in Whiteford was entered and the female victim chased the suspect to Pennsylvania Avenue. The following Sunday, February 10, a student in McDaniel Hall received an on-campus phone call and minutes later, a male entered her room. This suspect was also chased away.

Mike Webster, director of campus safety, has been at WMC for 11 years. "This is the first time I can recall that rooms have been burglarized this consistently," Webster said.

In the most recent incident, Whiteford submaster keys that allow RAs on each floor to do lockouts were stolen. In addition to these, several PA Avenue house keys and Whiteford Room keys were taken.

Immediately following the incident, two actions were taken by Residence Life to ensure student safety in residence halls.

Campus locksmiths have changed all lock cores in Whiteford Hall. While enabling residents to keep their same room key, the stolen master keys will no longer work in the locks.

Secondly, as an extra precaution, the decision was made

to change the outdoor locks. The submaster keys did not work, so outdoor locks were completely changed on Rouzer Hall and several PA Avenue houses.

As a result of this incident, Residence Life is taking extra steps to ensure the safety of all students. Keys are no longer stored in this area.

"Student safety on campus is paramount," said Elizabeth Towle, assistant dean of student affairs. "This creates another opportunity for us to be proactive and make sure that the students remain as safe as possible." However, the department of campus safety also suggests that students be conscious of their own safety.

"In both February cases, students had gone to bed with the door unlocked," Webster said. "We are constantly finding doors propped open [...] Just because someone is wearing a backpack and baseball hat and calls Englar Dining Hall 'Glar' does not mean that he is a student. [Students] think they are being nice by holding a door but you don't know who you are letting in."

DoCS and Residence Life encourage students to be aware of their surroundings. A security alert flyer was posted in the residence halls following the recent burglary. It reminds students to keep doors locked at all times. Also, it tells students not to tamper with security screens.

If a student sees one that is not working properly, he or she should notify his or her RA immediately. Students are also encouraged to notify DoCS of any suspicious activity including people who do not belong in residence halls.

"It's great that most people feel safe on campus, but it can't be taken for granted," Towle said. "We all play a part in the safety of our community."

Smoking survey may stiffen policies on Campus

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tions. Sayre mentioned the possibility of phasing smoking out of the residence halls over a number of years, starting with freshman dorms, Whiteford and Rouzer, in the fall of 2002. A second option would be to increase substance-free areas on campus.

Sayre was confident that the administration would make a decision regarding the smoking policy for next fall before room draw in a few weeks, but only after he discusses the issue with students and receives a recommendation from the Campus Life committee.

Robert Lemieux, chair of the communication department, started the survey as part of his research methods class. He questions if the survey really represents campus opinion because of the mere 77 males who responded.

"It keeps me from being fully confident, but I don't see how the number of smokers would increase," Lemieux said. He does, however, believe the survey represents the female population on campus. Sayre agrees that the low male response is a weakness in the survey, but does not think it makes the survey invalid.

Claire Adams, a senior communication major and chairperson of the Campus Life committee, is impressed that the administration is acting so quickly. Adams said that the smoking policy issue comes before the SGA every year and she's happy to see something finally being done about it.

However, because the research is skewed (Adams was one of the students who completed and analyzed the survey results), she does not believe that survey data alone is enough support to change the policy.

"We don't really know how the students feel," said Adams. "Obviously we [the Campus Life Committee] are going to support what the student body wants. I don't see the administration taking any extreme measures - that is, leaving the current policy 'as is' or having WMC go smoke free. It's obvious we have a problem."

Sayre and Lemieux are puzzled as to why more students didn't respond to the survey, which was packaged with a cover letter and envelope and slipped under each on-campus residents' door. Commuter students received the same package through campus mail.

The cover letter clearly stated that the results would be used to facilitate a possible policy change, and all that students needed to do was fill out the survey and return it to their R.A. or Lemieux through campus mail.

"Students always want an opportunity to voice their opinion. Here we made it very easy, but the return rate is such that it is very unfortunate more students didn't take this opportunity to have their opinions heard," said Lemieux.

SGAs may express their opinions at the SGA's open forum on April 11, at 8:00 p.m. in Ensor Lounge.

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Campus Safety Blotter

LEROY MCDUFFIE
News Editor

March 11, 2002: Students claimed that she was hit by a van that was backing up.

March 11, 2002: Students tried to deactivate his overhead light and wall switch in Rouzer Hall.

March 11, 2002: Property crimes occurred at Rouzer Hall. Housekeeping found the Rouzer Lounge with possible property damage.

March 11, 2002: Students received possibly obscene phone call from off campus.

March 14, 2002: Male student urinating in hall at Whiteford Hall.

March 15, 2002: Students calculator allegedly stolen from dorm room at Whiteford Hall.

March 17, 2002: A burglary occurred at Whiteford Hall, when an unidentified male broke into the building, RLC office

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and several rooms.

March 24, 2002: Female student being dishonest

March 25, 2002: The "No Parking" sign was stolen.

March 27, 2002: Unknown subject knocked over heating unit at Blanche Ward Hall.

March 29, 2002: Subject observed on the lower level of Decker College Center, he was stopped and questioned in the mens restroom. Subject was found to be trespassing and in possession of alcohol. Trespass notice issued and subject was escorted off campus property.

March 30, 2002: Unknown subjects attempted to glue a door closed, also filling the key hole with glue.

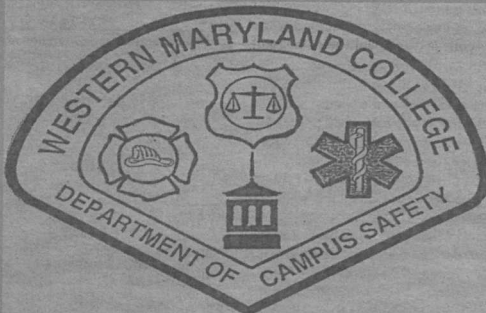
March 30, 2002: Non-student underage possession of alcohol at the Garden Apartments Building 1.

April 2, 2002: Accident with property damage occurred when a vehicle backing up hit passenger side of another vehicle while the vehicle was turning to leave the lot near Gill Gym.

April 5, 2002: Student setting off fireworks and extreme non-compliance with WCPD and DoCS. (Off Campus)

April 7, 2002: Found a window unsecured in the financial aid office at Elderdice Hall.

April 7, 2002: Student reported seeing an unknown individual trying to get into her room at Whiteford Hall.



and failed to comply with college official (Campus Police officer).

March 25, 2002: Homemade soda bottle "bomb" placed outside of students door and detonated at Rouzer Hall.

March 29, 2002: Visitor was urinating in public at McDaniel Hall.

March 29, 2002: Cooking range with two open coil burners, observed on right side of room. Occupants are in violation of residence hall policies, at Rouzer Hall.

New academic building coming to WMC

STACEY MYERS
Assistant News Editor

In the past year, Western Maryland College has changed a lot: a new president, a new name, new dorms, and now, plans for a new academic building.

The college hopes to break ground on the new structure in summer 2003, and expects to have the building completed and on-line by fall 2005, said Marty Hill, chair of buildings and grounds committee for the board of trustees.

The approximately \$7 million building is part of a campus master plan the college is creating, said Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance. Along with the new building, the plan will establish a main entrance to the campus and redesign parking spaces.

The master plan will also provide for future growth on campus, and will be focused on fulfilling the college's mission, Seidel said.

The new academic building will house the psychology, education, deaf education, graduate and professional studies departments, said Philip Sayre, dean of student affairs. The building will have three floors and be about 36,000 square feet, or approximately two-and-a-half times the size of Winslow Center, Seidel said. The expansion will be a long-awaited relief for some faculty members.

"The education and graduate programs have outgrown the existing space in Thompson Hall," said Ken Pool, dean of graduate and professional studies.

"For example, we have faculty doubling up in offices, and we no longer have classroom space in Thompson. Some of the faculty now use carts to move their materials from class to class and from building to building."

However, the project is still in the very

early stages, and no specific site has been chosen for the new building, although the college has hired a landscape architecture firm, Derck and Edson, from Lititz, Pa., to select and evaluate several different sites on campus.

The firm has presented seven possible spots to the buildings and grounds committee, Seidel said, but he declined to name the locations until the board votes on them during their April meeting.

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pus, and some of the changes could take as long as 10 years to implement, Seidel said. However, the new building has been put on the fast track because WMC has the opportunity to apply for state funding to pay for part of the construction costs.

The funding is provided through the Maryland Independent Colleges and Universities Association, and WMC can only apply every three or four years, Sayre said. Although the programs are "really tight and competitive," Seidel said, WMC has had success in the past. Eaton Hall was built with some state funds from the program.

Sayre speculated that the new building might be located near the quadrangle, closer to other academic buildings on campus, because he thinks that the interaction between the graduate and undergraduate programs will build a stronger academic community.

Some faculty agreed with him. K'olewe Ochieng', secondary education coordinator, hopes that if the building is more centrally located, more students will be aware of the program.

"As it is now, there are students who leave the college without even knowing where the education department is," Ochieng' said.

The new building will be designed to serve the needs of the departments using it. It may include a new computer lab or classrooms specially equipped for teacher education and deaf education programs, Pool said.

The building will also be designed to fit in with the current campus architecture. "The design will take into account the adjoining buildings, so it will blend in," said Bruce Preston, a WMC trustee and alumnus.

"I'm ecstatic about [the changes to campus] - I wish I could be a student again," Preston said. "I see the facilities that you guys have now. They're great and they're getting better."

Corrections

In the last issue of the Phoenix, there was an error in the ROTC article.

The name of the training facility is Ft. Indiantown and not Ft. Indiana.

Coming Together; Taking a Stand

Rape is a serious issue in or country today and has been throughout time. In the U.S. one in six women are victims of attempted or completed rape. The Social Work Club is sponsoring the annual Rape Vigil @7 p.m., April 10th in Big Baker. Come and support the cause.

A wake-up call for the American public on propaganda

Dr. Catherine Bodin attempts to educate Americans in lieu of 9/11 tragedy.

In a recent class discussion, a number of students were chagrined that anyone should object to the flag-waving that has occurred in the wake of 9/11; I was chagrined that they should equate this with patriotism.

They maintained that our country had been attacked, that we were at war; that we were fighting for our freedom. I hope I replied that these observations were only partially true, if at all.

Our country was not attacked—two highly visible symbols of our prosperity were attacked and our power to strike back, also, to our great shock and to an enormous loss of life.

We were sickened to realize, early on, that the date 9/11 had been picked because "9/11" is the code word for domestic crisis intervention. The malice was hard to miss.

Our first reaction was to see ourselves as a victim and to nurse our anger, but not to ask why. Our government, wisely, planned a riposte for about a month before initiating military action.

The president, wisely, asked American schoolchildren for humanitarian aid to offset the further victimization of Afghans, soon to be caught between our military strikes and their own government, the authors of both 9/11 and of years of repressing the Afghan people.

In this country, adherents of Islam were victimized, and Bush and others were offered using three rituals, for three different faiths. American became more

publicly multicultural, seemingly overnight.

Meanwhile, an outpouring of charity contributions flooded Red Cross and special-funds coffers to offset the suffering of families stricken by the attack, while ironically nearly bankrupting other charities in the same New York City.

Our Defense department was attacked and our economic nerve center as well on 9/11; luckily, both were too diffusely located to fall because of a single bombing attack. Nonetheless, we entered deep mourning for the innocent victims, for the firefighters who redefined the word "heroism," and more than

the world's cheapest rates for the world's best mail service, to choruses of general complaint, despite the public outcry to better, more, and prompter security.

Six months later, we see memorial services as we did at the three-month and at the one-month interval after the tragedy. The American media services continue to report events, rather than situations, as focal points.

It's shoddy journalism for a number of reasons: it's geared to attracting attention rather than to reporting, it tends to emotionalism in order to attract attention, and it fosters a competition between

Gee, being an adult might have to include the recognition that we have a responsibility to know, and if we don't know, to seek to know.

And reporting might turn into something other than competition for the American viewer/reader.

The problem with emotionality in reporting is that it leaves the reader open to manipulation. It's not constructed with truth, but with appeals for belief.

Where is the guarantee of accuracy in that?

It evokes not a state of knowing, or informed news, or judgment, or critical thought, but indignation, animosity, warm fuzzies, fear, or elation.

And it encourages such bottom-line emotional responses while skipping all the necessary formalities of reflection.

We're not fighting for our freedom in the Afghan conflict (I can't say war—declaring that is Congress's prerogative, and they seem content with not exercising it).

Attacked by terrorism, we did not respond with martial law, though we have acted illegally in abrogating the rights of prisoners of war, and I don't think that not calling it a "war" for our convenience lessens our responsibilities towards prisoners.

Initially, we said the latter had no rights (Is this America?) and then, when we'd finished interrogating them—which is against the Geneva Conventions—we said, of course we wouldn't hurt them or abrogate their rights.

As signatories of the Geneva Conventions, we cannot put aside our principles as did Pinochet and Hitler simply because we're scared of the opposition or because we believe the end justifies the means. It doesn't.

No one has invaded us, no one has imposed martial law, no one has shut down the press as if they needed to.

Our freedom of movement has not been compromised, though some do object to the heightened airport security that is normal in many places around the world where there are howling differences between rich and poor, e.g. Thailand, Nigeria, Israel.

The problem with airports is that the ease of travel that we consumers insist on has brought everyone to America's door, just as it has brought us to theirs.

Why should Americans wave a flag, unless it is to blanket approve anything and everything one administration does, before it does it? If we are operating under the state of emergency known as war, let the administration bring it to Congress and let them declare war.

There have been plenty of questions asked of the Bush administration, as there will should be, political action.

These officials are not our leaders; they're our agents.

You voted them in, in some cases: you'll get the service you deserve, maybe.

I don't think you meant we are fighting for our freedoms—I think you meant "lifestyle." And it is precisely this lifestyle—our "economic interests," already the object of the Gulf (so-called) War, and others—that many in the world see as closing them out of the race for survival.

The figures support their point-of-view. Their response should not have come as a surprise.

—Dr. Catherine Bodin is a WMC professor in the English and foreign language departments.

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a little, I think, for the carefree days that we saw as being over in the ensuing period of fear and apprehension.

Adding to the panic, an American scientist or scientists unchained and dispersed a weapons-grade anthrax produced in domestic facilities (in violation of international treaties), seemingly in a bid to force increased funding of this research specialization; the trail of investigation led to Fort Detrick.

We passed tax-cuts we could ill afford in a period of massive spending on an external military conflict (still not a declared war) and on domestic security.

Most recently, the post office crippled by the anthrax scare will raise the letter rate to 37 cents—still

news services which increases the attention-getting antics.

If a "news-making" event doesn't happen on a given day, we get less analysis and more emotionality about the impact of yesterday's event.

Seen from this light, it's always second-day reporting: results and impact, not cause-and-effects, not situations that spawn the problems (not "intelligence" as the State department would name it, i.e., what we need to know to be informed).

Under a different system, we might have to exercise some judgment upon being given the facts. We might have to try to fit the facts into a framework for analysis and for say, informed voting.

Athletic resilience demonstrated by statue and its creator

Gregg Nibelink offers insight into sculptor's work of art.

After reading the editorial from Colby Goodrum concerning the sculpture in the lobby of the Gill center, I was saddened that a philosophy major would look at the art from just one point of view.

Let me take a minute to delve into the history of the artist and the piece of art in question.

The sculpture, called the "Fighter," was created by Joe Brown, a boxing coach and professor from Princeton who later received an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from WMC in 1978.

Professor Brown is a renown sculptor whose works are showcased outside Veteran's Stadium in Philadelphia and The Newton White Center on the campus of Johns Hopkins University; he is one of the most famous sports art-

ists of our time.

The sculpture in question depicts a boxer who has been knocked

Western Maryland College is the Home of Champions and "Fighters"...

"down," not "out." The question to be answered is whether the boxer will get up or fall back to the canvas.

As with many of Professor Brown's works, he invites the observer to determine the outcome of the action.

For example, one of Brown's sculptures in front of Veteran's Stadium shows a football player carrying the ball while an opponent attempts to tackle him.

Will the ball carrier be tackled

or does he escape to gain more yards?

Mr. Goodrum felt that the athletes of WMC would be depressed or disheartened by the boxer; rather, he should understand that every student-athlete at the college has been "knocked down" in some way or another and just like the boxer, each athlete must decide whether he will get up or quit.

Western Maryland College is the Home of Champions and "Fighters." This statement is proven every time an athlete comes back from an injury, when they try to make a shot they've missed, or when they simply try to not make the same mistake twice.

Colby, don't make the same mistake twice. Look at things from more than one point of view.

—Gregg Nibelink is a Senior lecturer and the Head Athletic Trainer.

To the members of the WMC community

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The problems with scheduling classes

Everyone knows that anxious feeling that they get when the schedule of classes for the upcoming semester shows up in your mailbox.

You check with friends to find out what gym class you are going to be taking together and in some weird way, you are actually ex-

However, this semester when I received my new booklet for Fall 2002, I was extremely unhappy. Scheduling wasn't fun and it definitely wasn't easy either.

At first I was joyful, thinking that I was finally going to be a senior and would more likely get into all the classes I wanted.

Then I found out I couldn't take them anyway because of the way the classes were set up by time.

I wondered why two classes that are both major requirements are offered at exactly the

If professors are not willing or do not have the time for another section, then the college should hire more professors to cover the extra classes.

If we can spend insane amounts of money in order to change the college's name, which not all the students are exactly thrilled about, then we can sacrifice a little more money in order to fulfill the students' needs, which all the students would be thrilled about.

I don't know one student that would complain about having more choices and

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Donna Hurd

cited. Scheduling should be this way.

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same time.

I felt like every class I wanted to take was offered at the same time that I was required to take something else.

I am sorry professors and I understand that opening up more sections creates extra work for you but it is a necessity.

If another section is needed for a class that is a major requirement then it should automatically happen. Or is this the college's way of pulling in more money from those five-year seniors?

No matter what the purpose, the fact is that something needs to be changed.

times to pick from while planning their schedules.

I am not picking on professors. I know that they are not the only ones that decide what classes they teach.

I am just hoping that maybe someone who can actually do something about this may read this article and decide to take action.

I realize that these chances are slim but hey, it was worth a try.

~Donna Hurd is a junior English major.

Community service is not for everyone

Jill Thalheimer makes an argument against mandatory community service.

Community service. Some see those words and cringe; others get a broad smile on their face. There has been talk about making a community service requirement at WMC.

This would consist of a certain number of hours that each student had to complete each year, or before they graduate.

I believe that there are a few reasons this should not happen. First of all, if someone wants to do community service, they aren't going to wait for the school to require it. They are going to join a service organization or just go out on their own and do it.

Our organizations on campus are wonderful to join if someone is interested.

They provide a large variety of service opportunities, and stay active throughout the campus.

Secondly, community service should be something done out of someone's heart, not out of a requirement.

That takes away the idea of it. If it is done just to finish some hours, no feeling will be put into the work.

Thirdly, many of us did community service in high school and know if it is something we want to continue or not. That should be an individual decision.

We are all old enough to make our own decisions, and know where we can dedicate our time.

Some people manage and delegate their time differently than others here; we can't expect everyone to do the same amount of service.

Clearly, it is a hope that everyone will

have the personal desire to give back to the community, but it is not something that should be forced upon anyone.

Don't get me wrong, community service is very important. We all should want to do it, but forcing it on us at a time when we have so many other things in our lives is unnecessary.



Jessica Watson

Hopefully those who want to do it, but don't have time in college, will decide to do it after graduation.

Either way, try to find time to give back, but let it be on your own time so you can truly enjoy and appreciate what you are doing.

~Jill Thalheimer is a sophomore social work major.

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9/11 documentary: necessary evil?

After viewing CBS's 9/11 documentary on Sunday, March 10, my whole mindset changed in two hours.

Originally, I was totally appalled that a broadcasting station could publicize such a devastating tragedy to our country just six months after the fact.

But then, my perception turned into complete awe and respect for the heroes who were captured briefly on film in the spotlight.

At the beginning, the entire filmmaking process was covered by brothers Jules and Gideon Naudet for the simple purpose of covering the nine-month probationary period of a firefighter in training.

However, just three short

months into his experience, he was faced with an impeccable test of wits and bravery, as victims of the 9/11 tragedy desperately relied on his help.

Referred to as a "Probie," this rookie fireman, Tony, truly proved

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himself as a man once faced with the eminent danger of the collapse of the twin towers in New York on that unforgettable day.

I admit that no tragedy should be propagandized for profit or gain.

However, I do not feel that by airing this documentary that was ever the intent.

Moreover, it was just a reminder of the heroism that occurred that day and a projected sense of patriotism that we must never take for granted.

Many people would rebuff this

argument, saying that the timing is off or that it is a day that must never be relived.

But I say why shouldn't we relive it?

We can never possibly forget the loss of life, the hardship imposed on our country, or the long-lasting effects of terrorism that will remain with us for lifetimes.

Then, if that is the case, I see no reason why those of us who have perhaps moved on with our lives don't need a little emotional test every now and then.

It keeps us human and keeps things in perspective.

Unfortunately, it appears as though we only appreciate what we have once a threat is placed on our happiness.

The positive feeling we can gain from this is that we do become stronger people because of it.

Unifying ourselves as a nation has given us a sense of empowerment in the brink of disaster.

I only hope that we can look past our own grieving and realize that this documentary was put out there with the sole intent of reminding Americans of all that we have to be proud of.

We react to tragedy with full force as American citizens struggling with patriotism, and we are stronger people because of it.

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.



Erin A. Romanski

Commuters miss out on many benefits of college experience

Walter Zalis reflects on the detriments of commuting to school.

Almost \$200. That's about how much I spend a semester on gas to get to and from class at Western Maryland College.

Often I say to myself, "if I lived on-campus, it would cost \$5,000, but saving \$400 every year would cut into it." This odd logic is an example of how I tend to think when commuting to class.

I am one of many who commute to class everyday, as well as one of the commuters who would rather be living on-campus. Commuting is not a totally horrific experience.

Many say that you would be wiser to save \$5,000 a year and simply take the drive to campus every day.

Five thousand dollars is a lot of money, but when I think about it, I believe I would regret not having the whole college experience.

Living on-campus is a huge part of the experience in higher learning: meeting new people, living on your own with that new sense of independence, and doing things your parents told you would make you a criminal. There must be a reason it is called

"the best time of your life." Commuting does not bring about this new experience. The way I see it, it is simply four more years of high school.

The reason that sticks out most in my mind for my dislike of commuting is this: you're simply left

I feel the disadvantage of not being able to call the campus my home, for I cannot help but feel "left out."

out. That is a fact many commuters must accept. You are on-campus for a few hours, usually less than five days a week.

You don't eat in Glar, you don't hang-out in the dorms, you simply go to the classroom.

College, like anything else, is easier when one is comfortable. There is no place more comfortable than home sweet home.

If you are already at home living on-campus, then you are bound to feel more comfortable in the school environment.

I feel the disadvantage of not

being able to call the campus my home, for I cannot help but feel "left out."

There are other reasons than just wanting the "experience," however. There are aspects of campus life that do indeed help in education.

Not living here usually means missing presentations from guest speakers every week in Decker, missing study groups for huge tests, and even missing out on the news around campus that everyone is talking about.

I have responsibilities to where I live and to people that are near my home, so I cannot generally stay until 8 p.m. to see a presentation I would like to view.

I miss the most interesting news as well. I constantly hear about certain events such as "happy hour," but still have no idea what it happens to be.

Commuting means you're not at home on-campus. When you're home, everything is easier to do, and more importantly, everything is more comfortable.

People are more comfortable with each other. I want to be more comfortable as well, and to do that, I believe it takes making Western Maryland College my home.

A humorous suggestion for the college name change

Brandi Thayer pokes fun at college name change suggestions.

A very wise man in our own Carroll County community has spoken with me numerous times about the renaming of Western Maryland College.

Some say that the name should be "The Hill." The wise man hit the nail on the head when he said the only hill around here, is one large hill of beans.

Since the name change of Western Maryland College will take place, regardless of whether or not we are happy or upset about it, we might as well keep the situation light. So back to "The Hill of Beans." If we were in fact to be called this, there would be an entire army of beans on campus. Let us begin with what we would actually be classified as.

Freshman are the bean sprouts, Seniors are the big beans, any questions? Graduates are done, therefore unless they come back, they are the educated baked beans. Post Graduates are studious enough to come back so we will consider them the refried baked beans.

Next, we tackle the sports and

special events teams. Our football guys would be the allmighty Green Bean Terrors. Our cheerleaders, Pom Squad, and other various high-energy groups will be our designated Jumping Beans. As is found at any college, the Drinking Team will from here on out be referred to as the "Drowned Kidney Beans."

Any student who returned from Spring Break a little bit more burnt than tan is now one of our "Red Beans."

An overall view of the renaming of the college is this: if it's going to happen regardless, make the situation as enjoyable as you can. Make your own list, write a song about it, take pointless votes on what you think the name should be, but please, just let it happen without so much argument.

Your opinion might count, or it might not. But if you're going to have one, at least be positive and don't make it a point to bash the place and the people that you've come to consider somewhat of a family and a home.

-Brandi Thayer is a sophomore Communications major.

Acceptable television programming

Colby Goodrum remarks on the popularity of reality shows.

There are a number of things a college student can do to pass the time when they are not immersed in writing a paper or studying for a test. One can read a book, sleep, work out, and of course, watch television.

Yes, Philo T. Farnsworth's invention, the television, certainly is one of the most popular time-wasters for not only college students, but also all people.

Of course, I will watch the occasional sporting event or a movie now and again, but that is pretty much it in terms of television.

My mom likes to criticize me for the shows I watch, especially The Simpsons, because she says that the Simpsons aren't real—they are just cartoon characters.

My mom just cannot see this humor because she thinks that Homer strangling Bart teaches bad values. The Simpsons though are not the real problem in terms of TV programming, however.

My question is why do people find reality TV entertaining? What is it? Do they not get a big enough dose of reality in their everyday lives that they have to go home and

watch a bunch of people do things no one should care about?

For instance, Survivor. Who really gives a damn who can form the best alliances and last the longest eating bugs and road kill? I know I don't care, and what's more, that is not something I want to watch at the end of the day.

Another show I just really cannot stand is Celebrity Fear Factor. I can understand Fear Factor I can see if some ordinary people want to go on tv and make a jerk out of themselves to try and make some money.

My question is why would any celebrity do that? The money is just going to go to charity, so why not just donate the money and save yourself the trouble of sleeping with snakes or whatever the hell you are forced to do?

I wonder what Farnsworth would have to say about the television programming these days; whether he would think it is completely ridiculous? All I have to say is that the reality TV has to go or I am going to be one of those people driving around with a bumper sticker that says: "Kill your Television."

-Colby Goodrum is a junior Philosophy-English major.

The reality of depression

On March 12, 2002, the verdict of murder was handed down to Andrea Yates, the mother and housewife who drowned her five children in their bathtub. In doing so, the jury who decided her fate brought to my attention the status of America - and of the American people.

While I look at this case, I certainly do not condone or accept her behavior, in fact I despise it. But I cannot accept the total lack of understanding that people have about the "alleged" illness that she has.

I say alleged, because never can one truly know the honest and complete state of mind she was in...however, I can say what mind I was in when I was going through a similar time in my life.

While I didn't go to the extremes of killing that she did (nor could I ever), I too faced the similar precipice of suicide, on more than one occasion and I feel for the pain that she has endured and will be enduring for the rest of her life.

I mean, she killed her five children and watched them die in front of her, how can you even claim that she was sane? Would a sane person drown her five, beautifully innocent children, watch them die, then phone 911? This misunderstanding, and the stigma faced by people with a mental illness, led me to tell practically no-one of my illness...even as I struggle with it today, I find it hard to talk about with anyone other than the closest of my inner circle.

The jurors seemed to think of Yates' postpartum depression as nothing more than a fancy term, and could not even consider it...since that is Texas' strict law on mental illness. So there, I have found part of the problem.

Since the trial of John Hinckley in 1981, when he was found not guilty by insanity for attempted to kill President Reagan, the insanity plea has been thrown out in a ma-

jority of the states. The government feared the overuse and abuse of the insanity plea, and threw out its validity in 30 states.

This fear by the government has sent many mentally ill people to prison; instead of to a place they can receive help. In most cases, if a person is sent by the court to receive mental help, instead of prison, then they spend an equal amount of time in the ward that they would be spending in prison. Nevertheless, once again, people don't bother to look at the "unseen" illness as a valid reason.

When I heard my friends or people talking about how her mental illness had nothing to do with the murders and it doesn't matter, it takes all my energy not to go off on them. They have NO idea how that type of illness impacts on every aspect of your life...how when I was depressed, it led me down into a spiral of anger, insomnia, anxiety, and deeper depression...how it consumed everything I did...and how it could appear at any time during the day or night.

I am just trying to make people more aware that depression is real, and that it affects people's lives to the extent that few people know. Moreover, I do believe that Yates' mental illness was the main reason for her killing her kids and destroying her family's life. In more cases than people realize, depression and mental illness can destroy a person's life through suicide. I know that it almost destroyed my life, and ruined the lives of the people around me who care. I also know that depression is still in my life, and that I will constantly be fighting it.

I just wish people could see beyond their own near-sightedness and realize that there is a problem - especially in our own government's view.

~Written by an anonymous WMC student.

Life lessons learned young

As I approach 21-years-old, I have begun reflecting on all I have learned in life thus far. I found my inventory of experience to be long and winding, which fits, I suppose, since that is how life is supposed to go. Or so I've been told.

For better or for worse, get your birdcages ready: here is yet another convoluted collection of 21-years worth of learning stuff. Perhaps, as Ralph Ellison once said, "on the

one the other end does not know you are home.

Take other people's assessments of you with a grain of salt. Unless, of course, you have no respect for that person: in which case, just laugh when they are not looking.

Or laugh when they are looking, and just tell them you remembered an old joke. If you do not respect them, what does one lie matter?

With the lights out, it's less dangerous. Where love is concerned, there are no happy endings, because someone either leaves or dies. I did the math, and there is not way around this.

Everyone should have a hero, even if they are fictional. Mine just might be Tyler Durden.

To create good writing, you first must know what it is like to shout in an empty room. The more you assume no one can hear you, the more people probably can.

More girls should pierce their navels, because girls with pierced navels are cool.

Who says you can't have everything? Of course you can, but, by the time you get it, you will probably be too old to enjoy it. So, best to make do with what you have.

Faith is highly underrated.

A captive audience is a beautiful thing. Just because there is a reason to do something does not mean you should do it, because, after all, there are a lot of reasons to do a lot stupid things.

As my mother and Albert Camus will tell you, in the end, you only really have yourself. The best revenge might be living well, but I would not count on it.

More girls should play guitar, because girls that play guitar are cool.

And perhaps most important: stop talking when you run out of things to say.

~Mike Wiles is a junior English major.



Mike Wiles

lower frequencies I speak for you." Fat chance, though. (But, Ellison is a great writer, unlike me, and you should check him out. But read this first. Please.)

So much of life has nothing to do with who you are as a person: in fact, most people do not care who you are as a person. Their loss.

Everyone should find one thing they do really well. Think that's obvious? It is, but some people spend their entire lives looking for that one thing. Start now.

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The Journal: Modeling for the fashion show



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"The Essence of Time" Fashion Show

Left: Have you checked out the latest changes with Nasdaq? Shaiah Gaddy is reading the Wall Street Journal in the "All About the Benjamins" scene. Below: Angie Chapman and James Jegede dance the night away in "A Night to Remember."



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Top Left: Pull out your bell bottoms and let your hair go wild! Crystal Towns, Tia Lawrence and Latonia Haines take it back in the day with the "Soul Train" scene.

Bottom Left: Caleb Moore shows the true animal in him, working the runway in the opening scene "Taking it Back." In this scene all of the models came out in animal prints.

JESSICA WATSON Features Editor

Dear Journal,

It's not everyday that you see me in a fashion show, but on my way back to my room one night, a friend persuaded me to attend a practice session. Just attending alone was way out of my comfort zone, but I am always open to new experiences. A lot of people judge models, saying that they think too highly of themselves or that they are stuck up; I learned otherwise.

At first I had no idea what I was doing; it's not like I wear high-heels on a daily basis, so I was a bit uncomfortable. I had flashbacks of "Miss Congeniality" running through my mind. I remember one of the coordinators, Alex Tonelli, showed me how to walk and worked with me until I got it right; which gave me a more confidence. Plus I was surrounded by my friends and people that usually associate with on a daily basis, so I easily forgot that I was learning something new and started to open up and have fun.

My friend LaShawn Eley (model), worked with me after practices on my walk and my turns. We basically turned the G-floor hallway of Whiteford Hall into a runway. And again it was a lot of fun. In the beginning we were only practicing once a week, but as the show time approached that changed drastically.

I remember getting the phone

messages from Tia Lawrence (co-ordinator) saying practices would be everyday, from 11 p.m. until whenever. All of the us were trying to figure out how we were going to fit that into our schedules, especially those of us who had that 8 a.m. class the following morning. Regardless, we still did what we had to do during the day and rehearsed throughout the night. For

don't look at that in a negative way because I was not the only one in this situation. When we noticed the problem, it was like everyone came together to fix the problem. We all raided our closets and we made sure everyone was covered.

Practice became more work than play, which I guess was expected but sometimes it got to be too much. There was the occa-

show.

On the day of the show, Saturday, we did a dress rehearsal. Although I was still nervous, I noticed that the models were not even on stage for that long. Yes, we still worked the runway, but most of it was running down to the dressing room and changing. It wasn't that bad. Practice ran from 12 to 3:30 p.m. and then we had a 1 1/2 hour

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most of the practices we were out by 1 a.m. Either way I was tired.

It was also very stressful the few days before the show. We were finalizing the scenes, making last minute changes for the better, and trying to fix the problems. Models had to make time in their already busy schedules to go together to the stores that were sponsoring us, and some models weren't even finding much there.

I was afraid that I was going to be forced to wear something that I didn't like, but Tia and Deshawn McNeil (coordinator) told me that I wouldn't have to wear anything that I wasn't comfortable in. That put my mind at ease because I'm very conservative.

I was also stressing because I was one outfit short for the show and I didn't know what to do. I will admit that I did have to shop in the closets of a couple friends, but I

sional miscommunication between the coordinators and the models, which led to confusion. There were times when people were frustrated or tired and attitudes did fly. I tried not to let all of that drama get to me. Plus, at the end of practice everyone apologized for remarks that they made, and even up to the show. Kim Boykin's (coordinator) laughter kept us all at ease. Crystal Towns (coordinator) was also there with words of encouragement and was a shoulder to lean on.

The models were very supportive of each other. If I left practice frustrated, I never went to bed that way. I stayed up late one night with Amelle Quashie (model) and we just let all of the aggravation out, which was fueled from balancing modeling and school. Talking about my situation made me feel a lot better about myself and gave me a renewed passion to complete the

break. That time went by so fast!

We were back on the set and in the dressing room at 5 p.m., once again getting everything ready. Not having much experience with makeup besides my high school prom, I felt a little lost. But Angie Chapman (model) did my eye makeup and we all worked together to make sure that everyone was ok. That's when I really realized that some people have the wrong impression about models, because in that dressing room we were all a family and working together towards one goal.

We prayed in a circle while and before I knew it, it was time to get out there on stage and start the show. After the first couple of scenes I lost my insecurities. It felt really good to be on stage; even

when I couldn't see the crowd, those who knew me were calling my name. A lot of my friends were there, and I definitely appreciate all of their support, even those who assisted me in finding my last outfit. Everything worked like clockwork, and before I knew it, we were lined up back stage for the final scene. It all went by so quickly. We got out there and just had fun, took our final bow, and then made our way off stage as the crowd cheered. Back in the dressing room we were all thanking God it was finally over. I was relieved and content.

When leaving the theatre I received several hugs and compliments. I was exhausted. Like I said earlier, I have never done a fashion show before, but in the end I don't regret it.

I learned so much and I made so many new friends and associates. All of us share an experience that no one else can ever understand, an experience that we will keep with us forever.

Practice and preparation had its ups and downs, but I personally think that the show was a success. I just wanted to thank the coordinators, the models, the backstage helpers and my friends for all the love and the support. Oh yes, I definitely look forward to doing this again next year!

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Study abroad students reflect on some of their "uncomfortable" experiences while overseas

HEATHER WEISS
Staff Writer

WMC students and staff acquire something much more valuable than "book smarts" while studying abroad—they gain "uncomfortable" experience.

"At first, I was excited and homesick all in one," said junior Liz Curtin. "You're in a new environment, new culture, with new people and you know no one. You're out of your comfort zone. But it's very exciting to be in a new place, full of new things to do!"

Like most people who study abroad, the sociology major wanted a change of scenery—discovering that Galway, Ireland is not much like Westminster. Upon arrival in Galway this past winter, she suddenly found herself paying 20 cents to use the public restroom or paying extra for ketchup. The educational system in Ireland took some getting used to because of erratic class schedules. Instead of having a class at the same time every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Curtin might have one class on Monday morning and the same class again on Thursday afternoon—in a different classroom.

"It's just confusing to me!" said Curtin, who is currently abroad. "It feels like I have 12 classes instead of 6!"

Sophomore Libby Wallace is also enjoying her semester away from WMC in Dijon, France. (Yes, the mustard place, Wallace joked.) The French major decided to study abroad mainly to immerse herself in the French language and culture. All of her classes are taught in French and mostly focus on French history and art, although she is taking the history of gastronomy.

Wallace recalled some culture shock when she first arrived in Dijon. According to her, everything in the small town closes

down on Sundays and the community looks desolate—not the warmest welcome for an anxious American worried about being far from home and having to speak French twenty-four hours a day.

"I just didn't realize that everything closes down on Sundays," said Wallace. "...it's really a beautiful small town and really nice. I was a little disoriented at first, but after classes started I got a better handle on how things work here."

While studying at the University of Burgandy, Wallace found herself on her own for the first time. She had to get her own social security (French medical insurance), take care of her own finances, and find accommodations for a visiting friend. Her dorm-like international residence has a kitchen on every floor, so she has taken up cooking. Wallace admits, however, that little problems look huge when alone in another country. But that isn't much to fret about—especially when you can see "Don Quixote," the ballet, for less than \$10.

"It was really good that was kind of exciting," said Wallace. Excitement and adventure seem to be what many students want when they study abroad, or at least that's what they get. Most WMC students who decide to study abroad find the WMC-Budapest program the cheapest and easiest way to do so. Each fall, WMC sends one faculty member to the WMC-Budapest campus in Hungary along with in-

terested students. Last fall, 11 students traveled to Budapest along with Dr. Robert Sapora and his wife, Carol.

This past fall presented a different kind of "uncomfortable" obstacle for WMC travelers: the tragedy of September 11.

"Everyone was in disbelief... we were very shocked and confused... scared" said junior biology major Sean Carroll. Carroll heard the news in the middle of class when a student's father called him on his mobile phone. "It was truly tragic, but I'm glad that I was in Europe because people seemed to move on and look toward the future."

Junior communication major Lauren Engel agreed, saying

she felt isolated from the trauma experienced in the United States because life in Budapest went on—rather normally. Her family kept telling her how much life had changed in the U.S., but Engel didn't understand the fervent patriotism until she came home and went to a Baltimore Ravens' game.

"They played 'Proud to be an American' and everyone stood up. I couldn't believe it. Everyone was so united... and quiet," said Engel.

Sapora was impressed with the way the WMC-Budapest campus community responded to the tragedy; even the United States' embassy sent over a representative to make sure the American students were alright. Sapora said he was struck by how

bravely his students worked together to support each other.

"You don't wish catastrophe on anyone," said Sapora. "But when it happens and it's all over, you do realize the good that comes of it."

But WMC students didn't allow the events of September 11 to stunt their trips. Students traveled both independently and with the group to places such as London, Barcelona, Zurich, Amsterdam and Vienna, among others. Both Engel and Carroll said that a Euro-rail pass facilitated easy travel and that classes were scheduled in order to allow extended travel. Most students only had classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which left five free to travel each week.

Carroll discovered that while people were overly-friendly most of the time, sometimes they weren't. While he was waiting for his train back to Budapest from Zurich, Switzerland, an apparent drunk and homeless man accosted Carroll and attempted to pick a fight. He refused to move and the man went away. Carroll said that incident was probably his worst experience abroad—although the chicken legs he tried in a Budapest Chinese restaurant weren't "too good either."

The worst part of Carroll's trip? Coming home.

Senior Julie Keough experienced some problems with public transportation while studying in Budapest. The music-theater major ended up paying for an overnight train ticket to Venice twice because the attendant gave her the wrong time.

Keough said while she liked being in Europe, one of her best experiences abroad was finding out why she wanted to come back home.

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Punk and funk comes to WMC

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Co-Editor-in-Chief

The dual headliners for Western Maryland College's Spring Concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2002, in Gill Center, have probably never been asked to share a stage before.

The bands are from opposite ends of the country, as well as very different musical genres. It's East Coast punk meets West Coast rap/funk.

But it actually isn't so far out for a college to wed the sounds of Dropkick Murphys and The Pharcyde. After all, campus musical tastes spread across the entire spectrum and the two bands were picked based on student survey results, as well as availability, said Mitchell Alexander, director of college activities.

The Dropkick Murphys, originally five guys from Boston in 1996, have always added a touch of Irish folk

music to their standard funk or Oi! Fare, which includes several albums and split CDs with other groups. But in 1999 they completed the sound, adding bagpiper Spicy McHaggis and mandolin/tinwhistle player Ryan Foltz. The now seven-member group also picked up young guitarist Mark Orrell, who also plays the accordion, and went back into the studio.

The re-worked Dropkick Murphys released two split CDs with The Business before launching its own Sing Loud, Sing Proud in February 2001. Since then the band has put out a split CD with Face to Face, a California rock group, and toured the U.S.

Professionally, The Pharcyde, which did perform at the very popular and eclectic Lollapalooza, has been around nearly twice as long, signing with Delicious Vinyl Records in 1991. Even prior to that contract, the original

trio of Romye "Booty Brown" Robinson, Tre "Slimkid" Hardson and Imani Wilcox were spotted in music videos and dancing on TV's "In Living Color." The group came together when they met up with Derrick "Fatlip" Stewart and producer J-swift. The Pharcyde's first song, "Soul Flower" was released in 1992 on a compilation album from The Brand New Heavies.

The group, which has toured the U.S., Europe and Japan, released its latest "Plain Rap," in November 2001.

Admission is \$18 for all non-WMC students; \$12 for WMC students with ID. Tickets will be available at the door, outside of glar, or in CAO. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 410-857-2267. Information courtesy of the Public Information Office, transcribed by Ed Schultheis.

Greek Corner: There's more to being a Greek than you think

JESSICA JONES
Staff Writer

Keeps stands, beer-pong, and flip cups are not what this Greek community is about. While some members like to enjoy a night out every now and then, this community has clear goals and standards. On the top of every organization's priority list is community service.

Amanda Rose, residence life coordinator for Greek housing, defines community service projects as "volunteer work." These events can take place on or off campus and are chosen by the organization. Rose says that organizations can receive service hours for "any experience which ultimately benefits someone else."

One notable project done by Sigma Phi Epsilon is Rent-A-Sig Ep. Though it began as an unsuccessful fund-raiser, this idea quickly turned into a generous service project. Although most of the jobs they did were menial jobs for professors and families in the area, the Sig Eps completed a more difficult job for Barbara, a member of the housekeeping staff last year. During Spring Fling 2001, while most were enjoying the sun in the Quad, eight Sig Eps were helping Barbara move her furniture out of her broken down house. Even though it was a difficult job, Andy Burrows, Sigma Phi Epsilon vice president says, "we were glad we could help her."

Community service projects are not limited to the individual organizations. Panhellenic Council, which consists of two members from each sorority, does their best to complete two service projects a semester. According to Melissa Grimmer, president of Panhellenic Council, the group tries to concentrate on women's issues and does an annual toiletry drive for a local women's shelter.

Although national organizations have their own set of requirements from their national headquarters, requirements set by Western Maryland College are minimal. If granted housing, organizations are expected to "sponsor and complete three community service projects," says Rose.

That requirement is only if the organization receives housing; if the organization does not receive housing, no written requirements are in place. Rose

sees this requirement as a minimum and a guideline and eagerly admits, "The majority of organizations surpass it."

All organizations seem to agree that the requirements are minimal, but appreciate the leniency of the policy. Joanna Hooban, Philanthropy Chair for Phi Sigma Sigma thinks that the requirements are too small. "Because they are so minimal," Hooban says, "it leaves us a lot of room and gives us the chance to decide what we want to do."

When asked about the school's requirements, Patrick Polliam, community service chair of Phi Kappa Sigma, responds, "It's nothing. The requirement is a minimum and we go above and beyond it." The Phi Kaps do just that as they complete one or two service projects a weekend.

"Although many people see service as a negative thing, service can be fun," says Rose, which is one reason why Greek organizations do so much.

Hooban thought for a moment when asked why Phi Sigma Sigma did so many service projects. Not because it is required and not because anyone tells them to. Hooban smiles and answers simply, "Because we like it."

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Important Greek Life Dates

KATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Greek Games will be held between April 14-16. All Greek members should wear their Greek Games 2002 T-shirt for the competitions. Here is a schedule of events:

Sunday 4/14 - 11:30-1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch at Harvey Stone Park

1:30 - 6 p.m. Various track and field events, including an obstacle course and the 50 yard dash. This

will be held at the football stadium track

Monday 4/15-8:30-10 p.m. Events held at the swimming pool. Some events include the cannonball splash and relay races.

Tuesday 4/16-4:30-7 p.m. Events held in the Quad, including tug-of-war and a building a human pyramid.

Wednesday, April 17, the winner of Greek Games will be announced. Their banner will be placed in front of Glar.

Thursday, April 18, there will be a Greek Happy Hour from 7-9 p.m. It will be held on the Pub terrace with a Hawaiian theme.

The Penny Wars will be taking place from April 8-12. Each Greek organization will sit in front of Glar collecting pennies for their jar. Pennies are good points, while everything else will be considered bad points. For example, if you put a nickel into a group's jar, they will lose five points. All the money collected will go to the winning

organization's charity of preference.

The Panhellenic Council will be co-sponsoring the National Alcohol Screening Day. It will be on April 11, between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Ensor Lounge. The screening is free and confidential. There will also be some free giveaways. Other co-sponsors include Counseling Services, College Activities Office, and the Sexual Assault Team. The Panhellenic Council will also

be holding a raffle between April 11-25. First prize is \$75, second prize is \$50, and third prize is \$25. Ask any sorority member for a ticket, which are \$1 apiece.

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Movie Review: Panic Room is off the hook!

JESSICA

The Panic Room, directed by David Fincher, was "supposed to be the safest room in the house." The plot is centered around Meg Altman (Jodi Foster), a divorced woman in her 30s and her daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart) searching for a new home in New York. They settle on a huge house with four floors and multiple rooms, which is highly unrealistic for a family of two.

Nevertheless, they buy the house, which includes the Panic Room. On the first night, the house is robbed by three burglars, searching for a cache of cash hidden by the previous owner before his death.

When the woman realizes that her house is being robbed, she and her daughter quickly retreat to the panic room.

Burnham (played by Forest Whitaker) is the lead robber and the one who originally built the panic room. The three robbers realize that the money they are looking for is in the panic room, which is in-destructible.

The entire movie builds with suspense while the robbers carry out several attempts to get into the room and Meg



Kristen Stewart and Jodi Foster star in "Panic Room."

searches for ways to get help. A lot of time is spent amongst the robbers arguing over how to carry out plans and how much of the money will be spent, but the movie is still well worth going to see.

Definitely pay attention to the way it was filmed, with the camera taking the viewers in and throughout every corner of the house, almost as if you were riding a virtual roller coaster. The movie either has you on the edge of your seats or yelling at certain characters, either way you are drawn into the film. I definitely recommend going to check it out.

Movie Review: What, yawl didn't know, it's "All About the Benjamins" baby!

DEVIN COLLINS

Staff Writer

The action-comedy "All About the Benjamins," produced by Ice Cube and Matt Alvord, is a great movie. Bacum Jackson (Ice Cube) plays a maverick bounty hunter who refuses to take a partner. When he dreams of opening his own private investigation firm, he's stuck waiting fast money and chasing low life crimi-

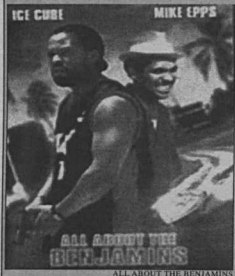
nals, such as his current assignment Reggie Wright (Mike Epps).

The wild pursuit lands them both in the middle of a multi-million dollar diamond scam. Wright is hiding from Bacum in a getaway van driven by jewel thieves Ursula (Carmen Chaplin) and her partner Ramose (Roger Guenveur Smith). While in the van they find out the diamonds are fake and also discover Wright in the back. As a cover up, he claims he knows where the real diamonds and then takes off. Now the jewel thieves and Bacum are hot on his tail.

Later he finds out that the lottery number he played won the \$60 million jackpot. Searching for his wallet, where he put the ticket, he realizes that it's in the getaway van. Reggie pleads with Bacum to forget the bounty and team up to find the missing ticket and the diamonds.

Although they started out on different sides, they come together to be "All About the Benjamins." There are several unexpected twists and turns, and awkward circumstances throughout the movie, and trust is a major issue.

Overall it was a great movie, very funny, action packed and filled with suspense.



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Restaurant Review: Dining at the Fat Cat

EMICHAEL VYSKOCIL

Staff Writer

The Fat Cat Cafe, located at 172 East Main Street in downtown Westminster, consists of five tables and a bar. The restaurant, though minuscule, attracts many people who can't seem to tire of its simple,

hearty French bistro specialties and jovial atmosphere. Winner of the 1998 Outstanding New Restaurant Business in the Greater Westminster Area, the place to eat.

5-year-old Fat Cat Cafe is the brain-child of owner Cynthia A. Ewing.

It's not called The Fat Cat for nothing - upon entering the main dining room of the cafe, statues, figurines, and even plush animals of cats dot the landscape.

One of the few restaurants around serving breakfast throughout the day, it is a great place to go for breakfast (which is served Tuesday through Sunday until 3 p.m.), lunch or dinner. Whether it be an omelet, a sandwich, soup or a salad, you're sure to find great home style fare awaiting your palette.

Several weeks ago, I had the privilege of dining at The Fat Cat Cafe for lunch, and was I ever treated to such excellent French bistro cuisine. A cup of homemade Cream of Crab and Asparagus soup proved to be a hearty and satisfying appetizer. The amount of crab contained in that simple cup of soup was quite generous, to say the least. The thickened cream used as the flavor base complemented the delicate crab meat and asparagus spears. But the soup was definitely spicy! The seasonings used in this soup gave it an unexpected kick. If you adore crab meat, you must sample this exquisite soup.

Tired of the Pub & Grille's familiar selection of deli sandwiches? The Fat Cat Cafe offers nearly a dozen different sandwich selections to choose from, whether it be a Portobello Supreme, Greek Style Chicken, or just Hot Ham & Cheese. Not knowing beforehand how large the sandwich would be, I ordered the Turkey Su-

preme. I understand now why it is called Supreme; when the sandwich was set before me, I was stunned to see such a large sandwich.

The amount of grilled smoked turkey, sliced very thinly, between those two slices of bread was astronomical. Further addi-

tions of crispy bacon and melted cheese, lettuce and tomato complemented the smoky flavor of the turkey meat. This one sandwich

was literally a meal in itself.

If sandwiches do not suit your taste, you can always take advantage of the breakfast offerings. A wide variety of omelets, such as Mexican, Western, and Artichoke, are available from the Breakfast menu. Or if waffles and pancakes are your penchant, you will find them here too.

And for only \$8.50, you can treat yourself to the restaurant's namesake, The Fat Cat. This sumptuous breakfast sampler, consisting of two pancakes, two eggs, two sausage, two pieces of bacon and home fries, offers a wide range of traditional breakfast favorites. One can also "enjoy that 'purr-fect' cup of cat-puccino" (as their slogan suggests) as well as other flavored drinks at the bar in the back of the restaurant.

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A heated spring could create an interesting American League Pennant race

Edward K. Schultheis
previews the action in the
AL this season

Ah, spring...the time of year when allergies act up, love is in the air, senioritis sets in, and baseball is back. Thank god. I finally have a reason to watch SportsCenter again. Well let's see what we can come up with for the American League.

In the AL East, New York and Boston are indeed the front-runners. The Yankees have superb pitching in Mike Mussina, Roger Clemens, and Andy Pettite. They also helped out their offense with first-baseman Jason Giambi. Him, coupled with Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams, will make a formidable offense. Boston on the other hand has Pedro Martinez, which is a definite plus. Nomar Garciaparra is hoping to come back strong from injuries last season, and with Manny Ramirez should give the Yankees a run for the East title. However, the other three teams: the Blue Jays, Orioles and Devil Rays, are not going to be in

the hunt, although the young Jays could play a role in who wins that East, since they play so many games against the Red Sox and Yankees. With Carlos Delgado, Jose Cruz Jr., and Raul Mondesi, the Jays have some pop, but lack in the pitching department.

Both the D-Rays and O's are in the periods of building teams or rebuilding, although the D-Rays have been building since being established - with no success.

The AL Central is going to be an interesting race. The Cleveland Indians reteoled their pitching staff, but have a little less power in their lineup to support the staff. The Chicago White Sox are a very solid baseball team, but cannot seem to get everything to go their way.

Last year, they lost MVP Frank Thomas to a torn triceps muscle, and David Wells was never 100% after the trade that sent injured ace Mike Siroto to the Jays. The Indians are still the team to beat however. The Twinkies have not shown they can keep up their winning pace late into the season.

They have decent pitching, and an average offense, but I do not see

them being able to keep pace with the Indians. The Chi-Sox have a very good offense with Thomas, Magglio Ordonez, and Paul Konerko, and an above average rotation with Mark Buehrle, and Todd Ritchie leading the way, but they are a bit more injury prone than the Indians. The Indians have a new pitching staff led by Bartolo Colon, C.C. Sabathia and a resurging Chuck Finley. Their less power oriented offense is centered still around IB Jim Thome and SS Omar Vizquel. They are a healthy team who could definitely make a run at another Central title.

In the AL West, three of the four teams are right there in the pack. The Seattle Mariners, last year's winningest team, the Texas Rangers, and Oakland Athletics are all vying for first place.

The Rangers are a complicated team. After having one of the worst pitching staffs, they revamped by adding Chan Ho Park and Todd Van Poppel, among others. This goes along with a great offense led by Alex Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro, and returning to Texas, Juan Gonzalez. I also have to mention

Mark Teixeira, a great 3B prospect for the Rangers, who graduated from Mt. St. Joe in Baltimore. The Seattle Mariners did not make many acquisitions over the break, but they kept the majority of a team that won 116 games last year, and the people that they did pick up will be a help.

Oakland however, has probably the best pitching staff in the West. With Mark Mulder, Barry Zito, Tim Hudson, and Corey Lidle leading the way. They did lose Jason Giambi, but they still have a relatively solid lineup, with Dave Justice as their new corner.

I predict that the Yankees will win the East because of their starting rotation and their solid bullpen to complement their offense. I think that the Indians will be able to ward off the Chi-Sox and Twinkies with the help of their new rotation and decent power production squad I think that the West will be a tough battle between the three teams.

I see Oakland's rotation making the difference in their division. I think they will be able to hold off the high-powered attack of Texas and Seattle's well-rounded team. For the wild card, I believe that Seattle will edge out Boston in a tight race.

Women's Golf looking to build program at WMC

CHRIS TAUGHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Like a lot of teams, Western Maryland College's women's golf team is young. But unlike all other teams it is not only the players who are young, but the program as well. This is only the second official season of women's golf at WMC.

This year's roster consists of junior Julia Richardson and freshmen Kelly Cramp and Garnett Phumfrey. Richardson has played here for the past two years and finished 14 at the Centennial Conference Championship last year shooting a 254.

Cramp exploded onto the scene this fall and quickly became the number one player. Out of the five tournaments played last fall, Cramp won two of them. She shot a 78 to win the Western Maryland College tournament. She also won the Women's Golf Invitational at Dickinson shooting a 78. But perhaps Cramp's biggest accomplishment of the fall was finishing 20 out of 120 at the ECAC tournament scoring a 165.

Phumfrey also had a successful fall. She finished 7th at the Dickinson tournament with a 103 and she finished third at the WMC tournament. Cramp, Phumfrey, Richardson and fall golfer Thea Bayly won the Western Maryland College tournament back on September 17.

Head coach Michael Diehl said, "The team has a good bright future and great team unity."

The only problem right now is there are only three women to fill four roster spots. Diehl went on to say that if they just could get one or two more players the program could really take off.

Mike's WWF Column: Opinion on WWF Split and roster changes

MIKE JENKINSON
Sports Staff

Since the acquisition of the WCW, the WWF has had a lot of talent that has not been used. The WWF has claimed that there hasn't been enough air time to get all the wrestlers on TV.

This past week the WWF made an effort to change this problem by splitting the roster into two halves.

According to story lines, there are two completely separate rosters for the WWF.

One half of the wrestlers will appear on RAW, which will be run by Ric Flair, and the other half will appear on the Vince McMahon run Smackdown!

Although the idea of getting more wrestlers on TV is indeed a good one, the roster split is a terrible idea doomed to fail. The WWF has leaned heavily on their top-flight stars like Rock, Austin, and Jericho.

Now fans will only get to see these men once a week, instead of twice.

The bread winners shouldn't be sacrificed to help the plebeians. And the fans shouldn't miss out on extra Rock matches.

Many people who watch the WWF watch mostly for The Rock himself.

Well, these fans have no need to watch RAW, since they know Rock won't be there.

The day of the draft was great. The draft took place at Penn State, and the night made for some great

entertainment.

But even that night I knew the rosters were unbalanced. Rock, Hulk Hogan, Kurt Angle, and Chris Jericho all ended up on Smackdown! The only real big stars on RAW are Stone Cold and Undertaker.

3H will get to be on both shows, as the WWF made a wise choice by saying that the champion can appear on both shows.

But the problems don't end with an unbalanced roster. Unlike the world champion, the tag teams champions do not travel from show to show. This makes little sense. Chuck and Billy, a great pair of tag champs, have no established tag teams on Smackdown! to feud with over their belts.

The APA and the Dudley Boyz were both broken up, so those teams no longer exist. And the Hardy Boyz are on RAW.

With no tag team title to reach for, there is no purpose to the existence of The Hardy Boyz as a team.

It's like someone creating a football team, with no teams to play against and no championship.

There is no goal that a team on RAW can shoot for, because there is no chance of getting a shot at tag titles from a different show.

Another problem is the rise of the old talent to new levels.

After having him lose every big match he's been in for the past six months, the WWF expects us to take Kane seriously now as the

number two guy on RAW. Forget it.

Kane is a mid-card wrestler, period.

Trying to force us to believe him as a threat after making him a loser for so long won't work, and the fans aren't buying it.

The WWF could have handled the problem of talent going to waste in a much better manner. All it needed to do was shuffle the lineup.

The WWF brass seems to think that if we don't see someone for two weeks, we forget about them. The plan for the weekly shows the past year has been to have Rock or Stone Cold cut a promo, have a few funny vignettes with the top card guys, then cram the same low level talent as us every show.

Not a week is allowed to go by where William Regal didn't use the old brass knuckles on someone to score a cheap win.

Instead of allowing the Lance Storm's, Val Venis's, and Tajiri's to get one match a week, they allowed the same Tests and Dudley Boyz to appear on every show.

You can cycle the undercard wrestlers from show to show without making a dramatic roster change and forcing Kurt Angle off of Raw and Undertaker off of Smackdown!

I predict that this plan will fail in ratings, house show sales, and PPV buy rates.

The roster will merge again by Summerslam, and we'll see Rock back on Raw.

Women's Tennis struggles

CHRIS TAUGHER
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's tennis team is struggling this season with a record of 0-6 (0-6 CC). Number one singles player Shannon Pusey said, "We are all working hard and getting better each match. We are going to be very competitive in the years to come."

As for right now, the women are having trouble staying with the powerful teams of the Centennial Conference. The Terror lost to Haverford 9-0 on April 6. Pusey and Genevieve Kallins were the high scorers for the squad. Each won four games in their singles matches.

On April 3, the women lost at Gettysburg 9-0. Sharon Desperak lost a tough singles match 2-6, 4-6 and Kallins came up short 2-6, 3-6. On March 30, the Green Terror traveled to Bryn Mawr College and fell to the Mawters 7-2. Freshmen Faynna Fannin and Darcie Hartwick put the Terror on the board with their singles victories. Fannin was victorious at 6-1, 6-4 and Hartwick won 6-1, 6-2. Katrina Buckley, along with Fannin and Hartwick, has also posted a singles victory this season.

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Men's Lax remains undefeated, prepares for showdown with Gettysburg

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Whether it be overtime nail-biters, or one-sided blowouts, the number 11 in the nation Green Terror Men's Lacrosse team remains undefeated through their first ten games.

The most recent conquest being a 22-5 road win against conference foe Haverford. Tom Brown totaled nine points off of four goals and five assists in the contest, while Joe Ellis and Rob Weaver each totaled five goals a piece.

Earlier in the same week, the Terror survived their closest game of the season. It was a 13-12 double overtime victory over Franklin and Marshall.

Fittingly enough, the key goal in the contest came from the sticks of the two key players on the field for the Terror. The record setting combination connected on an Ellis assisted goal by Brown in the second overtime to seal the victory.

Also in the F&M contest, Goalie Brian Knottingham set a career record with 23 saves. The total beat a new record he had set the week before against Dickinson when he had 20.

"I didn't really do anything special to get ready for the game. I knew I was playing well, although I didn't think I had that many. I just want to try and give my team a chance to win," said Knottingham.

The two-week span saw Brown set both conference and school records. In a game against Dickinson the week before, Brown set the all time conference point record, then followed that up by breaking the WMC

school record for points against Franklin and Marshall.

"Tom is a leader for us on and off the field." Said Terror assistant coach Tony Burgos. "He works real hard in practice and sets the tone for the other guys. He really deserves all of this."

Although the bulk of the Terror's regular season games have been played, the true test

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-Brian Knottingham

for the season comes in one ten day span.

The cream of the crop in the Centennial conference, Gettysburg and Washington college are the two programs that combined have won every single centennial conference title. On April 10th, the boys head up 97 to take on last year's national runner-up Gettysburg, and ten days later travels to Washington college. Last season The Terror upset Washington at home.

These contest will set-up the conference tournament, in which The Terror qualified for last year, but lost in the first round.

Track closes out season

MARCUS HELTON
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Outdoor Track team began this season with hopes of improving on last year's finish.

If their performance through the first four meets of the year is any indication, they are well on their way of achieving that goal.

The Green Terror has had a very successful season so far. WMC athletes have set several school and meet records.

At the most recent home meet, the Twilight meet on April 5, the men and women each took first place for the second time this season.

WMC athletes set an incredible eight meet records, including six by the women's team. Among them were Jill Krebs' time of 18:15.50 in the 5,000 meters, Melissa Merson's 16:34 in the 100 meter hurdles, Thea Bayly's time of 1:08.40 in the 400 meter hurdles, and Jill Kurzejewski's high jump of 5' feet.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team of Jamie Falcone, April Brown, Merson, and Bayly also set a meet record with a time of 49.41. On the men's side, Ifeanyi Ani set a meet record in the triple jump with a jump of 44 ft. 50 in.

The Terror dominated the field events. Nicole Horn set a meet record in the shot put with a throw of 35 ft. 6 3/4 in. On the men's side, Mark Gable's javelin throw of 136 feet set a meet record, and The Terror finished swept the shot put.

David Hose was first with a throw of 44 ft. John Rydzewski threw 43 1 3/4 in., and Jeff Groff threw 38 9 1/4 in. to place third.

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.

Diana 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 16:24.

The 4x400-meter team won with a time of 4:15.36. Rounding out the day for the Green Terror women was Jill Kurzejewski, who won the high jump with a jump of 5' feet.

The men were also successful. Ifeanyi Ani won the triple jump with a leap of 44 ft., 10 in., and finished second in the long jump. David Hose won the shot put competition with a throw of 48 ft., 11 in., and set a school record in the hammer throw with a throw of 114 ft. 1 inch.

The team's first home meet was also a success. At the Twilight meet on March 27, the men and women both finished first, and each team won convincingly.

The women finished with 148 points while Goucher came in a distant second with 52 points, and the men's 146 total points easily beat out second place Bowie State's 44.

The women's 4x800-meter relay team, comprised of Diana Pool, Jane Karlow, Jill Krebs, and Erin Shockley, set a meet record with a time of 10:32.

The women's 4x200-meter team of Brown, Stephanie McPherson, Merson, and Falcone set a school record with their time of 47.90. The Terror opened their season on March 17 at the Washington and Lee Invitational in Lexington, VA.

The men took seventh place while the women took second.

Jamie Falcone received the meet's Outstanding Performer award for her part in setting three meet records (12:32 in the 100 meter dash, 25:79 in the 200, and 49:56 as part of the 4x100 meter relay team).

David Hose placed second in the shot put with a throw of 47 ft. 5 inches. The men's 4x400-meter team's time of 3:29.58 earned them third place.

The men's 4x100-meter team of John Riley, Rob Wingfield, Teron Powell, and Jeff Groff set a meet record of 44.50.

Their efforts have been a major factor in the teams success.

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Chris vs. Steve: March Madness

Steve
This year's NCAA Tournament ended up providing one of the worst played games in Championship history.

However, the way the two teams played on their paths to the final was nothing of the sort. As Maryland stormed through the East and teams like Kentucky, UConn, and Kansas, Indiana was playing the role of Cinderella in knocking off Duke, Kent St., and Oklahoma. As usual, the tournament provided us with both great games and great stories.

It was great to see teams like Kent St. and Southern Illinois make some noise and players like Juan Dixon come out on top after hearing what he went through.

Looking to next year, it is evident that the top team for next season will be dependent on who declares for the draft and who stays in school. Whether or not players like Mike Dunleavy, Drew Gooden, Steve Wilcox, and Jason Gardner stay will help determine who will be atop the rankings come next year.

As for now, it is time to give Maryland and Gary Williams some deserved credit. And yes, Chris, I was wrong about Kansas, but who would have thought Gooden would have played that poorly even with Baxter on the bench? But I am going to be the bigger man. I was wrong.

Chris

Steve, that means a lot to me man. I did say Kansas was overrated and not as good as Maryland. They did make it further than I anticipated (its about time they got to the Final Four after three number one seeds) but they did not even make it to the final game. Jayhawk fans just stick to your motto, "Don't worry guys, we'll get'em next year."

As far as March Madness goes, The NCAA men's basketball tournament is the greatest single event in sports and this year was no exception. There were plenty of upsets, great games, and fabulous finishes. There were also many irritated fans when everyone's choice pool got screwed because Duke

lost. It is a good thing that did not happen to me (participation in basketball pools violates NCAA code 153, chapter 17, line 8).

The final game was not pretty but it was fun to watch.

Did you hear the crowd chant "Oh" during the national anthem just like they do at Oriole Park at Camden Yards? I will admit, I am a Blue Devil fan but when your town beats up the Yankees 10-4 and wins a national title in the same day, you feel proud to be a Marylander.

Chris vs. Steve: Baseball

Chris

Bonds is on pace to hit 300 home runs, Schilling and the Unit are untouchable, the Yankees look solid and the Orioles have two wins, didn't we already have this season? Quick predictions; Sheff to get MVP in the NL, A-Rod in the AL and the Yanks over the Mets in subway series part II.

Steve

Spring has sprung. Well, no, not really. But it is baseball season and that means it is time for predictions of this year's season.

The first week is gone and already, Barry Bonds has clubbed five home runs and batted in eleven runs. And people said last year was a fluke? Please. Biggest surprise of the first week?

That's right, the Pittsburgh Pirates are off to a 5-1 start and this is without their best player, Brian Giles.

The Pirates, who just last week got lowered to last on ESPN's power poll, have proven that they are for real by beating two of the top contenders in the NL in New York and Chicago.

As for who will finish where, I see the Yankees coming from the AL to meet up with the Braves in the World Series.

Didn't this already happen? And yes, the Yanks will win it. In addition, A-Rod and Sosa will be the MVP's.

Chris vs. Steve: Michael Jordan

Steve

I am not going to be one of those people who are now saying, "See, I told you Jordan shouldn't have come back."

Hindsight is 20/20 and I always said I thought it was great Jordan was coming back. Granted, things didn't work out the way he had planned but excitement about the Wizards was stirred in the nation's capital and the players surrounding him have improved.

You can't tell me players like Chris Whitney, Poye Jones, Richard Hamilton, Courtney Alexander, and Tyrone Nesby haven't produced. I personally hope that MJ will come back next year for one last shot with this team, but hopefully he will also work on his drafting skills in the

off-season too.

The number one pick of Kwame Brown was up there with the Clipper's number one pick of Michael Olowund.

Chris

MJ is out for the season and no one really knows if he is coming back next year.

I did not think the comeback was a good idea from the start. I believe the plan was for Jordan to play for two years.

After the first year, the Wizards were supposed to be in the playoffs and during the offseason the appeal of playing with Jordan was supposed to lure vital free agents into the capital city. I do not think this is going to happen.

His airness is playing better than I thought he would. I'll give you that, but because he looks human and has been hurt a lot recently I don't think the Wizards will sign and big names nor will they take their game to the next level and be playoff bound year after year.

Michael, your play made us all believe again but unless you can suit up for five more seasons everybody will keep beating the Wiz.

Men's Tennis facing adversity

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

It has been a tough season for the Western Maryland College Men's Tennis team as they have yet to win a game this season. The team has been plagued by injury and depth issues that have made it hard for the team to compete against a tough Centennial Conference schedule.

Sophomore number one singles player Scott Mahoney has gone up against some of the best players in the conference and has failed to get over the hump.

Junior number two singles player David Johnson has been plagued by a wrist injury suffered in an early season match, but has been one of the more solid players on the season.

Johnson won his first match of the season against Catholic University, scoring the team's only points in a 6-1 road defeat.

Inexperience has been a problem with the team counting heavily on the services of new players such as freshman Ben Denenberg, senior Andrew Taylor, and junior Chad Lovett.

Stuck at 0-7, the team looks to end their season on a good note, but faces tough opponents like Washington College and Muhlenberg College, two of the nation's best teams.

Women's lacrosse looks towards conference play

STEVE ZAMAGIAS
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland College Women's lacrosse team is riding a two-game winning streak going into the heat of Centennial Conference action.

The team has already bettered its win total from last season by getting their sixth victory on Saturday over Bryn Mawr.

The 19-5 victory over Bryn Mawr saw the Lady Terror get eight different players into the scoring column, including five from Tracy Kessler and hat tricks from Erin Mulhern, Kim Adams, and Sara Thomas. Amy Price added a pair and defender Allie Kinary got into the act with a goal of her own.

The Terror continue to be getting solid contributions from a variety of scorers up front. Sara Thomas and Tracy Kessler have each scored 12 goals over the past three games while Amy Price and Kim Adams have pitched in six apiece.

While Kessler and Thomas each had four goals and two assists in their Thursday victory over Notre Dame, Price and Adams each tallied hat tricks to help lead to the 18-11 result.

Erin Mulhern has remained steady after reaching the 100-goal mark for her career in the March 29th contest against Dickinson. Mulhern has been displaying balanced scoring over the past three games with five goals compared to eight assists. After becoming just

the eighth player in Green Terror history to achieve such a feat, the senior attacker currently has 42 points this year.

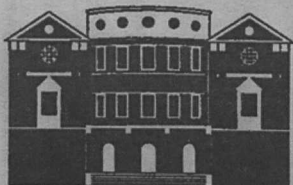
Freshman attacker Kim Lowry has also provided solid minutes for the Terror, as evidenced by her three goal, two assist performance versus Dickinson.

This game saw the Terror continue their trend of strong second half play by scoring 10 of the half's first 11 goals en route to the 16-8 win. Lowry feels that the team cannot always rely on their trademark late surges though.

"We need to come out stronger at the beginning of games. We don't come out focused enough and it hurts us in the first half," Lowry said.

The team currently stands at 6-3 overall with a 2-2 mark at the conference. Head coach Mindy McCord is pleased with the great start, but still feels there is room for improvement if the team is to make a run at the playoffs. "We need to be more consistent and work on playing our game for 60 minutes by controlling possession and limiting turnovers," she pointed out.

This hope will have to hold true if the Terror are to be successful over the next two weeks with a string of five straight conference games. The team next finds action on Saturday, April 13th at 3 p.m., as they host Haverford.



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Camponelli throws perfect game, Softball team is undefeated in Centennial Conference play

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

It has been another terrific start to the spring season for the Western Maryland College Softball team.

The team has a strong 13-3 record and is undefeated through six games in the conference. George Dix's squad is looking to make a championship run as the season continues.

On March 23, the Green Terror played host to a doubleheader with conference foe, Swarthmore College.

In the first game, WMC dominated throughout as sophomore pitcher Sam Abrams shutdown the opposition, allowing one hit and junior first baseman Selena Smart went 2 for 3 in the game with 3 RBIs.

The second game saw more of the same as another sophomore pitcher, Kim Camponelli, threw a one hitter and sophomore outfielder Heather Sinclair was huge at the plate with a first inning grand slam and a double, accounting for seven RBIs in a 22-1 blowout.

Looking to continue their strong play, the team ventured on the road to play non-conference opponent

Shepherd College for a doubleheader.

The first game saw another strong pitching performance from Abrams as she only yielded one hit on the day and the Green Terror used a five run outburst in the first inning to cruise to a 6-1 victory. The offensive attack was spearheaded by freshman catcher Caitlin Burns who had three hits in the victory.

In the second game, the opposition was able to get some offense going off green terror ace Kim Camponelli, scoring four runs, but they couldn't contain her at the plate as she drove in three runs on the night and the Green Terror picked up a slim 5-4 win on the road.

The Green Terror were looking to remain undefeated in the conference when they faced off against Franklin & Marshall College on April 2nd.

The team picked up another sweep on the day as they won both games of the doubleheader 3-1 and 5-1, respectively. Abrams and Camponelli dominated on the mound in the first and second games of the day.

One of the brightest spots of the

season for the team this season occurred in their April 4th game against Susquehanna University. The first game of the day saw the Green Terror lose a tight 2-1 score in 10 innings, but the second game belonged to Camponelli. Camponelli gained another honor to her list of accomplishments as she threw a perfect game in the team's 2-0 road victory.

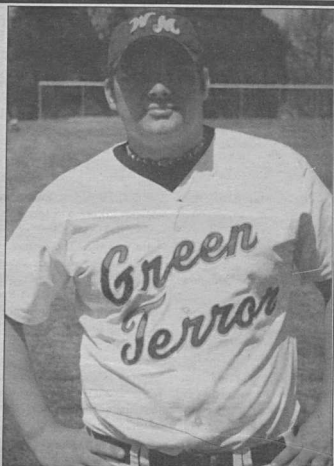
Not only was she perfect on the mound, but was huge at the plate as she broke up the opponent's no hitter in the sixth inning with a long triple.

She would later score the game's first run and lead the team to their 11th victory of the year.

On April 6th, the team won another doubleheader from Washington College.

In the first game, the team took a 4-0 lead into the seventh inning when sophomore outfielder Lauren Cramer and Selena Smart hit back-to-back home runs to lead the team to a 7-0 victory.

In the second game, Camponelli shut the down opposition and struck out six as the team won a 8-0 shutout. Candice Kuligowski paced the Green Terror attack with three hits.



Junior designated hitter Todd Huber is has been one of the leading hitter's for the Green Terror on the season

Baseball bounces back from losing skid

STEVE ZAMAGIAS
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland College baseball team has overcome a midseason losing streak that dropped them to .500 to now boast a three game winning streak as eight straight conference games await them.

The Terror swept a doubleheader from Swarthmore on Saturday by winning close games of 2-1 and 4-3. Senior second baseman Jack Griffith continued his hot streak at the plate by bunting a triple and scoring both Western Maryland runs in the first of the twin bill. The Terror received good pitching from starter Dave Skoczlas, who pitched 6 and 1/3 innings, allowing one run on just six Garnet Tide hits before handing the game over to Junior righty Mike Geaneas who got the save. The second game again saw Geaneas play a big role again, coming on in relief of Brent Kahuda and Mitch Hoffman to get his sixth save on the year. He also hit a bases-loaded, two-run double in the decisive three-run Terror first inning.

Friday's game against Dickinson proved to be another pitcher's duel for the Terror as Jeff Starcher bested the Red Devils' Eric Simoni in the team's 2-1 win. Starcher worked eight innings,

striking out nine, while allowing one unearned run on one hit. The game went into extra innings, where Scott Merkle capitalized on Kevin Culbertson's triple in the eighth inning by hitting a sacrifice fly to help end the team's six-game skid.

Merkle, the senior outfielder and leadoff man from Woodstown, New Jersey, feels the key to the team's turnaround has started on the mound. "We have been fortunate to get both good starting and relief pitching over the last three games. If we keep doing that and keep having timely hitting, anything can happen in this conference," Merkle said.

That was the winning formula for the Terror in March in the midst of their seven-game win streak and trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Head coach Dave Seibert knows the road ahead will be a tough one for his team as their string of conference games start tomorrow. Seibert said, "In order to keep winning, we need to keep our confidence level up and stay positive."

"We know the teams in our conference are playing well so we have to raise our playing level to match them," he added.

This will be very important for the team as begin a series of conference games against Gettysburg.



Senior second baseman Jack Griffith takes a cut at a pitch as the opposing team looks on. Griffith has been one of the more productive players at the plate for the baseball team this season.



College concert draws popular musical acts of The Pharcyde and Dropkick Murphys

MATTHEW HURFF
Co-Editor-in-Chief

It isn't often that you see the mixing of rap and Irish punk rock, but it was done with great effect on April 12, when the dual-headliners The Pharcyde and the Dropkick Murphys came to WMC to bring back the annual CAPBoard concert, which was not held last year.

According to CAPBoard Films director Tim Saul, the concert attendance was lower than expected this year, with only around 300 tickets sold when 500 were expected to be sold.

Despite the low attendance, the crowd had a high amount of energy and the two groups both were able to interact well with the audience, especially the Dropkick Murphys'.

Saul said The Pharcyde and the Dropkick Murphys were picked as dual-headliners because they would draw more people because of their different backgrounds. This was not the case though.

Saul speculated that many people on campus do not like going to see a band if they do not know their name. "More people should come out and see groups that they don't know because every band must start somewhere," Saul said.

Many of the WMC students who attended the concert enjoyed both groups. Sophomore political science major Neil Page thinks that the Pharcyde was really good.

"I don't think the crowd was geared for them, but they made it

w e l l rounded. They were funny and good."

Page said. The Pharcyde began in Los Angeles in 1990 and since then they have performed as dancers on In Living Color and have contributed to the

soundtrack to the film Street Fighter in addition to their performances in clubs and concerts.

"We call ourselves the Pharcyde 'cause it's a name that doesn't set any boundaries," said member Tre "Slimkid" Hardson in Rolling Stone.

Meanwhile Page, who has seen the Dropkick Murphys's three times had high praise for the Irish punk band from Boston.

"They are a high-energy band and they have something to say," he said.

The Dropkick Murphys began in Boston in 1996, and in that time have built a strong fan base that has allowed them to combine an interesting blend of rock, punk, and Irish folk.

sonable and lawful command while 21 others were cited for underage drinking at the party on Pennsylvania Ave.

"I stopped by the house because I knew ours players would be there that night and I wanted to keep them out of trouble," Reitenbach said.

Reitenbach had several issues with the situation that he outlined in an interview with the Phoenix. "This is America. It is not right to just check IDs and give breathalyzers. This was an illegal search and seizure in violation of the 4th Amendment," Reitenbach said. "I was trying to protect the students on this campus who have rights that were ignored the police.

In this time they have toured the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.

Senior English major Doug Novielli has seen the Dropkick Murphys at a homecoming show in Boston and he enjoys their music a lot.

"I enjoy the energy of their music and performance, as well as the integrity of their working class values," Novielli said.

He also felt that CAPBoard did a great job bringing very unique acts to campus.

The one criticism of the concert was Campus Safety. "If there is a next time for punk rock at WMC, they [campus safety] should relax and realize that kids having fun isn't dangerous," Novielli said.



Dropkick Murphys (above), along with Pharcyde, performed at this year's concert, held on April 12.

Honor bestowed upon Glar

STACEY MYERS
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Last month, Sodhexo-Marriott, the company that runs both Englar Dining Hall and the Pub, won an award from the Carroll County Health Department for having one of the cleanliest kitchens in the county.

The award was given to Executive Chef Dave Huff on March 19, 2002. Huff said it is the first time that the school has won the award.

The award is given based on the cumulative results of three or four surprise visits by the health department during the year. Huff said. When the inspectors came in, they may do temperature tests to make sure that the food is hot enough or cold enough to inhibit bacterial growth, or they may do a comprehensive test of the whole facility.

In the comprehensive test, the inspectors look at every aspect of the food preparation, from how careful the staff is about washing hands, to checking the amount of moisture between clean, stacked serving dishes, Huff said.

In order to ensure compliance with the health department, the staff at Glar follows the guidelines for Hazardous Analysis of Critical Control Points, or HACCP. Following HACCP requires careful measuring and recording of food temperatures, as well as other

Students partake in unique spring break experiences

MATTHEW HURFF
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A Liberal Arts education is supposed to enlighten students in ways never anticipated, and this Spring Break, two groups of WMC students found this out first hand. That is because of the annual SERVE trip to Dungeness, Va. and the Fishing in the Florida Keys class led by Doctors Herb Smith and Brian Wladkowski.

SERVE, or Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences, has existed for seven years and has traveled to Dungeness, Va. each spring to help revitalize the impoverished region. The former Director of Residence Life, Scott Kane, initiated the first trip in 1996.

While working at Loyola College prior to coming to WMC, Kane had participated in a similar program to help impoverished areas, inspiring him to create SERVE at WMC. He feels that the benefits from such programs are immense.

"They got to experience what it's like to live in an impoverished area, and learn just how privileged they are. I saw this program challenge students' beliefs about capitalism, and inspire them to make a difference in their local communities," Kane explained in a e-mail interview.

SERVE President Kary Magee explained why the organization

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Breaking News: WMC lacrosse coach arrested at Pennsylvania Ave. party

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Sports Editor

"I was unjustly arrested. The basic principle of American justice is a man is innocent until proven guilty and I retain my innocence," said WMC men's lacrosse coach Keith Reitenbach when he defended his actions after articles were printed in the *Carroll County Times* and the *Baltimore Sun* about his arrest by the Westminster police at 1:27 a.m. on April 21.

The evening followed an important 15-14 victory over #3 ranked foe Washington College. Reitenbach was cited for disorderly conduct and failure to obey a rea-

sonable and lawful command while 21 others were cited for underage drinking at the party on Pennsylvania Ave.

"I stopped by the house because I knew ours players would be there that night and I wanted to keep them out of trouble," Reitenbach said. According to the *Carroll County Times*, the arrest and citations occurred when police and a campus safety officer entered the second-floor apartment when a door was left partially open in response to a complaint over a loud party at 1:13 a.m. The officers knocked and then proceeded to enter the apartment when allowed in.

Police Maj. Dean A. Brewer told the *Times* that there were about 60 college-aged students at the party, most of whom were coopera-

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Glar receives top award for healthy food

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safety precautions, such as using disinfectant on all utensils and using color-coded cutting boards to prevent cross-contamination.

Glar serves about 3,000 meals a day, which makes it one of the largest institutional kitchens in the county, Huff said. To add to that, all of the food is "batch-cooked" which means that only batches of 100 meals made at a time, so that the food is fresh for the students, whenever they come in to eat. Because of their ability to maintain a clean environment while constantly preparing fresh meals, the staff was singled out in the awards ceremony as the premiere institution for what they do, Huff said.

Huff gives most of the credit for the

award to his staff. "We only pick the best, which is why we won the award," he said. "Even the dishwashers were integral in us winning [the award]."

John Frisby, a breakfast and lunch cook, has been working at WMC's dining hall for 31 years.

He's seen a lot of change in the way food is handled, but said he thinks the process is improving. Co-workers echoed Frisby's sentiment.

"I like to please the students," said Rhonda Kovacs, a line cook who works at the international food station. "We just do our job, and our job is HACCP. If we all work together, it works out fine."

Karen Howard, the only baker at Glar,

said that she keeps her station clean by wiping up when she has done a project. "I try to continuously clean up as I go; for me, that's the biggest thing."

However, some students believe the cleanliness of the kitchen doesn't necessarily hold through to the quality or safety of the food. "That doesn't seem right," said sophomore Mary Dolan. "I know people who find stuff in their food [like hair]."

But not all students are so skeptical. "I've been back in the kitchen, and it's really clean," said senior Chris Bauerlein. "Where you find it messy is where students spill food everywhere but don't clean it up."

Overall, though, the purpose for keeping such a clean kitchen is to protect the students.

"Our worst nightmare is for us to look in the newspaper or hear on the news that we made somebody sick," Huff said.

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SERVE events and fishing experiences in the Florida keys brings enjoyment to WMC Students

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goes to Dunganon rather than choosing to go to other locations. She said that going to Dunganon is important because the location is very isolated, there are no jobs and social mobility is very limited. However, "they have a very special culture and are a joy to get to know," Magee said.

Junior social work major Merrybeth McKee has learned a great deal from this unique culture. "We actually had a cultural session last year with a 'native' Appalachian woman, who explained to us a lot of the origin and traditions of the Appalachian culture. She explained to us their way of life and the language. It is actually considered a different language or dialect that they employ down there," McKee said.

Geographically, Dunganon is located 11 hours from WMC in Cook County, Virginia, which is located between Kentucky and Tennessee in the western panhandle of the state.

Another unique fact about SERVE is that they do not keep a regular count of members because they believe in allowing people to come and go and help whenever they can.

This year, 10 members went to Dunganon. While there they experienced some problems because of major flooding. The floodwaters forced the group to be confined to the town, with the situation becoming so bad that the local schools were closed for four days. Nevertheless, SERVE was able to accomplish quite a bit in Dunganon, according to McKee.

The first day, the WMC group and a service group from Hope College of Michigan cleaned up trash in the town. Later on they built a ramp for a woman's home. Because of their work the resident, a woman confined to a wheelchair, was able to enter and exit her home with ease.

They also tore down a trailer that was destroyed by fire. McKee said that others would rebuild the home on the same foundation later on.

"It was difficult for members of SERVE to see the burnt trailer because we knew the family from previous years," Magee said.

Kane said Dunganon was chosen over other sites in Pennsylvania, Mississippi elsewhere in Virginia. Dunganon is ideal for SERVE because of the Dunganon Development Commission or DDC.

The DDC, created in 1979, is an organization dedicated to revitalizing the region which is funded by church and government grants along with fundraising. DDC sets up projects for SERVE to do and provides housing and food for the students during their stay. Kane said other colleges have organizations like SERVE but use different names. At Rhode Island College, where he is now employed, the Campus Ministry organizes a

similar trip.

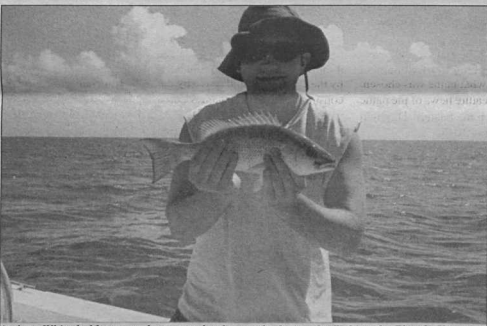
SERVE receives its funding from the SGA, just like any organization. They supplement this money with the annual SERVE auction, where groups and individuals donate items to be bid on.

Some of their other events include going to Resurrection Farm, which is a refuge in Westminster that is dedicated to helping homeless become self-sustaining, along with helping out at fundraising walks like the Carroll County AIDS Walk and Shepard's

Zeno Muhl and seven students, were able to reach the Keys by flying from BWI to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and then driving four hours to Key Marathon in three rental cars.

Once in Key Marathon, the group stayed at Captain Hook's Marina. Each day they would take two 23-foot Cobia powerboats, equipped with GPS trackers, out into the Gulf of Mexico, one led by Smith and the other by Wladkowski.

The cost of the trip was about \$800 on



Andrew White holds up a red snapper that he caught during the Fishing the Florida Keys trip

Staff. They are also planning on repairing homes in Washington, D.C. through the Hispanic-Latino Alliance.

While the SERVE trip was an excellent learning experience, the students who went to the Florida Keys encountered an education of a very different type by leaning the value and power of nature while also being taught the ability to do something well outside the classroom. This Spring Break was the sixth year Drs. Smith and Wladkowski have sponsored the trip to Florida.

Smith decided that the trip would be a great idea because of his lifelong love of fishing and a childhood memory. "My father took me to the Keys when I was four years old. That's where I started fishing; I've been fishing my entire life," Smith said. "You reach a certain point where catching the biggest fish doesn't mean as much as passing on the excitement, the joy, and the appreciation of nature and fishing to the students."

Wladkowski became involved with the trip because Smith was his faculty mentor during his first year teaching at WMC, giving them an opportunity to discuss the idea. He also enjoys fishing and has been doing it for many years. The 11 anglers, including Smith, Wladkowski, Smith's wife, alumni

top of any additional expenditures in Florida. However, this price does include travel, lodging, fishing and food (as long as your group is successful at sea).

This year, the group was very successful, bringing in on average 20 fish large enough to keep - more than any previous year. Some of the fish they caught included mackerel, barracuda, and a wide variety of sharks. The largest catches include a 36-inch dolphin caught by senior business-economics major Steve Paul and a 25 1/2-inch sea trout by senior biology major Dan Saul. "Fishing the Florida Keys somewhat spoils you. The fish available in fresh water around Western Maryland is bait," Smith said.

Each morning they would awake around 7 and prepare to head out to sea. They would fish all morning and return around noon for lunch. In the afternoon they would go out and fish again and return for a fish fry at dinner.

They used a method of fishing known as trolling with eight-foot-long rods equipped with 12-20 pound test line and wire leaders to catch fish using ballyhoo for bait. The wire leaders were needed to protect the line from the extremely sharp teeth on mackerels and sharks.

Wladkowski said the weather was perfect this year, allowing both boats to fish every day of the trip. According to senior biology-chemistry major Todd Peters, there was only one problem with the weather: the sun. "The sun is not afraid of SPF protection. The sun definitely beat everyone on the ship," Peters said.

Smith feels the trip is a very valuable experience, whether you are an experienced fisherman or totally inexperienced. Fishing is now the most popular sport in America, Smith added. He also thinks it is a valuable craft for college students to learn.

"Knowing how to do something well is part of the liberal arts experience. I don't think there is anything wrong with at least part of your education being an enormous amount of fun," Smith said.

While the group had an immense amount of fun on the trip and many of the conditions were ideal, there were a few problems. One was finding a scorpion in one of the rooms. Wladkowski said they trapped it and let it go outside the building.

Another incident involving Wladkowski occurred when one of the boats dropped its bait into the shark-infested waters without hooking it properly to the line. They needed to retrieve the bait and attach it properly; unfortunately for Wladkowski, he was the only volunteer. He dove into the sea and swam back to the surface without encountering any sharks.

On the more humorous side, senior biology major Dan Saul went an entire day without catching anything except a plastic bag. Nevertheless, Saul said the experience was unbelievable. "It was the best trip I've ever been on," he added.

Junior business major Andrew White concurs with Saul, adding that one of his memorable experiences of the trip was the Sunset Festival in Key West. This event takes place at the southernmost point in the United States. "At the Sunset Festival there were street performers and a lot of people. As soon as the sun set everyone left and went to clubs, restaurants and bars. It was a lot of fun," White added.

From the various activities the group experienced, it was easy to gather that they learned a great deal about fishing, nature, themselves and each other while having a great time doing it.

For more information about Fishing the Florida Keys: Call Dr. Herb Smith or Dr. Brian Wladkowski.

For more information about SERVE: Call Kary Magee or Dr. Brad Smith or the DDC c/o Travis Lee Perry, Director, Post Office Box 174, Dunganon, VA 24245-0174.

College's name change causes merchandise shortage

"No more merchandise" featuring the WMC logo will be arriving at the college book store

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News Editor

Get your WMC merchandise while you still can, because the college bookstore will receive "no more merchandise" with the WMC logo, said Kyle Meloche, manager of the campus bookstore.

Meloche was told in January that no new shipments of WMC ap-

parel or giftware would be coming. This news has caused many of the most popular items, such as the WMC shot glasses, to completely sell out.

Along with the shot glasses, sizes in clothing are becoming scarce with many of the large and extra large items gone.

Meloche explained that it would be to be a risk to order new

shipments of WMC merchandise with the upcoming name change. According to Meloche, the school's merchandising vendors will not ship fewer than 144 orders for a product.

This means this is the minimal amount the school can order, and if the bookstore can not sell the products, the bookstore would lose money.

Although Meloche is not sure when he will receive the new merchandise with the new name of the college, he believes that he will fully restock his inventory by mid-July.

However, new WMC alumni apparel and giftware will arrive before graduation so that this year's graduating class will have their alumni merchandise.

The Campus Bookstore still have many WMC merchandise and apparel in the smaller to medium sizes.

The bookstore will still continue to sell the old merchandise until the arrival of the new college merchandise with the new name of the college on the apparel and novelty items.

Western Maryland College's new name to be revealed

President Coley, in a campus-wide email and through campus mail announces date for the unveiling.

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Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Phoenix has exciting news to share with the college community. The Board of Trustees unanimously selected a new name for the College during their Saturday, April 20, meeting.

The name will be announced at 8:30 p.m. May 10 on Memorial Plaza.

For now, the name will remain

confidential in order to give the school an opportunity to gather together the entire College family so that everyone hears the announcement at the same time.

President Joan Develin Coley joins the Board of Trustees in believing that those who know the College best and care about it the most - the alumni, students, parents, faculty, administrators, staff, and friends - should be first to hear the news.

Next week the campus community will receive an invitation to the May 10 name announcement and celebration of our community. Those not able to attend that evening may log onto the college's website or call a toll free number to find out what name was chosen. Both will feature news of the name after 9:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on May 10.

The name will be officially in

place as of July 1, 2002, coinciding with the beginning of our fiscal year.

Although the name must remain confidential for the next few weeks, President Coley can say that each and every one of the 418 suggested names was considered in terms of meetings these criteria: heritage, distinction, clarity, longevity and overall validity. The College Committee for the Naming Initiative poured over this list of names suggested by more than 2,000 alumni, parents, faculty, trustees, staff and friends of the College.

It truly was an all inclusive, well-reasoned process. In the end, the Board selected one name from a short list of names recommended by the Committee and tested by the consultants. All of the names tested well.

In the next several weeks, the campus will begin another process

- to determine and designate a location to honor the name "Western Maryland College." As is the school's way, the College community will be invited to send us their well-intentioned suggestions. Do give it some thought. The college will be providing more details soon.

Meanwhile, stay tuned to the WMC website for up-to-the-minute information about the event and name-selection process - and please mark your calendars now for May 10 for a front row seat to history in the making.

As the date for the announcement moves closer, the Phoenix will cover this remarkable story in our upcoming issue.

Information courtesy of campus-wide email and mail sent by President Coley on April 23, 2002.



Attention:



What is your thoughts on the name change? Do you have a problem with the way that it is being announced? Or do you think that the college is acting completely correct in the way that they are presenting the name?



If you have thoughts on this, we urge you to express them in the Phoenix. Call us at x8600, email us at phoenix@wmdc.edu, or come to a meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday nights. We are located in the basement of Rouzer.


Do you like to write or take pictures? If so, come and join the Phoenix. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, call at x 8600 or come to the weekly Phoenix meeting every Monday @6pm.

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Sometimes college is just part of playing "the game"

Tara Dellafranzia takes a look at academia from a realistic perspective.

Ever have a really crappy day and just want to talk to someone, only to have them tell you that you just have a confidence problem? I guess sometimes that's what friends are for.

Ever take a grade personally? Perhaps you have decided to devote your college career to the study of English literature, only to receive various marked-up papers that you don't even read after any more. They all say the same things.

So your friend tells you that you've got a confidence problem, and then you get mediocre-to-bad grades on papers, when you're supposed to be a writer.

Who ever said I was a writer? I did. I said it in my first declaration of the school year right here in The Phoenix. "This is a female writer."

And now, here I am, months later, with a decent internship only months away, committing the ultimate writing sin: self-quota-

tion.

How, might you ask, could this have occurred?

When I first met my boyfriend, I knew it was meant to be. Over a year later, it still

While learning and socializing surely make us more well-rounded individuals, is that the point? College is fun, and it's home, and it makes me feel better and worse about myself at the same time.

seems that way.

In fact, marriage after college doesn't seem out of the question at all. I've always felt that way about writing and singing, too.

Greek unity is lacking among students on campus

Unity. It is something that we too often take for granted, but it falls much closer to home, specifically in the Greek community. As sisters and brothers at a small private liberal arts college, we are constantly reminded of our size, which to me is all the more reason to come together, whether in the form of service, social functions, or fund-raisers.

The week of April 14-20 was designated as Greek week this Spring of 2002. That involves games among dueling sororities and

about six events total.

And for those occasions when I was not actively involved, I was right out there cheering on my girls and displaying the confidence we as Greek members on WMC's campus pride ourselves on having. It was rather discouraging, I felt, to have such a random arrangement of Greeks present at the events.

A few members from this sorority here, a few fraternity brothers there, and gradually, as the week progressed, some of our fellow Greeks came out of the woodwork to show their support.

My complaint is, why does it seem as though the same token athletes and volunteers are up front holding their own for the rest of their teammates time and time again?

While I am not speaking for every individual frat and sorority, I was discouraged to see that this tended to be the case in several events where in some cases teeth had to be pulled in order to get "volunteers."

Personally, I am proud to be a Greek. I joined in the hope of making lasting friendships, as cliché as that may be, and generally be a part of a unity group.

I don't mean to come down on the Greek community, but we need to face the harsh reality.

Our pride gets shattered as the years go on, recruitment becomes more and more difficult, and it is a shame that not everyone pulls his or her weight.

The point of the events is not torture Greeks or to humiliate them in front of their fellow students. The point is to come together, display a little healthy competition, and have fun! For some strange reason, that has become a foreign concept to many.

My suggestion to the guys and girls too tired or too busy to come out and, gasp, have a good time is this: no one expects you to be spectacular. Hell, no one expects you to be decent. The only expectation we need to fulfill as leaders on this campus is to do our best.

So let's get out there show some Greek pride!

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.



Erin A. Romanski

fraternities, competition, and general Greek pride displayed throughout these events. Overall, I was impressed with how the games were conducted.

The events ran in a timely manner and we were able to finish either right on time or much earlier than scheduled. However, my concern does not lie with the organization of the events themselves.

Track and field, pool, and quad activities were all divided up among the respective Sunday through Tuesday afternoons.

Moreover, I was disappointed overall with the turnout for the festivities.

Each Greek organization also had the opportunity to have their members sign-up on an individual, voluntary basis so that those who were more athletically inclined or more apt to participate could do so.

Now I will be the first to admit that I in no way participated in every single event. Yet, at the same time, I feel that I put in more than my fair share, having been active in

I'm meant to be a writer and I happen to write songs as well. I chose English as a logical major and Music as a logical minor.

However, logical decisions are seldom the easiest ones.

I ruled out certain aspects of music and English. I didn't put the effort into news writing in Journalism class, and figured that it just wasn't my scene.

Music Theory never went well, so I knew I'd never be the next John Williams. So where does this leave me on my way through my college career?

I can write songs, play a little guitar, and complain a lot in writing. I'm older and I've learned a lot about how to deal with people (and when not to deal with them).

And when I graduate, will I really get to take over Rolling Stone with C's in English and a barely passing grade in Music Theory? Eh, maybe.

So what has college done for me so far? It's made the same skills that I came here with marketable.

Now I can say I'm published in a college newspaper, I've made a lot of nice friends

that I might not even hear from five years from now, deduced that at least 35% of professors here are actually really cool individuals, drank, I've jammed, sang, wasted time... but most of all, I'll have proven, upon graduation, that I can play the game.

I'll have put up with 4 years of exams, BS, dorm life, GLAR, a name change, groups and activities. All to qualify that I can do what I started out doing before I came here.

Maybe academia is overrated. I know many people that still think James Joyce is the devil, and Faulkner his imp. But think how many books they sold.

Think how many albums The Beatles sold without even being able to read music!

While learning and socializing surely make us more well-rounded individuals, is that the point?

College is fun, and it's home, and it makes me feel better and worse about myself at the same time.

-Tara Dellafranzia is a junior English major.

Sometimes journalists can make a difference

The best feeling in the world for a journalist is to receive feedback on an article they have written.

Whether this feedback is positive or negative—it doesn't matter. What matters is that someone somewhere read your article and was moved.



Donna Hurd

When I wrote my last article for The Phoenix I never dreamed that I would receive a phone call from Provost Sam Case before I even had a chance to pick up a copy of the new edition for myself.

The topic of the article was how difficult scheduling for classes was for the upcoming semester. I was even more shocked to find that Case was not upset about the article.

What he wanted was more feedback from me and some specifics so that he could help change scheduling problems in the future. He agreed that there was a problem and was ready to hear my suggestions on how to fix it.

As I have gone to work preparing a list for Case I still can't believe that I have been given this support from him. I must give credit where credit is due.

Provost Case proved to me that he really does care about student needs.

In the short time it took for him to take the initiative to pick up the phone and call me he has gained the respect of not only me but of all the students fed up with scheduling and their parents.

Provost Case has reminded me of the reasons that I wanted to become a journalist in the first place. By letting my opinion be known, I can make a change.

It may not happen with every single article I write, but even if it only happens once a year it is worth the time and effort put into each piece.

I have not written this article with the intention to only praise Provost Case for his actions and concern. I want to let people know that sometimes you can make a difference.

If you have strong opinions why not voice them? Who knows what response you may receive.

I just want to let everyone know that if you are considering a career in journalism you should jump in head-first and give it a shot. It may not always be a pleasant atmosphere.

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Who knows maybe someday the person on the other end of the phone line will be the first lady or even President of the United States.

I realize that is a stretch but hey, recently I have learned that anything and everything is possible.

-Donna Hurd is a junior English major.

Left sitting on the curb by unreliable WMC shuttle

Jessica Watson expresses her qualms with the shuttle service.

What is the problem with our shuttle service? Ask around campus, because everyone I know who has ventured onto the "Pickle" has had at least one horror story. I am a first-year student, having only traveled on the shuttle three times; I have been left behind each time.

It's almost ironic how some of the drivers pass out a schedule to each passenger before leaving the parking lot because they don't follow it. I have been left twice at Owings Mills with no way back to the campus, and just recently at Towne Mall.

I remember calling campus safety, all three times, and nothing was done. They give their routine line of "well, there's nothing we can do," which can't contact the driver now...we're sure the driver will be there in 30 minutes."

All of which I personally think is bullshit.

First because, there should be something you can do-- you're campus safety! I'm from the campus and I am not safe! If something were to happen to me while I was out in the middle of nowhere, who's fault would it be? Why don't we have two-way radios or something? I mean cell phones, walkie-talkies, anything!

There is no reason why WMC shouldn't go out of its way to ensure the safety of its students.

And they might as well just say

an hour wait as opposed to thirty minutes because obviously the shuttle has to finish making its rounds, get back to campus, and then go back out.

When I was left at Owings Mills the first time, I remember watching the bus go by in the distance. My friends and I tried our best to flag him down but obviously it didn't work. It never even stopped. It was

like "hey, isn't that the shuttle, far off in the distance? Where is it going?"

So we called campus safety, and we waited, and we waited, and we waited, and we waited. The second time, the bus never came. I remember because I was sitting outside of JCPenny's (where I was told to wait) and they had an "unwrap the chocolate bar and save" sale; that was my dinner by the way.

When I was picked up, I was told that the driver that dropped me off didn't write down that I was there on her clipboard. Guess that's not in the job description. After finally being picked up (after 1 1/2-2 hours of waiting in the dark), I grumbled

driver because I was frustrated.

I wanted to know how employees are recruited. Are they trained? Do they know how to fill out forms? How to wait five minutes? I want to know the whole nine yards, because there is no excuse for the poor transportation.

And as many complaints that go into campus safety when students are left, you would think



Jessica Watson

that something would be done to improve it.

You would think that after going through this situation twice I would have given up on the shuttle service altogether.

Just recently my friends and I went out to the Towne Mall to see a movie. I figured there was no way they could possibly miss us

this time because we're so close to the school.

We were told that we would be picked up right outside the theatre at 6:15 p.m.

At about 6:10 we were out of the theatre, standing inside where the eatery was. We all had a clear view of the parking lot. In fact, I was explaining to my friends (speaking from experience) to stick together so that we can all look out for the shuttle.

I told them that it has a tendency to leave people behind. At about 6:15 we watched the shuttle come and drive past our view about halfway, then turn to go down the parking lot.

At this point I was pretty much making my way out of the door and towards the parking lot, but by that time the shuttle was gone.

We did the whole "notify campus safety" bit and that pretty much did nothing. Funny thing is that before being dropped off the driver handed us a business card. It had the campus safety office number on it, which was obviously of no help. And it also had the number to Valley Club Company.

The card said that it costs approximately \$30 to take a taxi from Owings Mills or the Metro if you miss the last shuttle. My question is what if you just get left? Will the school foot the bill?

Meanwhile we were calling our friends for rides, but being Easter Weekend, most of them weren't home. So we were stuck there for

over an hour, as usual. As college students we have things to do.

We decide to take a 2-hour break from studying, and it ended up being 3-5 hours. It's stressful, especially when you're out at Owings Mills, and heaven forbid by yourself.

When the driver finally came back around, he/she claimed that they waited for five minutes. I made that the topic of our ride home, especially since I know what I saw and he/she might have slowed down a little, but there was no stop.

Afterwards I vented with my friends but I personally think I hold some kind of record for being left three times. That's a 100% "left rate," which shouldn't be at all. And there is always some excuse or a miscommunication or something.

The new driver didn't know that we were supposed to be picked up or we were at the wrong pick-up stop (we only go where we're told). I am writing this article because I want to warn students that they are taking a chance by riding the shuttle.

The only thing I am guilty of is trusting the shuttle enough to ride it a third time. Strike three, you're out.

~Jessica Watson is a freshman communications-graphic design major.

New music cannot be appreciated unless you give it a chance

Lindsay Hicks discusses the low attendance at the campus concert

Last Friday night, CAPboard hosted the Dropkick Murphys along with Pharcyde in an effort to raise money and bring a change of pace to the Western Maryland College active scene.

Due to the typical college student's overwhelming interest in bands like the Dave Matthews Band and close mindedness towards genres other than those featured on MTV and local radio stations, I figured that students here would be more willing to spend their extra cash on alcohol than they would on seeing an Irish punk band and rap group.

Unfortunately, I was correct in my assumptions. In fact, I was almost disappointed before the show had even begun because of the small crowd could never match the energy of past shows I have seen.

My spirits rose, however, when I caught glimpses of the red plaid and metal-clad fans that flooded the area in front of the stage around seven forty-five. My crew had arrived!

Lacking followers but not en-

ergy, Pharcyde went on for forty-five minutes and received a surprisingly positive response considering there were obviously not many people there to see them.

Then it happened. The Dropkick Murphys hit the stage and thus began one of the most memorable nights of my life. Halfway through their hour-long set I got the chance to stand on stage far enough to be spit on by a band member and in perfect view of the energetic fans who shouted every lyric back to the face of lead singer Al Barr.

Even though Gill Gymnasium was certainly not overflowing with people, the crowd of locals carried enough energy to help make this show about as passionate as the other two shows I have seen the Dropkick Murphys play. Only wish that more Western Maryland students could have participated in the dual-headlining concert so that CAPboard, concert committee leader Mary Lee Pence, and hardworking student volunteers could have been rewarded financially for their efforts.

However, as if thinking anybody else would agree, the events of the night made up for any initial disappointment.

After the last bagpipe tune was

played and the last of the Dropkick Murphys staggered out of the building, I went to the Garden Apartments and one of my dreams came true: I actually got the chance to hang out with the band.

After an incredible night, I walked back into my dark dorm room and stopped and said out loud, "If this is a dream, I am going to be so angry." I was convinced that something so unreal would never happen for me, especially at little Western Maryland College.

The only regret I had at the end of the night is for my fellow students who did not dig up twelve bucks in exchange for the chance to experience something different than ever before.

While it is perfectly fine for people to have differing musical taste than myself, I only wish that more students would have supported CAPboard's efforts and gained a new experience in the process. Oh and one last thought: Why is it that after being given the chance to vote for who plays at our school, only 92 tickets were sold to students?

~Lindsay Hicks is a freshman.

BJ Wagner tells it like it is regarding the reality tv series Survivor.

It doesn't get any better! Words cannot describe the feeling of relief I felt as I watched John get voted out of the tribe last Thursday evening. Don't get me wrong, I am no fan of Sean, but it was time for the tables to turn.

It was as if they didn't see it coming. Tammy's mouth dropped, as she was most likely thinking, "How'd that happen?" I suppose that had she given it some thought and done the math, she would have humbly sacrificed her immunity necklace for "leader John." Instead, poor little John went crying home to mommy that he didn't win the million dollars.

They set themselves up for it. During the immunity challenge, John, Robert, Zoe, and Tammy, in all their cockiness, hammered the nails into their own coffins.

How could the supposed "strongest, most powerful" four be so stupid as to not realize that five is greater than four? I suppose that Zoe, Tammy, and Robert saw big bad "leader John" being so cocky and followed suit. It seems as though one episode the tables turned, and now perhaps a deserving person will actually win the million.

Peter just set himself up to go from the start. I was amazed that Sarah lasted as long as she did, especially after her princess pride riding into the island on the raft. Rob doomed himself by talking too much. Not that he would've made it to the end, but he might have at least outlasted Sean, securing himself a spot on the jury. The most ridiculous vote-off was when Gina got the boot. If only they had taken the time to know her, perhaps they would have seen that she was definitely an asset to the tribe.

Regardless of whether they should or shouldn't have been voted off, nearly every one of them was smart enough to see it coming. John, on the other hand, thought he had it made in the shade. For a brief moment during the day, he was vulnerable. After his man-to-man talk with Paschal, he was all ego. He didn't realize that, being a judge and all, Paschal's verdict could end him.

Jeff Probst is always saying that "anything can happen," well something did happen! Neleh said, "we will beat them at their own game." I can't wait to see it. You can rest assured, I will be laughing the whole time.

~BJ Wagner is a senior communications-graphic design major.

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Point a finger at yourself before icons

While I am not really a fan of Britney Spears, I seriously doubt she is a symbol of impending doom.

Agree with me? If so, I would like to inform you that you and I might be alone. Recently, web sites have sprung up insinuating that Britney Spears and her teen-pop music are somehow the source, or at least a serious by-product, of all that is wrong in



Michael Wiles

America, and that Spears is somehow directly to blame for the "dumbing" of our culture.

Sadly, this is what it has come down to. Since it is politically incorrect to blindly blame races and ethnic groups for society's ills these days, we have begun to single out individuals that seem like good targets—the

more random the target, it would seem, the better.

It disturbs me that people are serious about this (and, moreover, that people have enough free time to create entire web-sites about it). If we are really interested in examining what is wrong with our society today, and by that I mean globally, let us at least look at the facts.

We, as a people, have stop trying to understand each other.

I don't care how much we might pretend

If we are really interested in examining what is wrong with our society today, and by that I mean globally, let us at least look at the facts.

to be open-minded, we are really just a society of one-man (or women) shows, and, what is more, we each actually believe the spotlight is only on us. This, I am afraid to say, is not true.

To this same end, we have become way more apathetic than sympathetic. For every person who thinks homeless people are all crazy and dangerous is another reason there will always be homeless people, if not also another reason that there will always be crazy and dangerous people.

Key cards: an inconvenience to students

Dan Hamvas remarks on the unjust demands expected with key cards.

I'm only trying to ask those questions that are on quite a few peoples' minds, (they just never make that extra effort of turning to the public with them). This time I'd like to venture to unravel the incomprehensible mystery of the Charlson Lab. More specifically: the secret of the key cards.

Yes, I still have my own computer, but sometimes I happen to have to work there (remember? The Internet sucks in my dorm but not in the literal sense of the word). Now I'm the type of guy who really hates to be bothered while he is working.

But guess what it still happens, as when the books go to sleep in the library, Campus Safety comes around and after asking for key cards, if I'm not in possession of the high-tech magnetic open-see-me, I get politely thrown out... along with a whole bunch of people eager to get homework done. Now, I'm not blaming Campus Safety. They are just doing their job they get paid for. It's the job itself that doesn't fit into my sense of logic.

Let's suppose I do understand why we need a key card to get into the lab at certain hours of the day, not that I do, but let's suppose. Cause what is the deal there? Are they afraid that somebody might steal a computer or something?

Hello! Is the safety line on those machines fake or just out of order. I mean wouldn't it be kind of suspicious if someone walked out of Charlson with a monitor under his arms: Hello! Oh, this big cubic object? It's the Bible.

You can't exactly conceal a PC with your jacket. Humans usually don't have square, sticking-out body parts. It's still a mystery for me, why we need a key card to BE in the lab as the bouncer-line goes. You are not supposed to be in here without a key-card after the library closes. Supposing you got

in when the lab was still open why do you have to leave when it closes if you don't have a key-card? You're already in for Christ's sake, and the lab key is functionally opening the door (I'm not sure if we learn it right in Hungary, but there is a widespread belief that a key is a door-opening device).

If you had to verify your identity why wouldn't it be enough to flash your ID? Most people with WMC IDs are not likely to attempt stealing PCs and accessories and let's put our hands on our hearts: not even the ID thing would be necessary; this is a ridiculously small campus. Campus Safety knows us by smell; they can tell your class by the type of your book bag, right? Or why can't we simply use our ID cards as keys to get into the lab? I believe our library bar-code could be well used for that (say what? That it's not safe, because people lose ID's?

Sure, but in case it ran unnoticed: most people have acquired the evolutionary stage of necessary cerebral activity and cultural empathy where they are capable of overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles, such as closed doors.

Knocking is a perfect solution to cure the lack of key cards. And might I also humbly remark, that if someone is desperate to get into the lab to steal a computer, he will find a way—easiest of them being: getting a hold of a key-card).

But let's approach the need for key cards from another angle: the ridiculous opening hours of the lab. Who can give me a fair reason why the lab has to close when the library does (or before)?

As opposed to some people believe: life does not stop at midnight. And it damn sure does not stop at 7 PM in Jan term, or even earlier during break.

A lot of people prefer night hours to work, chat or check e-mail—why are they prevented from setting up their own schedule by nonsense closing times?

And why should out-of-semester time affect my habits of hooking myself on the

More to the point, while I am sure some homeless people are indeed unstable, I am also sure that is somehow the fault of the rest of us.

Hate to preach, so I will stop now. Besides, I have digressed from my point (assuming I had one to begin with).

If people among us are actually interested in helping their fellow man, I think it is time they get away from their computers (the "idiot-box" sponsor of our generation) and their self-serving, random blame and change things.

I am tired of people who sit idle and throw blame about without trying to take action, if only because I think I do the job better than anyone else.

As for Ms. Spears, I will admit that she is a bad role model for young women, but I still believe she is mostly harmless. In fact, I think she just might be more socially evolved than most people in one important way.

As my fictional hero Tyler Durden once said, we are all merely "the all singing, all dancing crap of the world."

Britney Spears seems to have a good handle about this universal truth, and at least she is profiting from it. For this I applaud her, but for that alone: like I said, I really am not much of a fan.

~Mike Wiles is a junior English major.

Internet?

And finally, may I remind everyone how expensive a key card is? 25 cents an hour, if overdue? What the hell? That's rather discouraging for retards like I am, who can lose various items temporarily inside their 3x4 college-cave, and take a shower in a Nike Air.

I lose things all the time, and forget other little things that are due. The key cards would be no exception so I refrain from checking one out as much as I can.

Okay, here's where the complaining stops. Honest to God, I'm not trying to start a revolution. But it would be damned nice if someone who is in possession of the answers would care to enlighten me.

Because what really bothers me is not as much the key card itself, as the situation not making any human sense. Expecting an answer from someone smarter than me, like the seamen lost in the mist expects the signal of a lighthouse.

~Dan Hamvas is a junior communication major.

Do you have an opinion? If so, respond in the form of a letter to the editor. You may contact Commentary Editor Erin Romanski at x8060 or Assistant Commentary Editor Donna Hurd at x8091 for further details.

Ungung Hero: Clement Ho, the "Ignorance Avenger"

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He prowls the stacks late at night, hunting down clueless students. His small stature and simple sweater-and-khakis attire don't set him apart from other library patrons, but he is every college student's dream: a nocturnal reference librarian who is passionate about doing research.

For Clement Ho, evening reference librarian, helping students and professors make the best use of Western Maryland College's Hoover Library in the hours after sunset comes naturally, because he has an aversion to mornings.

"I'm a night person," Ho said. "I hate mornings - morning light is harsh, colder. This job is perfect, because I don't have to wake up with an alarm clock."

However, after four years at WMC, Ho is ready to move on. On June 3 he will start his new position as a reference instruction librarian at American University in Washington, D.C. Ho said he has enjoyed working at WMC, but is ready to be nearer to the city.

Until mid-May, Ho will continue to work the evening shift at Hoover Library from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday during the school year, which is great for students because that's when they are usually available to come to the library, Ho said.

He believes that part of his job is to make sure that students get help, whether they seek it from him or not. "I'll see students who are obviously struggling, and yet they don't come to me and ask for help," Ho said. "So I go to them [and offer help]. If students would just

ask, there's so much we [the librarians] could tell them."

Sophomore Erin Cullison has first-hand experience with how helpful Ho can be to students who wait until the last minute to do research for a project. "I'm a procrastinator," she said. "When I need the info, I need it then and I need it in quantity."

When Cullison came to Ho one evening last year for help on a first-year seminar project due the next day, he took her around the lower level of the library and showed her how to find books on the shelves. He also helped her look up some information on-line, so that she was able to get her paper together on time.

But beyond helping her succeed on her assignment, Ho also taught her how to use the library and she has not really needed to ask a librarian for help since then, even though she does about four major research projects per semester, Cullison said.

"He got me an 'A' on my project, and I was done," Cullison said. "I should send him flowers or something." For Ho, working with the students and having a chance to know them on a first-name basis has been one of the best parts of working at WMC.

He fears that American, with 11,000 students, won't offer the same opportunities. "The [WMC] students are nice - a quality one takes for granted - but it's rare," he said.

Born in Hong Kong, Ho moved to Alberta, Canada when he was 8,

and attended both undergraduate and graduate programs at the University of Alberta. Ho holds two



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bachelor's degrees in art history and Chinese literature and language, as well as two master's degrees in comparative literature and library information science, all from the University of Alberta.

However, Ho said that going to library school was really a last-second decision for him. He was in the final year of his comparative literature degree when a friend suggested that he become a librarian. So, Ho went back to school. "I was trying to put off joining the real world as long as possible," he joked.

Ho came to WMC in January 1998, and considers this his first "real" job. However, he said he worked as a research assistant for the University of Alberta, so library work was not new to him. Although he looked at colleges all

over the country, he chose WMC because he thought the campus and library were beautiful, and he believes that aesthetic appeal is important for a productive work life. "WMC has a really pretty library," Ho said. "I ruled out any place that was really ugly."

Ho said he has never received any formal recognition for his work at WMC, but he has been interviewed several times by students, although he was unsure if any of the interviews had been published.

"He's wonderful—a great resource—and under appreciated," said Mary Bendel-Sims, associate professor of English. "He is also a thoughtful, kind, and interesting person."

Bendel-Sims, who named one of her two young daughters after American author Flannery O'Connor, appreciates that Ho makes her interesting articles on the author when he comes across them. She said he has also helped her find ways to conduct research from her home computer so that she can spend more time with her family.

Ho's most well known quality is his dedication to excellence. Ho and former co-worker James Feagin, another librarian, taught a Jan Term course together last year, O'Feagin said.

"Perhaps it's very bad of me, but I'm amused by how terribly earnest Clement can be when he's teaching his sessions. He works so hard to have his lessons and exercises planned just perfectly, while I tend to be more relaxed about it," Feagin said.

Professors, as well as students, have appreciated Ho's commit-

ment. Lauren Dundes, assistant professor of sociology, said that Ho frequently goes beyond the expected to give her the best help he can.

"Once I asked him to help me find needed reference material for a project," she said. "He emailed me some information but apologized for not giving me as complete a list of citations and web sites as he would have liked to, given that he was about to leave the country on vacation the following day. But to my surprise, next time I checked my email, he had in fact compiled extensive additional data—which had been sent by him at 5 a.m.!"

Ho takes this praise in stride, explaining that he just loves helping people. "It's intellectually stimulating and challenging," he said. "I'd go crazy without working with people."

But for many, Ho is more than just a quiet man with excellent research skills. Nykole Tyson, a senior communication major from St. Croix, gives him credit for helping her adjust to the U.S. and figure out what she needed to do to write college level papers.

"I went to Clement and he helped me brainstorm topics to write about and then he helped me in using all the library's resources," she said.

"Whenever he saw me he would ask about my progress with the paper, offering his help if needed [...] He has helped me with resume tips, cover-letter structuring and even ideas for the college on-line magazine I am pursuing. Clement is more than just a librarian. He is a lifesaver."

WMC community bids farewell to David Neikirk

From directing building renovations to free-net, Neikirk has done it all and is ready to move on

HEATHER WEISS
Staff Writer

He saw Hoover Library through its building renovation. The information explosion and library automation happened on "his watch." He introduced the free-net email system and the internet to the campus community. And now, David Neikirk is ready to retire.

The 62-year old librarian was hired as director of library services in 1987 because of his experience with library reconstruction at the University of Delaware. Neikirk said the challenge of bringing WMC into the 21st century was one he couldn't turn down despite the fact that his wife and two daughters didn't want to leave their Newark, Delaware home.

"The challenge has been incredible," said Neikirk, "a really interesting experience. Just look around - look at the technology. It's really quite wonderful."

So for the past 15 years, Neikirk lived in an apartment in Westminster during the week and spent weekends with his family at

his home in Newark. According to Neikirk, he never missed a faculty event - or neglected his WMC duties.

In the beginning of his term at WMC, Neikirk spent most of his time directing the building renovations, doing everything from interviewing architects and addressing community concerns to designing a budget for the library renovation. His goal? Building it as big as he could get away with.

But after the building dedication in 1991, Neikirk's concerns turned toward technology and service to the WMC community.

He introduced the internet to Hoover Library by forging a cooperative agreement with Carroll County Public Libraries and bringing Sailor, one of the first dial-access internet services (which used a links browser), to campus.

Recently, Neikirk acquired a web license and a proxy server for the library which allows students to access school-sponsored resources from off-campus computers.

And, of course, he oversaw the transition from the manual check-out system to an automated one and the creation of Hoover's web page in 1995.

Neikirk's coworkers describe him as goal-oriented, supportive and open to new ideas. What will they miss most about their director? His infectious sense of humor and willingness to jump into any crisis situation.

"Any time I felt overwhelmed - an AV delivery went wrong or there was broken equipment and a professor had a class full of students waiting for it to work - he would help," said Lois Zymsanski, Neikirk's assistant. "Dave would say there's nothing on fire, nobody's died... and this is what we need to do."

James Feagin, who previously was one of WMC's reference librarians and is now the director of library services at Hagerstown Community College, credits Neikirk for forming better relations between library staff and the campus community.

"He always encouraged us to spend more time talking to faculty members and students in any setting - not just purely work or study," said Feagin.

"He has been willing to create or reconsider old policies and procedures any time doing so showed the possibility of improving our services."

According to Feagin, library staffers attended all faculty meetings, accepted any committee appointments they were offered, attended as many campus events as possible and even ate lunch with a variety of people.

So what's next for Neikirk? He's going back to Newark and plans to enjoy retirement - whatever it may bring. He won't, however, miss his long commute.

"I don't care if I never see the Beltway again!" Neikirk joked.

As far as his WMC career goes, Neikirk said that he has no regrets. "I've been able to accomplish



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pretty much everything I set out to do, thanks to solid support from the college administration and the hard work and dedication of the library staff," said Neikirk.

A search committee, headed by Dean Samuel Case and composed of several faculty members, administrators and an affirmative action expert, are currently interviewing candidates for Neikirk's successor.



Diversity Day:



Learning more about cultures across the globe and tasting the breads of the world

TAMMI SLATER

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Exposing yourself to different cultures and experiencing all types of people is what WMC's Diversity Day 2002 was all about. The event, sponsored by the Multicultural Student Association was held the week of April 8-12.

Beginning on Monday, there was an event called "Frankjazz Band" where Washingtonian Frank Agbro blended Nigerian rock, Caribbean influences, African rhymes, elements of jazz, and his own life story. On Tuesday, Helaine Gitomer spoke on the "Diversity of Relationships". This workshop enabled students to look at their own relationships through the use of fables. Other events throughout the week included a multicultural showcase, a "intuition workshop", and rhythms of the world on WMC where diversity by the sound of music is explored.

However, throughout the week one of the most promoted events for Diversity Week was on Thursday, where held in Red Square various clubs, organizations, and groups set up their tables to help students learn about different cultures and backgrounds. The event, titled "Diverse Delights/Breads of the World", involved groups such as the Allies, the Spanish Club, the Black Student Union, the Hispano-Latino Alliance, and many more, plus the main attraction, a table set up offering various kinds of delicious breads from around the world to taste.

The Hispano-Latino Alliance, displayed different past and upcoming events their group has. Run by President and senior Maribel Calderon this group displayed different past and upcoming events their group has held. Calderon said, "Our purpose is to promote Hispanic culture." The organization held one of their final events on April 20. It was a community service project called Latino Transitional Housing Partnership. Participating in this event was very gratifying for the members, such as Vice President Faniska Lopez-Gonzalez and Secretary Mayra Vasquez, because their duties consisted of providing housing for Latino families who aren't economically stable. The members clean, and refurbish the houses and give the families a place to live while ad-



Carolyn Wanga (right), graduate assistant for Multicultural Services, serves up the many breads of the world.

justing to the American way of life.

Another group present at the event was the Spanish Club. President Enrique Maqueda explained that through this group "We try to speak in Spanish the majority of the time and learn something about the culture."

The Black Student Union, run by senior President Maya Redfearn, displayed the group's strong ties to their ethnicity and desire to promote its message to other students on campus. Redfearn stated that, "BSU is a support system. It is family oriented and allows me to be myself and not have anyone judge me for anything."

Throughout the school year, BSU has hosted events such as Black History Month, and the recent "Essence of Time" fashion show. Also, the group holds formal every year, and the upcoming event on May 1, "The Celebration of Women."

Senior member Jamila Connor, from St. Thomas, explained what being involved in the BSU has meant to her. "BSU has given me a chance to share my heritage, the Caribbean culture, with the school. It has allowed me to show people there is more to being black than being African-American." Due to Connor's strong involvement and promotion, in the future a Caribbean Culture display will be added to the BSU program.

While students sit in class everyday with people of different heritages and ethnicities all around them, many often do not fully understand their significance, history, meaning, or contributions. Events such as Diversity Day work to bring students together and as Jewish storyteller and guest speaker Jennier Rudick says, "Show the importance of other groups besides your own personal one."

Spring Fling Schedule

Tuesday, April 23	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Forum 12:00-5:00 pm
	Acoustic Duo: Jeff and Pete of the Pub	9:00 pm
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Wednesday, April 24	BINGO	Forum 8:00 pm
Thursday, April 25	24 Hour Rock-a-thon: Benefits the National Kidney Foundation	Red Square 12:00 pm
Friday, April 26	Video Dance Party	Forum 9:00 pm
Saturday, April 27	SPRING FLING DAY	Quad
	Rock Wall, Bouncy Boxing, Obstacle Course	1:30-7:30 pm
	Fantasy Digital Imaging	2:00-6:00 pm
	Dixie Whirly Bird	2:30-6:30 pm
	Character Artist	3:30-7:30 pm
	Acoustic Guitarist: Shari Richards	3:45-5:30 pm
	Dinner (picnic outside)	4:45-6:30 pm
	Juggler/Comedian: Hilby the German Juggler	6:00-7:30

60 Seconds

What is your favorite part about

Spring Fling?

By Lindsay Hicks

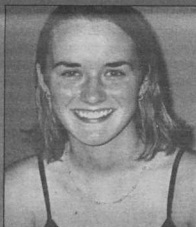


Ditching work and playing with friends in the quad.

Nicole Nickerson 03
English



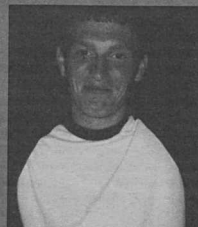
Not remembering it at all.
Sandi Carney 04
Bio-Chemistry



Spending a care-free fulfilled day with my friends
Julie Ogrysko 04
Business Economics



Getting drunk in the quad.
Alex Garcia 04
Art & Communications



It's the one time of the year when everyone gets together no matter if they are a sorority, fraternity, or independent, they all have a good time together.
Tom Fogerty 04
Graphic Design

The Journal: Hosting someone for Minority Student Weekend



ARNELLE QUASHIE

Minority student weekend hosts, helpers and prospective students take a group shot for the memory books.



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Above: Fern, a prospective student, poses for a picture with her host Janice Lalanang.
Left: Brad Walker shows another prospective student how to walk the walk in the newspaper fashion show.

ARNELLE QUASHIE

Staff Writer

Dear Journal,

I was reminiscing about the time that I came to WMC for Minority Student Weekend. The weekend is sponsored by Multicultural Services and attracts minority students who have been accepted as a way to further promote the campus and give them an idea of what college life is like.

I almost didn't come because I wasn't sure whether or not this was going to be the right school for me. Let's just say by the end of the weekend I met and spoke to so many people that I knew I would be coming here. I had such a good time that weekend that I could not wait to host a student.

April 13 came so fast I found myself waiting anxiously to meet my student. I couldn't stop thinking about whether or not the person I would be hosting was shy,

quiet, or both (and we all now I am not a shy and quiet person). It felt like forever before she walked into McDaniel Lounge with her dad. She didn't say much and I was worried already.

The day started with and ice-

ater-communications major. I was there to partake in Maya's workshop and it was just as lively as she is, we also got to see the humorous side of the students.

After the workshops were finished we all regrouped in the fo-

high school students spoke every one in a while. As WMC students we were able to reveal the truth of how we felt about the school but also reminded these young women that they cannot base their decision soul on what we say because other

was no different from inside. People were trying to keep cool but it was not happening unless you had walk-in freezer out side. The party ended at 2 a.m., but people started leaving early because it was so hot and they were tired from dancing so much.

Waking up Sunday morning was a killer, but it was done. By the time we got dressed and got out table in Glar people were filling out evaluation forms and had their bags ready to go. The worst part of the weekend was the time of goodbyes.

The time went by so fast. I had such a good time with my students and the others. We took group pictures, helped out students bring their belongings to the admissions office and headed over to Alumni Hall for Admitted Students Day. One thing I know is that this campus is going to have a very high spirited class of '06, and that alone brings a smile to my face.

April 13th came so fast I found myself waiting anxiously to meet my student.

breaker of "Have you ever?" Followed by a chat from Dean O'Connell, Dean Sayre, Dean Horneff, and Liz Towle of Residence Life.

I had to leave for and RA training but the day went on. The students had some of Glar's finest brunch then broke up into smaller groups to academic workshops lead by Mary Grace Almazred from multicultural services, Professor Harlow from the Sociology Department, and Maya Redfearn, a the-

rum and played some unity games, which consisted of a toilet paper relay, egg on a spoon race, and newspaper fashion show. It was 5:15 and everyone was ready for a break. The students wanted somewhere to relax and talk so Tonya Condel, Nikki Worrell, Cindy Jones, Kristal Johnson, Jessica Watson and myself decided to go to my suite. We took a seat in the commons area and had the most heart to heart group conversations; well the hosts mostly talked but the

people might feel differently about it. Our stomachs were growling so we headed over to the PDR and had dinner where WMC alumni and current students got to speak to the entire group about their experience at WMC.

All the students were looking forward to the BSU pajama party that night. People were dancing and laughing, but it was so hot in the clubroom that the party was out side. When you went outside to cool down some the temperature

The Altruists: the comedy that offends almost everyone

HEATHER WEISS

Staff Writer

Warning: an off-the-wall comedy to offend absolutely everyone. And it does.

It doesn't matter how liberal you consider yourself to be - "The Altruists," this spring's main stage presentation by the WMC theater department, will find some way to offend you, shock you and disgust you. But you'll laugh. And, if you react as Director Josh Selzer hopes, you'll leave the theater feeling strangely enlightened.

"If people don't look beyond the surface, they'll be thoroughly offended," said Selzer, WMC arts manager. "But if you look below the surface you can't deny that the characters are, in a way, all of us. The show just uses exaggeration to point that out."

Exaggeration may be an understatement. Take a self-absorbed soap opera star, a left-wing activist who protests for the sake of protesting (and can't seem to be faithful to his girlfriend), a "bad" lesbian and her volatile partner, a male prostitute from Montana, a homosexual social worker looking for love, throw in some drugs, a gun and a dead body - you can only imagine the plot twists.

While the comedy, written by Nicky Silver, is not appropriate for minors or those opposed to foul language (there's a lot) - or those opposed to sex on t.v. (the whole show takes place in three separate bedrooms...) it's hysterical. And it will make you think.

It may even leave you, as an audience member stated, speechless. The one and a half hour show is one of the smallest ensemble pieces presented at the college in

found that the role of Sydney significantly stretched her acting talents.

"She is not a normal character!" said Catalino. "Performing this role is so hard because I want to do it so well. The character has big movements and very different vocal qualities..."

Not to mention memorizing the lines. During the first part of the show, Sydney rambles on for ten minutes about... well, herself. Al-

social worker, spends a good portion of the first act in "sugar daddy" boxers. Mike Pitsikoulis, a junior theater major who plays Lance, struts around the stage in - well, you'll have to go see. Just imagine what a male prostitute from Montana would be wearing...

The costume design can be credited to Joy Thomas, a 2001 graduate from WMC. While the script dictated basic black costumes for most of the characters, Thomas

"It was a lot of fun to costume because the characters are so distinct and different from each other..." she said.

And the characters are very different, from both each other and from minute-to-minute. Matt Demos, a sophomore math major, plays Ethan, a Cassanova - turned political radical - turned Cassanova - turned political radical... well, you get the idea. Most of the characters have split-second emotional changes. But that's reality, isn't it?

J.S. Adkins, who portrays Audrey, Cybil's abusive partner, is the least-offensive character in the show and has the most difficult on-stage challenge. But you'll have to go see the play.

And it's certainly worth your \$3. You probably won't know what to say when you walk out of the theater - the audience was so jolted on opening night they didn't even know the show had ended. You'll probably be offended. But hopefully, you'll be strangely enlightened.

The show runs April 26-28 at 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Tickets are \$3 for WMC students and seniors and \$5 for general admission.

- You'll leave the theatre feeling strangely enlightened -

recent memory. With only six characters, the show required an intensive rehearsal schedule (six or seven rehearsals a week since spring break) and a close-knit, cohesive cast.

Incidentally, only one cast member is a theater major. Sophomore communication major, Lahna Catalino, portrays Sydney in the show, an overbearing soap opera star with a passion for mind-altering substances, fad diets and, well, herself.

At first, Catalino was nervous about some of the more intimate or outlandish actions her character required her to perform on-stage. A veteran at the WMC stage, Catalino

though Catalino's worst fear was that she'd forget the lines during her monologue, she seemed to perform it effortlessly on opening night.

In fact, the show seemed to move very smoothly during the debut performance. The characters were vivid and despite the inclination to be flat and cartoon-like, very real.

The actors seemed to enjoy their roles and were at home on the stage - even in their underwear. All of the costume changes (and unchanges) take place right in front of the audience.

Junior Hendrik Lammers, who plays Ronald, the distraught gay

said she had fun adding unique touches like rainbow belt buckles, gold buttons and political slogans to t-shirts.

Freshman French/art history dual major, Nora Pettit, who portrays Cybil, undoubtedly has the most athletic role in the show. The political - almost schizophrenic - "neurotic" lesbian activist constantly bounces around the set in her glittery "black power" t-shirt - a Thomas original.

While most of the costume pieces were bought, Thomas decorated everything and altered them to fit each actor. Thomas said that because "Altruists" is less realistic, she had some artistic freedom.

Contrast coffeehouse showcases "Umbra" and photo contest winners

JESSICA WATSON
Features Editor

Professor Kathy Mangan, the faculty advisor for Contrast literary magazine, encouraged the staff to "enjoy the fruits of your labor" last Wednesday at the opening of the coffeehouse for Umbra, Contrast 2002.

The theme for this issue is shadows; according to Umbra, without shadow, there is no light. It was an art show, photography show, and a coffeehouse in one. On display around the room were all of the artistic pieces that were submitted as well as the winners of the photography contest sponsored by Contrast. Junior Tammy Slater won first place for her photo "Possibility," a walkway surrounded by trees and dancing with shadows.

"When I first saw the photo, I knew that it was going to win first place," said Matt McGowan, editor in chief. Slater also knew that there was something special about this photo.

"It was the first picture I took when I started photography," said Slater. "The subject is actually

only five minutes away from my house. I always passed it, then I decided that I would use it for my first assignment." Slater was very pleased with the results. "It turned out really great and I was happy."

Second place went to a photo entitled "Without an end" by Jay

missions, which is three times more than they had last year. "We did a lot of advertising to get people to submit," said McGowan. "This magazine has more people and it is more diverse in terms of styles and themes."

"It is one of our strongest magazines," said Mangan, "and one of the most handsome. We have a lot more photography than we've ever had and it's error-free, which really means a lot."

Umbra can already be found hot off the press at the information desk in Decker College Center, but Mangan is also looking forward to having it somewhere else. Because "the magazine looks very professional and represents the highest quality," some copies will also be given to the admissions office to show to prospective students.

If anyone is interested in writing for Contrast for the 2002-2003 school year, please see Professor Kathy Mangan or call Matt McGowan at ext. 8359. If you have the talent, put it on display with Contrast.



"Possibility," a photo taken by junior Tammy Slater, won first place in the Contrast photo contest.

Levy. Monica Davis won third place for her photo "Sunset at Gill." Honorable mentions went to Courtney Federoff and Alicia Miller.

McGowan also allotted some time to express his satisfaction with Umbra. "I am extremely proud of it," McGowan said. "When I took over at the beginning of the year, I was nervous about living up to the high standards, but this is one of the best that the staff has ever put out." For this issue alone Contrast received approximately 150 sub-

TAMMY SLATER

Movie: The Rookie hits a homerun

EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS &
MATTHEW HURFF
Co-Editors-in-Chief

For some times there is nothing better than a movie about baseball.



There are the timeless classics of *Bull Durham*, *The Natural*, and *Field of Dreams*. Then there are the other movies, while not classics, are good baseball movies in their own rights - *For Love of the Game*, *A League of Their Own*, and *Major League*. *The Rookie*, starring Dennis Quaid (above), is a member of the latter.

Quaid stars as Tampa Bay Devil Ray lefty Jim Morris and the movie details his baseball career from little league to finally making it to the major leagues. While this is a typical story in Hollywood films, the movie is actually based on Morris' real life.

Amazingly, he has found that he can now throw in excess of 98

mph, a stark contrast when he was younger and could only throw in the mid-80s. While I know that this is possible I felt that on other aspects of the movie, Disney Films embellished a bit. They tried to make the movie even more family oriented, which can be exhibited in the G-rating that the movie received.

But, even though I did worry about the movie being less "real" than it should be, I did find myself smiling throughout the movie - mainly because in some cases the movie touched parts of my life as well, being as I have played baseball for more than half my life, and if you have played baseball as well, then it will do the same to you.

This is a good baseball movie, but not a great movie in itself. The supporting acting is all right, but nothing to write home about. Like *For Love of the Game*, it tries to intertwine a baseball movie with a romance - although it does not do as good of a job.

If you like baseball, then go see *The Rookie*. If you don't, then you might find yourself bored in the movie's nostalgia. Overall, a decent movie worth seeing with your buds, or your significant other.

Grade: B

Hurff:

Before going to see *The Rookie* I had mixed thoughts - I generally enjoy sports movies, especially baseball ones. However, I was worried that Walt Disney Films would turn the story into a very corny, overly sentimental film.

The film did have many of those moments, but after watching the film I do not think they were overdone - but they were close.

At certain points I sensed that they had added onto the real-life story to make the film more entertaining, which is to be expected. However, those places were a little too obvious for my taste.

Meanwhile, Dennis Quaid did a good job portraying Morris, even though I could not imagine him throwing a 98-mile-per-hour fastball. However, some of the other actors were not very good. That is to be expected with the size of the cast and the range of ages that were brought into the movie though.

Despite this, the film was generally pretty good, especially since I am such a sucker for baseball movies.
Grade: B-

Restaurant Review: Model airplanes and good food too



MICHAEL VYSKOCIL

Bullock's Airport Inn is just the place to satisfy your appetite.

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
Staff Writer

Hearing the roar of an airplane in the sky might make you look up. Or it may lead you to a place where the smell of breaded chicken permeates the air and the buffet is full of home-style specialties. Bullock's Airport Inn, located at 130 Airport Drive, off Route 97 North in Westminster, is just the place to satisfy your appetite. Every day, the restaurant dishes up "stick-to-your-ribs" fare, from mashed potatoes with gravy to fried chicken and pork chops. And with a daily, all-you-can-eat buffet, you're guaranteed a great meal for only a few dollars.

Stepping into Bullock's for the first time, you might notice the model airplanes and blimps hanging from the ceiling. That's because the restaurant is located steps away from the Carroll County Airport in the Westminster Air Business Center. The place is renowned among air-delivery pilots, commuting business people, and Sunday church groups, who keep the place buzzing with activity on weekdays and weekends.

In addition, Bullock's also has spacious banquet room facilities available for birthday parties, rehearsal dinners, reunions, business dinners, and other functions. As I dropped by Bullock's one Sunday for lunch, I was very impressed with the buffet selections. Glazed, oven-roasted ham, steaming tureens of homemade soup, and breaded chicken, Bullock's specialty, were laid out in a lavish display. The breaded chicken looked so enticing, that I had to try a few pieces. If you've ever eaten fried chicken, breaded chicken is something that you have to try. Whereas frying is usually done in oil in a deep-fat fryer, broasting takes place in a pressure-cooker filled with canola oil. This method not only introduces flavor into the meat, but also allows large quantities of chicken to be cooked at one time.

With a caramelized, crunchy exterior and a juicy, flavorful interior, Bullock's specialty, Broasted Chicken, is a very delicious lunch-time bite.

Bullock's buffet is truly all-you-can-eat. And the prices are very reasonable. Monday through Friday's lunch buffet ranges in price from \$4.95 for soup-and-salad selections to \$6.95 for soup-salad-and-hot-buffet selections. The buffet is also open for weekday dinners, as well as for weekend breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.

If lunch sandwiches are more to your liking, the lunch menu contains a selection of familiar favorites. Hamburgers and deli sandwiches will do, but for a really fulfilling lunch, try a savory sandwich of hot roast beef with gravy and French fries. The juicy pieces of meat are greatly enhanced by a brown gravy that elevates this sandwich above typical deli meat sandwiches. Or you can sample another one of Bullock's specialties, the Pit Beef Sandwich. One bite and you'll understand why it has become the restaurant's signature sandwich.

And, after a trip or two or three to the buffet, if you have any capacity left, you might just want to select a treat for dessert. Milk shakes, ice cream, pie and cake will easily round off your lunch at Bullock's. So, go ahead, enjoy that slice of Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter Icing, or that piece of Chocolate Meringue Pie as you watch the airplanes land and take off from the windows of the main dining room. And don't forget to ask for a few pieces of breaded chicken to carry back to campus with you.

Bullock's Airport Inn is a great place to enjoy home-cooked favorites in a casual dining atmosphere. But be warned: the place fills up rather quickly, so come early if you want to secure a seat and fill your plate at the buffet. Bullock's does accept reservations and lunch orders by fax (410) 857-9367.

So, the next time you're in the mood for some traditional, home-style fare, take a short ride to Route 97 North to 130 Airport Drive, Bullock's Airport Inn. It is open Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (410) 857-4417 or fax (410) 848-1181.

The Best Darn Sports Column Period

The Best Darn Sports Column Period takes a look into the wide world of sports. If there is a topic which **Chris Taugher** and **Steve Zamagias** disagree on (which is usually every topic), they both express their views in a Chris vs. Steve debate. Views expressed in this column do not reflect the opinions of The Phoenix. Chris and Steve may not always be right, but they always think they are.

Chris vs. Steve: NBA Playoffs

Steve:

We have heard all year about how the East is no match for the West and how the Lakers are still the favorites to win it all. And after looking at the final standings, it isn't hard to see why people think the East is inferior with teams like New Jersey, Detroit and Boston at the top rivaled with Sacramento, Los Angeles and Dallas in the West. Perhaps the lack of faith in the Eastern teams comes from the shock of seeing these three teams and not New York, Miami or Milwaukee.

The most intriguing match-up in the first round is Boston versus Philadelphia and Pierce versus Iverson. These two teams provide not only the conference's two most prolific scorers, but also two teams who accomplished what they did with an identical formula of strong team defense and opportunistic offense.

Is it a coincidence then that the league has stretched this series out over 14 days in a blatant attempt to see Iverson recover from his fractured wrist? Nonetheless, look for the Celtics to persevere and end up in an Eastern final with New Jersey. Out in the West, no team is hotter than the Sacramento Kings and that is why they will outlast the Mavericks and even the Lake Show. Chris,

I know how sad you were to see Rick Fox lose all that slick hair of his. Sorry buddy, I don't smell a three-peat for him and the Lakers.

Chris:

The hair comment was funny but Steve, there is going to be a three-peat. Everyone is looking for some team to dethrone the Lakers, but it's not going to happen. Who is it this year, the Kings? The Spurs? How about the Mavericks?

Those teams are better and they each had a big win against the Lakers this year but that is the point.

They had a big win. You need four big wins to knock them out of the playoffs. No team can give the Lakers four losses in a seven game series.

The only team that can beat the Lakers is the Lakers (I checked the brackets and the Lakers do play the Lakers this post season). Los Angeles has won 11 of its last 15 games. Shaq and Kobe are clicking on all cylinders. Not to mention, that in his last nine regular season games,

O'Neal was 70 for 99 (.707) from the free-throw line. This means trouble for the rest of the Western Conference.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot about the Eastern Conference. Umm...it doesn't matter who comes out of the East. The Lake show is destined for a third straight title.

Chris vs. Steve: NHL Playoffs

Steve:

Chris, let's get serious. Who cares? I will only watch Olympic hockey.

Chris:

I'll be honest I do not watch a lot of regular season hockey, but I do enjoy the play-

offs. Steve, give the game a break man, just because you can't skate that doesn't mean you have to hate on those who can.

The NHL playoffs are exciting because every series is extremely competitive. I mean what is better than seeing a game seven decided by an overtime goal?

I like the best-of-seven series in the first round, and I am glad the NBA is going back to that format next year. If you want me to take a shot in the dark I will. Colorado will once again hold up Lord Stanley's Cup when they beat the Flyers.

Chris vs. Steve: Tiger Woods

Chris:

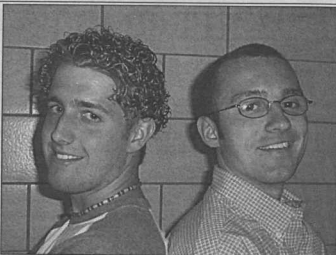
Tiger Woods won his third green jacket two Sundays ago at Augusta. The course was supposed to be "tiger proof" when it was lengthened a couple hundred feet, but Woods still managed to win his seventh major by three strokes. CBS golf commentator Jim Nantz put it best when he said, "Like in most major championships, there are many challengers to Woods, but none the equal." He was right.

I don't know what else to say besides, Tiger is the man.

I think he can and will break Nicklaus' record of 18 major championships.

He is an incredible competitor who is, in my opinion, the best athlete of our generation.

He is great for the sport of golf. Plus, he gives the name Tiger some pride (unlike those eleven guys that take the field every-



day in Detroit).

Steve:

He did it again. While Vijay Singh, Phil Mickelson, Retief Goosen and Ernie Els all played themselves out of the Masters in the final round, Tiger Woods stayed cool and won his second consecutive and third career green jacket.

And guess what...he's only 26.

He has now won 6 of the last 10 major championships and improved his record to 7-0 when playing in the final group at a major.

The best quality Tiger possesses is his unending desire to win and compete.

That's what makes him so fun to watch and so hard for me to root against. The guy has done so much in such little time and yet remains to be humble and professional. While we all may want to see Mickelson or Sergio get their first major, we should respect his dominance.

I still find it hard to be upset when one of the greatest athletes of our generation continues to break records right before our eyes. And Chris, back off the Tigers because your O's aren't much better.

WMC Track team continues success in outdoor season

MARCUS HELTON

Phoenix Staff

The Green Terror Outdoor Track and Field team has wasted little time continuing its indoor success, as the team has gotten off to a fast start this season.

At the Prince George's Invitational on April 13, April Brown earned a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Championships with a time of 12:25 in the 100-yard dash. Eliza Wick and Megan Grimshaw took the top two places in the discus with throws of 107 feet, 5 inches, and 90 feet, 3 inches, respectively.

On the men's side, junior Ben Hull won the discus with a throw of 135 feet, 4 inches. David Hoss's throw of 124 feet, 2 inches was good for second place.

The duo also earned the top two spots in the shot put with Hoss taking first (45-1), and Hull second (39-9.5).

At the Moravian Distance Festival on April 12, distance runners Jill Krebs and Diana Pool continued their quests to qualify for the National Championships in May. Krebs earned second place with an ECAC qualifying time of 38:29.3 in the 10,000-meter run, and Pool finished third in the 5000 with a time of 18:53.6.

The Terror men and women each took first place for the second time this season at the second Twilight home meet on April 10. The two teams combined to win 27 of the 35 events.

The women took first with 127 points, while Johns Hopkins University finished a distant second with 18 points and Loyola College was third with 11 points.

The 400-meter relay team took first and set a meet record with a time of 49.88. Jen Bruce set a record in the pole vault with a vault of 9 feet, four inches, and Christine Johnson's leap of 35 feet, 1.5 inches in the triple jump

also set a record. Jill Kurzejewski tied her own high jump record by clearing five feet. Pool broke her own record in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:57.5, beating her old mark by 0.9 seconds.

The men's team tallied 74 points, easily out-pointing runner-up Johns Hopkins, who had 33. Brendan Smith's javelin throw of 177 feet shattered the old record of 136-01, and David Hoss's throw of 47-9.5 in the shot put also set a new record.

The Terror earned two medals in the Maryland Invitational at College Park on April 6. Despite being the only Division-III school at the meet, the women finished 10th out of 12 teams, while the men placed 9th out of 11. The respective medals were earned by Jill Krebs, who took third in the 5000-meter run with a time of 18:23.60, and senior Teron Powell, who took third place in the men's triple jump with a leap of 13.87 meters.

The men and women each took first place at the first home meet of the season, the Twilight meet on April 2nd.

The women dominated the team scoring, rolling up 129.5 points, while the second place team, York College, tallied 63.5 points. Overall, the Terror women won 11 of the 15 events. The women's 4x100 meter relay team of Melissa Merson, Stephanie McPherson, Christine Johnson, and April Brown raced to a time of 50.15 seconds, good for first place. Brown won the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Jen Bruce won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.43 seconds and also won the pole vault by clearing 9-0. Sarah Lebaron took first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:15.5. Christine Johnson raced to a first place time of 60.80 in the 400, and Jill Kurzejewski won the high jump

by clearing 4' 10". Jill Krebs won the 3000 with a time of 10:46.5.

The men's team tallied 78 team points, 23 more than the second place finisher, York College. The Terror men took first place in eight of the thirteen events.

Teron Powell won the 400 with a time of 50.87, Dave Markaroni took first in the 800 with a time of 2:03, and Calvin Woodward won the 1500 with a time of 4:26.

The men's 4x100 meter relay team of John Riley, Powell, Christian Hamilton and Ifeanyi Ani won first place with a time of 44.52 seconds.

The Green Terror men swept the top three places in the long jump, led by Brad Turner (18'10"), Ifeanyi Ani (18'7.5"), and Powell (18'7.25"). Clint Day's pole vault of 12 feet, 7 inches set a meet record.

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five. According to the Times, officers were working their way through the apartment when they were confronted by an older man with watery eyes and breath smelling of beer and holding a red cup of beer who was identified by the campus safety officer present as Reitenbach. The officers report in the Times said that Reitenbach said, "You people have no right to be here. You need a search warrant."

This officers said that he became more belligerent and was warned that if he didn't calm down he would be arrested.

College officials were unavailable to comment on the situation however, Athletic director Jamie Smith did say in the Times that he would continue to gather information on the matter. Reitenbach is scheduled to stand trial for the two misdemeanors on Aug. 1.

The Bridgewater Invitational on March 30 was highlighted by the performances of April Brown and Teron Powell, who each earned provisional qualifiers. Brown earned her qualifier when she won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.43 seconds. She also took first in the 200-meter dash by racing to a time of 26.31.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Brown, Thea Bayly, McPherson, and Johnson took first place with a time of 49.73 seconds. Bayly won the 400 hurdles (70.38), Meghan Grimshaw set the school record in the hammer throw with a time of 96 feet, 8 inches, good for second place.

The 1600-meter relay team of Bayly, McPherson, Johnson, and Kellie Pfeiffer raced to a first place time of 4:13.64. Diana

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Junior Melissa Merson speeds over a hurdle in a recent track meet.

2002 NFL draft review: Who won big?

Greg Lederer reviews
some of the big winners of
the NFL draft

It is that time of year again. With April comes not just showers, but the tenseness time for most NFL executives and scouts: the NFL Draft. For almost a year, scouts have been out looking and checking out thousands of prospects, hoping they can find the next Terrell Davis or Peyton Manning.

After a horrible season, the draft gives a bad team a chance to rebuild their squad and bring hope to their fan base, while a good team is only looking to retool or find that final piece of the puzzle to get to the Super Bowl.

While the entire draft can't be discussed in one column, I will give you some of highlights of the first round and who were the big winners and losers in the draft.

For weeks before the draft, the number one choice was not a big secret, unlike past years, due to the fact that the expansion Houston Texans announced that they would pick Fresno State quarterback David Carr with the first choice. Carr appears to be a good fit for the Texans. He has a strong arm, good size at 6'3, and is a very accurate passer. Carr also has his head on straight and has a strong work ethic to be a good NFL quarterback—something that a bust like Washington State's Ryan Leaf lacked.

Following the Texans, were the Carolina Panthers a team that won their first game last season then lost the remaining 15. This pick seemed like a no-brainer since the Panthers were last in the NFL on

defense and a defensive player with the ability of North Carolina's Julius Peppers was on the board. Peppers has incredible athletic skills and is the kind of pass rusher that a team as pitiful as the Panthers truly craves. Plus, the fact that Peppers went to UNC and can be a big draw in the Tobacco state is just a bonus for owner Jerry Richardson.

At the third spot, the draft became hazy because there were many possibilities for the Detroit Lions. The Lions had many needs on their team and people were guessing of who their pick would be from Texas DB Quentin Jammer to Oregon QB Joey Harrington.

The Lions ended up picking Harrington, whose maturity and pocket presence were very attractive to the franchise who needs a proven leader to lead the team out of the cellar.

Harrington was another player with a willingness to become a strong NFL prospect and is well known for his comebacks at the end of games—25 times he did it in his collegiate career.

After Harrington, many teams picked up players to fill their needs throughout the first round.

Buffalo was a big winner on the day as they picked up Texas's mammoth offensive tackle Mike Williams (375 pounds) and traded the next day for New England Patriots line backer Drew Bledsoe.

Even I hate to admit it, but the Dallas Cowboys had a great draft day. Picking sixth overall, the boys traded down to the eighth slot and still picked up the player they

wanted all along, Oklahoma standout safety Roy Williams. This guy was my favorite player in the whole draft, because he is such a difference maker at the position. Williams isn't just another safety, as he can tackle like a linebacker and cover like a corner. Whenever you'd turn on ESPN, this guy was always making big play after big play for the Sooners.

The greatest compliment came from former Baltimore Ravens defensive Coordinator Herman Lewis who said that if his new team, the Washington Redskins, drafted Williams, "then he would play with 17 players on defense instead of 11." Dallas also picked up versatility with Colorado offensive guard Andre Gurode and Pittsburgh's talented yet criticized wide receiver Antonio Bryant.

Losers in the draft were definitely the Cincinnati Bengals and Washington Redskins from my perspective.

The Bengals have been probably the worst team of the past decade and hence they have drafted a lot of bad players over the years. From Houston quarterback David Klingler to Oregon QB Akili Smith, this team should fire their scouts and just start over.

The Bengals picked tenth this season, actually not bad for them, and they selected Arizona State offensive tackle Levi Jones. This move is questionable because this guy can be a good player but their were many other better players on the board at the time.

The Bengals could have got themselves a great receiver like Tennessee's Donte Stallworth or a

good tight end like Miami's Jeremy Shockey with this pick. If they really wanted Jones, they could have traded to a later spot and still got the guy even. It's the Bengals, what are you going to do?

Last but not least, comes the Washington Redskins.

What can I say about Daniel Snyder?

This guy is a young owner who thinks that money will buy him a championship. Not so fast Danny, you already tried that with Deion Sanders and Dana Stubblefield, remember?

Intent on doing anything to bring a championship to D.C., Snyder fired his old coach Marty Scottenheimer so he can make all the personal decisions. Ok, so when its time to draft "your" players, Snyder decided to fly himself and his coaches out to the stadium for a big party.

Snyder finally was able to make the decisions, then he went out to a big bash. I guess, before he leaves, he told his assistants to trade down and select a quarterback and a running back with their first and second selections.

I have to admit that the Redskins do look good at many positions on paper thanks to Snyder's spending, but what they really needed was a proven wide receiver for new quarterback Danny Wuerffel to throw too.

Instead they picked up another QB who Spurrier won't play and a running back who will just sit behind star tailback Stephen Davis.

Well in Snyder's defense, he bought the team to be his toy so he deserves to play with it however he wants.

Phoenix Sports Trivia

1. Since David Carr who was the number one overall pick in the NFL Draft, came from Fresno State, who was the last quarterback to be drafted in the first round of the draft?

2. The Miami Hurricanes had five players drafted in the first round of the NFL draft which tied the draft record, who was the other college school?

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Pool won the 1500 in a time of 4:59.25.

On the men's side, Powell earned his qualifier by taking first place in the triple jump with a leap of 46 feet, 9.75 inches. "It was nice to get at the beginning of the season, but I've still got some work to do," said Powell. Ben Hull won the discus with a throw of 132 feet, 4 inches, and Clint Day took first in the pole vault with a vault of 12 feet, 6 inches.

The Terror will be in action at the Penn Relays on April 25-26 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Phoenix would like to apologize to the WMC Track and Field Team for a misplaced track story in the last issue. The Phoenix believes that the Track team works extremely hard and the paper feels badly about the mishap. The paper will strive to prevent mistakes like this in the future.

Will Hulkmania die?

MIKE JENKINSON

Sports Staff

Will Hulkmania ever die? Hulk Hogan talks every Thursday on Smackdown! About the fact that Hulkmania refuses to die, and when everyone thinks it's gone forever, it comes back.

WWF stars love to over-hype themselves, their celebrity status, and their place in wrestling history. But when Hogan talks about Hulkmania like a Phoenix rising from the ashes again and again, there's a lot of truth in that statement.

At Wrestlemania 8, Hulk Hogan defeated Sid Vicious. Although not officially announced, many inside sources believed at the time it was Hulk Hogan's last match. In fact, we learned in hindsight that at the time Hulk Hogan thought it might be his final match. That was more than ten years ago.

Hogan took almost a year off from wrestling, and the WWF's profits sank for the next several months. Hulk Hogan made his in-ring return at Wrestlemania 9, and somehow managed to win the WWF title his first night back. Even more miraculous was that he wasn't even scheduled to compete

in a title match that night. A few months later, Hogan lost the belt, and announced his retirement.

Hulkmania appeared to be gone for good. But Ted Turner's personal war with Vince McMahon drove Turner to offer Hogan a large sum of money to wrestle for his WCW. Hogan, believing that it would be a short stint, decided to return in WCW.

Hogan's stint lasted more than five years. He came in as the most popular good guy in the company, and won the WCW title five times. Hulkmania ran wild again. But in 2000, WCW was doing poorly. Hogan was no longer getting the same reactions from the fans. The Hulkster switched back and forth between his evil "Hollywood" character and his "red and yellow Hulkmania" character. Nothing worked. It looked as if Hulkmania was going to die, and not because Hogan decided to retire, but because the fans no longer cared.

Over the next two years wrestlers would occasionally make reference to Hogan on TV. Rock would speak of the greats, and would sometimes mention Hogan's name.



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Whenever he did, the WWF crowd would roar in approval. Last February Vince announced the return of the nWo, including it's leader, Hulk Hogan.

The WWF wanted Hogan to be

the villain, but the fans didn't want that. At Wrestlemania, Hogan was billed as the bad guy, and The Rock was treated as the good guy. But the Toronto fans were clearly behind The Hulkster. That night

Hogan and Rock joined forces to defeat the nWo which had turned their backs on Hogan. The Red and Yellow outfit came back as well, and once again Hulkmania rose from ashes.

Cramp leads women's golf at Dickinson Invitational

CHRIS TAUCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman Kelly Cramp led Western Maryland to a second-place finish at the Dickinson College Women's Golf Spring Invitational on Saturday, April 12. Cramp won the tournament with a score of 76, nine strokes better than the second-place finisher, Maria Oristaglio of Mount St. Mary's College, who shot an 85.

"I was really hitting, putting and chipping well. I'm just glad it all came through for me," said Cramp. Garnett Humphrey finished fourth overall with a 94 and Julia Richardson placed 14th (112). The terror finally solidified their fourth roster spot with junior Stacey Roach. Roach ended up 28th with a score of 128.

Mount St. Mary's won the Invitational with a team score of 375. The Green Terror grabbed second place with a 410, followed by Gettysburg (415), Dickinson (422) and Hollins (484).

Next up for the women is the conference tournament.

The Centennial Conference Championship is held in Ocean City, Md. next weekend, April 27 and 28. "We are playing great as a team," Richardson said. "If everyone just keeps it up we will have a shot at finishing at the top of the conference."

The women started their season off at the Bucknell Invitational in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania back on April 6. Cramp shot an 85 and a 90 for a 175 total, the 86th best score in a field of 124 golfers.

W. Lax earns a bid to the Centennial Conference tournament

STEVE ZAMAGIAS

Phoenix Staff

The dream season for the Western Maryland College women's lacrosse team continues as the Lady Terror are now one win away from a berth in the Centennial Conference postseason tournament. Now distant are memories from last season's 5-10 campaign as Coach Mindy McCord and her team boast an impressive 9-4 mark with only three games left.

The team's trademark of strong second halves continued on Saturday as the ladies outscored Muhlenberg 11-3 in the second frame to win 18-8 on another record-setting day. Junior Tracy Kessler joined teammate Erin Mulhern in the 100-goal club by scoring six goals to go along with the unsung Sara Thomas' four goals. Mulhern added a fine day of her own with two goals and six assists to join five other Terror on the scoreboard, including sophomore Heidi Hurd who chipped in with a pair of goals. The senior leader commented on the feat Kessler joined her in accomplishing. "I am so happy for Tracy to do this as a junior. I know how hard it was for me to get it done and this just shows the type of player and hard-worker she is", Mulhern said.

Western Maryland's Thursday match-up with Swarthmore ended up being postponed after a rain delay stopped the action with 15:00 minutes remaining in the second half. Even though the Terror were winning when the game was stopped, it was not official so the likely make-up date will be this Thursday.

Tuesday's game with Gettysburg saw

Western Maryland ironically fall victim to a strong second half by the Bullets on an unseasonably hot April day. The 16-8 loss came just three days after the Terror pummeled Haverford 24-11, highlighted by Thomas' eight goals, helping her tie teammate Mulhern for the team record. Mulhern herself added five and Tracy Kessler six, while Amy Price's solid contributions to the team continued with a pair of goals and an assist.

The Terror's wide offensive arsenal was on display again in their April 9th contest against Villa Julie. Freshman keeper Lindsey O' Steen held the Mustangs to seven goals in the game. Defensive leader All Kinarty continues to be pleased with what the young goalie is doing for the team. "She has shown a lot of poise back there for a freshman. She continues to be mobile and verbal with us and that is helping us all do our jobs better," she said.

O' Steen will have to keep holding her own in the net if the Terror are to carry out their goal of making the postseason.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

At Messiah College
April 24th

Softball

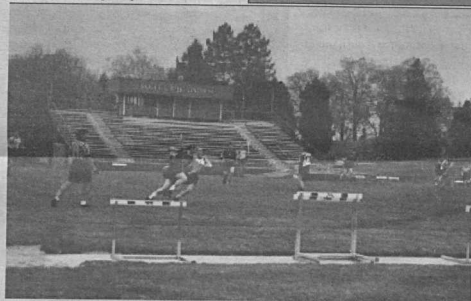
At Frostburg State University
April 24th

Women's Lacrosse

At Goucher College
April 30th

Outdoor Track and Field

At Penn Relays
April 25-26th



Women's lax playing their aggressive style against conference foe, Haverford.

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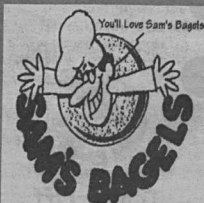
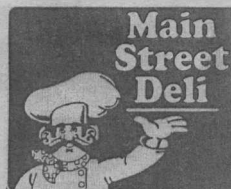
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W. Tennis ends season winless

CHRIS TAUGHER
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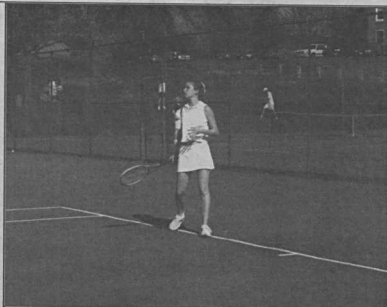
It has been a rough year for the women's tennis team. Head coach Teresa Barnes said, "I am really pleased with the team's improvement this season. I just hope we can pull off a win before the conference tournament."

The Green Terror are stuck at 0-8 (0-8 CC). Johns Hopkins visited "the hill" on April 17 and handed the ladies their eight-straight conference loss. Bayley Fannin and Katrina Buckley both managed to win three games in their singles matches.

On April 13, the women lost 8-1 to Muhlenberg. Shannon Pusey and Geneve Kallins scored the lone point for Western Maryland with an 8-2 doubles victory over the Mules.

Next up for the team is the Centennial Conference Tournament this weekend at Haverford. Each team in the conference sends three singles players and one doubles team to the tournament.

Barnes said she is figuring out a line-up and is not sure who will be going on Saturday.



Freshman tennis player Geneve Kallins prepares for her match



Senior David Hose gets ready to receive the shotput.



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Baseball looking to end up and down season on solid note

STEVE ZAMAGIAS
Phoenix Staff

It has been an up and down season for the Western Maryland College men's baseball team as the team finishes the final stretch of their season.

Standing currently at 14-13 overall and 5-10 in the conference, the Terror have but two conference and three out of conference games remaining to finish strong heading into the conference tournament.

The team has dropped five of their last eight games after splitting a Saturday doubleheader with Haverford. Trailing 4-1 heading into the final frame of the first game, the Terror rallied to score six runs to make it 7-4 and capture the first of the twin bill. Jack Griffith had a key two-run single and Scott Merkle brought in the go-ahead run, as Mike Geaneas came on to work the final 3 1/3 innings to get the win. Western Maryland and Geaneas got a dose of their own medicine, however, in the second game. With the Terror leading 4-3 in the seventh with two outs, the bases loaded and its closer Geaneas on the mound, Haverford's Matt Clark hit a walk-off grand slam to win the game 7-3. Geaneas had earlier banded his second home run of the day while Kevin Culbertson added a solo shot of his own.

Last week saw the Terror drop two games to the Shoremen of Washington College, including an 11-2 shelling on Friday and another one-run, come from behind heart-breaker on Wednesday. Western Maryland got its offensive production on Friday from the senior duo of Culbertson and Gregg Shelton who each supplied triples. On Wednesday, it was Merkle going for 3 for 4 at the plate and Griffith providing timely hitting again with a two-run single.

Last Saturday's home double-header against Muhlenberg typified the streaky season that the Terror have endured to this point. After being no-hit in the first game by the Mules' Josh Carter, Western Maryland came out in second game on a rampage with an eight-run, eight-hit first inning. Guy Sheetz and Ryan Shotzberger each had three-run home runs as the Terror coasted to a 12-6 victory. Days like these have come to frustrate the players as Culbertson points out, "We are way too inconsistent. We haven't done a very good job of coming out strong for both games in double-headers this year."

Sheetz's power would come in handy earlier that week as his three-run blast in the eighth inning against Gettysburg tied the score to set the stage for Culbertson's game-winning sacrifice fly in their 11-10 victory.

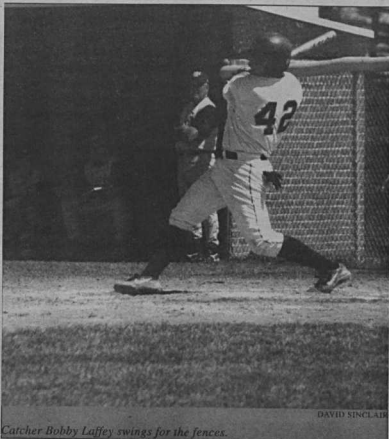
The Terror also saw offensive contributions from freshman Chad Keller, the first baseman from Cumberland, Md., who had a 3 for 4 afternoon with two runs and a sacrifice.

As the seasons winds down, the Terror need to keep getting contributions from their younger players as they have been over the past month.

Senior Jeremy Merrell knows that now is the time to step up their play. "We can't make any excuses anymore."

We are pretty much where we were last year. We need to start playing with urgency to finish this year strong", he said.

If the team does hope to improve upon last year's finish, then a strong showing in their five remaining games will speak volumes as to how they will perform in the Centennial Conference tournament.



Catcher Bobby Luffey swings for the fences.

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Softball team remains undefeated in conference, looking for another 20-win season in 2002.

GREG LEDERER
Sports Editor

It has been a strong season for the Western Maryland College softball team as they have registered a sizzling 19-5 record on the season, including an undefeated 10-0 conference mark. Manager George Dix's squad is on their way to the program's seventh consecutive 20-win season, and the coveted Centennial Conference championship.

The Green Terror's quest to remain perfect in conference play continued on April 16th against Dickinson College in a doubleheader. It was another solid day for WMC as they completed another sweep by scores the same score of 6-1 and 6-1, respectively. WMC showcased their versatile offensive weapons in a doubleheader against Haverford on April 13th.

In the first game, sophomore outfielder Lauren Cramer started the Green Terror scoring in the first inning with a long home run and the rest of the game saw more of the same as WMC demolished the opponent 11-0.

Sophomore star hurler Sam Abrams was strong on the mound only allowing only one hit, and productive at the plate with two hits and two RBIs.

The second game saw the same outcome as the Green Terror offense utilized an incredible second

inning rally to take the sweep with a 13-0 shelling. In the second inning, the team put 12 runs on the board spearheaded by junior third basemen Candice Kuligowski's three run homer and then handed the game over to sophomore pitcher Kim Camponelli who shut-out the opposition on three hits and struck out four. Camponelli also helped herself at the plate, going three for three with three RBIs in the nightcap.

The team looked for another doubleheader sweep in their April 11th games against Messiah College.

The first game was a nail-biter throughout the contest as WMC held on for a slim 3-2 victory. The Green Terror jumped out to a early 3-0 lead with RBIs from freshman catcher Caitlin Burns and junior first basemen Selena Smart, but Messiah came back with two runs in the fourth to close to lead to one. Although the opposition threatened, Abrams was calm and used the defense to help her out of a couple of jams as the team took the first game.

In the second game, WMC used another big inning to propel the team to an 11-3 victory. The team pounded the Messiah pitching staff for ten hits, paced by sophomore outfielder Kristin Barrick's two hits and two RBIs.

The team experienced a setback in a doubleheader against non-conference foe, York College where they were swept by falling just short in two close contests. In the first game, the Green Terror grabbed an early 2-0 lead and held it until the fifth inning when the opposition finally got to WMC ace pitcher Abrams with six hits as they posted five runs in the stanza. WMC wouldn't lie down and posted two runs in the seventh inning to close the lead to one, but fell just short in a 5-4 loss.

Although Abrams wasn't her usual self on the mound, she kept the team in the game at the plate with two hits, two RBIs, and scoring two runs in the game.

The second game saw a classic pitchers duel between York's Colleen Price and WMC's Camponelli. Camponelli was nearly perfect on the game only allowing two hits in the contest, but the Spartans played tough and plated a run in the seventh inning, that would hold up as WMC settled for a slim 1-0 setback.

Despite the sweep, the team has been very consistent all season and is looking to complete their season with a perfect conference mark. Flanked by strong pitching and a strong offensive presence, it appears that the team is poised for another 20-win campaign.



Tom Brown patrols the field for the Green Terror lacrosse team.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Men's Lacrosse upsets nationally ranked Washington College, falls to Gettysburg

MIKE JENKINSON
Sports Staff

After having their 11 game winning streak stopped cold by Gettysburg last week, The Green Terror Men's Lacrosse team pulled off a huge upset victory over #3 Washington College.

Senior All-American Tom Brown once again rose to the occasion in the clutch as he scored the game winning goal in double overtime. The 16-15 victory was the second straight year that The Terror defeated The Shoremen.

The 15 goals were scored by six different players including five from freshmen attack Rob Weaver, and Joe Ellis added three goals and an assist. Goalie Brian Nottingham had 14 saves.

Washington and Gettysburg have always been the class of the Centennial Conference, both programs having won the national championship in the past.

By defeating strong Washington teams the past two years, The Terror are beginning to get national attention, and are turning the conference into a three team race.

The week before, The Terror defeated Villa Julie College 19-8. Ellis set the pace with one goal and six assists in the contest. Brown was the high goal man with five. The game was close through the

first period, but The Terror blew up in the second quarter. They scored ten goals in the second period, moving the game out of control with a 13-5 halftime lead.

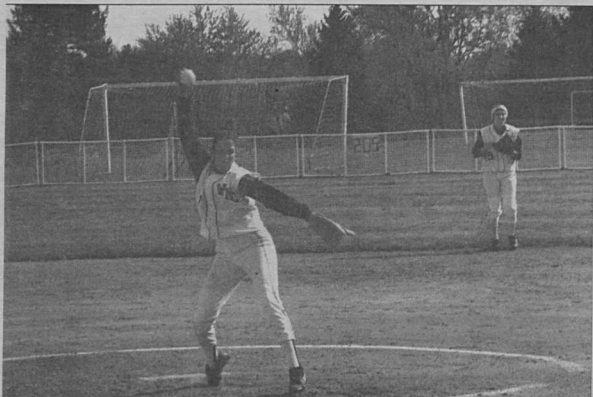
Earlier that week was a battle of undefeated conference favorites Gettysburg and The Green Terror. The Terror started slow, and were down 9-3 at the half. Nottingham, who had six saves and nine goals against at that point, was pulled for Alex Korba. Korba wasn't much better, as he gave up 11 goals in the second half.

The Terror were never able to catch up in the 20-5 loss. Gettysburg entered the contest as the #2 ranked team in the country.

The Washington game was the final regular season contest for the Terror.

Next weekend WMC will go back to Gettysburg to compete in the Centennial Conference tournament. Gettysburg gets to host the event again because they are the top seed.

The four team tournament features a rematch of last weeks game for the Terror. They will play Washington in the first round. If The Terror win the four team tournament, they would automatically qualify for the NCAA national tournament.



DAVID SINCLAIR

Green Terror sophomore hurler Kim Camponelli winding up to strikeout another opponent



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Campus vandalism siphons money from all students

LeRoy McDuffie
News Editor

The damage caused by vandalism that has been occurring at WMC not only hurts the people that are directly affected by it, but also has consequences for students who were not involved in the vandalism.

Property crimes are a serious matter that affects everyone from the resident life coordinators to the students themselves. The vandalism of residence halls can be minimal to severe depending on the act committed.

The damage done to dorms and hallways ranges from shaving cream on students' doors to miniature soda bottle bombs being tossed at people's dorms. Many students who live in the dorms have seen and also been the target of vandalism.

According to reports from campus safety, over 70% of the incidents reported in April were van-



Senior Claire Adams uses the ceremonial shovel for the ground breaking of the new residence halls while President Joan Coley and Dean Phil Sayre, among others, look on. The ceremony took place on May 4, 2002.

dalism and property crime related. The incidents range from a stolen "no parking" sign to filling keyholes with various substances in Rouzer.

Also, in the campus safety reports from last year, Rouzer was the dormitory on campus that are affected by vandalism the most, while dorms like McDaniel and Daniel Maclean were affected least by vandalism.

According to Amanda Rose, the RLC for Blanche and ANW, last year two of Blanche's floors compiled over \$2000 dollars worth of damage due to vandalism and other property damage.

She added that this year, Rouzer is the most damaged residence hall. She also explained other forms of vandalism on campus.

The recent rash of burglaries in

Whiteford are "still not solved," said Rose. She said that one of the problems is that sometimes "students leave their rooms for long periods of time with their door open."

The RAs are very concerned about vandalism in the residence halls.

Michael Baker, a senior RA on the fourth floor of Rouzer said, "vandalism causes damage to the floor."

"There is food left in the hallway... destroyed decorations... bulletin boards being torn down," stated Baker. Destruction of the dorms not only affects the RAs and RLCs, but the damage also affects the students.

The students who have been
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President Coley to announce college's name

Stacey Myers
Assistant News Editor

On May 10, 2002, Western Maryland College will announce and celebrate their much-anticipated new name - by giving away free t-shirts.

The t-shirts are part of a campus-wide celebration that begins 8:15 p.m. Friday in Memorial Square, where the bell will be rung to gather the college for the announcement, said Joyce Muller, associate vice-president of communications and marketing.

"Having all these people in Memorial Square to hear this historic announcement - it just gives me chills," said Mary Ann Friday, executive assistant to the president.

Following the announcement by the naming committee and President Coley, a brief multimedia presentation on the name and new logo for the school will be shown, Muller said.

"I think it's the kind of name that will grow on people as time goes on," said Philip Sayre, dean of student affairs. "I'm not sure [people will think] suddenly 'Eureka!' what a great idea."

After the announcement, the college will have an opportunity to celebrate with a mini-carnival on the Quad, including a DJ, cotton

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WMC-TV upgraded with new equipment

Chris Taucher
Assistant Sports Editor

Is Anybody Watching? Two years ago there was no programming, no equipment and no viewers. Now at least two of those concerns are fixed. WMC-TV, channel 25, is not what it used to be.

The campus television station has undergone many changes in the past few years. Between the fall of 2000 and the spring of 2001 WMC-TV moved from the basement of Rouzer Hall to the lower level of Lewis Hall. Television production teacher Jonathan Slade and WMC-TV adviser Robert Lemieux spent the 2001 January term making the new studio into what it is today. According to Slade, he and Lemieux started with two closets full of old equipment, one VHS camera, and one digital eight camera. Since then, they have constructed a working set, created a control room to transmit broadcasts, arranged proper lighting and have even set up a TelePrompTer.

"Good TV is not cheap," Slade said. The hall for these changes totaled around \$7,000. Three digital eight cameras cost roughly \$700 each, the new G4 final-cut hardware and software ran about \$2,500, the teleprompter and software was \$200, and a consultant hired to wire the studio cost around \$2000. Lemieux, who has been involved with the station since the

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Reunion Weekend 2002



On May 4, 2002, Western Maryland College alumni returned to the campus to celebrate Reunion Weekend. The reunion weekend was a success, with alumni ranging from graduating a few years ago, to some who graduated more than 30 years ago. For more information, please visit WMC's website at www.wmdc.edu.

The condition of the dorms reflects poorly on all college students

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targeted by vandalism are concerned about their safety and the well-being of their belongings.

Vandals target people's doors by spraying shaving cream and toothpaste.

They also destroy staircases and fill keyholes with glue and other substances that prevent students from entering their dorms, Baker explained.

Ken Bertkau, a freshman communication major who lives on the 3rd floor of Rouzer, has been a target of vandalism in the past.

"I have had my door sprayed with shaving cream on several occasions," said Bertkau. "Other people on the floor have been vandalized."

The damage done by vandalism hits everyone in the pocket.

For example, according to Rose, if damage was done to a mirror due to careless acts, like vandalism, it would cost the student almost double the amount that the mirror is worth due to labor fees.

Students need to be concerned because it affects everyone regardless if it happens to them directly or not.

Property damage also makes the college look bad.

It gives a negative impression of what the student body at WMC is all about, and vandalism sets a false picture of the students at WMC.

Vandalism at the residence halls and throughout campus is "bad and destructive," said Baker.

"The residence hall's condition represents the students."

Name to be revealed

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candy, popcorn, snowballs, soft pretzels, hot dogs and freshly squeezed lemonade, Muller said.

The t-shirts will feature the new name and logo, Muller said. The college has ordered 2,000 shirts, and will only print them for this event. "They'll only be printed once, so they'll be a real collector's item," Muller said.

Although Muller declined to comment on the price of the entire celebration, Sayre estimated that the t-shirts alone are costing the college almost \$14,000.

To finish the evening, the college will set off fireworks around 10:30 p.m.

"I think it's a great way to end the semester and start new beginnings," Muller said. "It's for us, for the family that makes WMC."

The plans for the celebration went into full-swing when the board of trustees chose the new name in their April 19-20 meetings, Muller said. Because the college wanted to announce the new name before the current seniors left, the planning was done at warp-speed.

"We literally had to print and drop a mailing of 23,000 invitations in about four days," Muller said. "We went as fast as humanly possible."

The college is hoping that students, faculty, staff and alumni will turn out to celebrate the new name.

Despite repeated attempts by local media to discover the name before the announcements, the college has made an effort to keep it under wraps so that the WMC community will be the first to know.

"The name will reflect our heritage," Muller said. "[The celebration] is for us, the family that makes up WMC - for all of us who care about this institution."

In the event of rain, the event will be held in Gill Physical Education Center.

Budapest professor's arrival in Fall 2002 is anxiously awaited by WMC international students

ANDREA DEBI

Staff Writer

Papa Pinter is coming to town!

To most of the American students, the name Papa Pinter is not familiar. However, to the international students on the Westminster campus it means everything, and they all have a special place in their heart for him.

In March, the international students, with the support of Christianna Leahy, signed a petition to invite Papa Pinter for our graduation ceremony on the 25th of May.

Pinter is a professor of political science at the Budapest campus, and developed his teaching by studying all over the world.

He has learned from both sides of the political sphere.

During socialism, he studied in the Soviet Union at the Sverdlovsk Law School, and later he earned his master's degree from Harvard University in the United States.

The two years the international students spent in Budapest left special and unforgettable memories for many.

Pinter, known to many of his students as Papa Pinter, is not only a great professor but also a caring and loving person who really understands the students and their difficulties coping with a different environment and the stress from studies and exams.

Papa Pinter treated his students like his children who need help, understanding and lots of patience.

His door was open to anybody who needed some support or advice.

The international students would like to thank Westminster College for supporting and sponsoring our petition. Thank you all!

We are looking forward to Papa Pinter's visit and sharing the Westminster campus, our friends, and professors here in the States with him.

News from the Honor & Conduct Board

The Honor and Conduct Board has adjudicated the following cases as of April 15, 2002:

On January 17 the Board heard a charge that a student had submitted plagiarized material in an assignment for a music course.



The Board found that the student had violated the Honor Code and assigned the following sanction which was upheld upon appeal: "F" in the course.



On February 14 the Board considered a charge that a student had turned in a paper for a first year English course that was almost identical to another student's work.



The student admitted copying the paper. The Board found that the student had violated the Honor Code and established the following penalty which was not appealed: "F" in the course and required academic counseling.


On April 5 the Board heard two charges regarding alleged cheating in a music course. In both cases the Board determined that there was not sufficient evidence to support the charge, and, accordingly, found that the students involved had not violated the Honor Code.

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WMC-TV's increased success has been fueled by new programming and current leadership

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spring of 1997, said that everything would be upgraded to digital quality by the fall of 2002.

Although the station has spent thousands of dollars getting itself up to speed, some of the equipment was donated by other professors. Dr. Jasna Meyer bestowed her old computer to run the teleprompter program and Dr. Robert Sapora contributed some monitors for the control room.

Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre said there is a meeting held every May to divvy up funds among the five campus mediums. It is called the Meeting of Media Board. At which, Sayre, chairman, Director of College Activities Mitchell Alexander, and one chief student from each medium along with their adviser, meet to discuss their financial needs.

Sayre explained that the amount spent on each medium depends on their particular needs for that year. For this year, The Contrast did not receive any money because it still had \$2,000 saved up from last year while the other four mediums had almost no money left. The radio station got the most money to add dress stolen equipment problems.

Unlike the other campus mediums, the television studio is also a classroom. Currently, there are two television-related classes. Slade teaches TV Production and the independent study course TV Studio Production. Pat Flaherty is signed

on to teach Television Production for the fall 2002 semester. Flaherty, a professional cameraman, taught a version of Television Production in the early 1990s. Slade is planning to teach a new, four-credit production class in the spring of 2003. This course will involve filming longer, more in-depth segments than those required in Television Production, he said.

Asked if he thought there was any connection to the increase in television courses and the increase in student interest, Slade said, "The only place you can truly teach a TV production class is in a studio. And once students actually have an opportunity to learn how to use the many different pieces of equipment involved in the process of production they tend to want to use this knowledge beyond the scope of my course. And, in fact, many do go on to join the TV club and produce their own projects."

Besides major studio changes, WMC-TV has also made many production changes. The station currently airs two (soon to be three) weekly shows as well as campus events.

Lemieux said of the changes in programming, "Prior to moving to Lewis, there was very little original programming. The television station relied primarily on external programming that was provided free (e.g., 'Burly Bear', 'College Broadcasting'). Currently, there is

a greater amount of original programming such as student created shows and campus events. Although we still receive outside programming, we anticipate getting to the point where original programming exceeds outside programming."

One of these original shows is "Da Grip." Hosted by WMC-TV director Nykole Tyson, "Da Grip" is a 30-minute music video program that highlights school-hired musicians as well as campus music talents. Along with interviewing the musicians, Tyson also shows music videos. The videos shown are not the type viewers are used to seeing on MTV. "Da Grip" shows Caribbean, Hispanic and alternative videos.

Another new show is entitled "Shout it Out." In this show, WMC-TV members interview random students to get their opinions on everything from parking tickets to the variety of bands for the spring concert. Only one half-hour episode of "Shout it Out" has been filmed so far. It is in the editing process, and will debut sometime next week.

The rest of the WMC-TV lineup focuses on campus news. Major events on campus and guest speakers are filmed and then aired later. In addition, the television production class films a campus news program every Tuesday night. Each week students write news stories,

read them on camera, and then edit the show together. The 20-minute campus news program is entitled "WMC News Update."

Although there is no set schedule for the airing of campus news events or shows like "WMC News Update," "Da Grip" and "Shout it Out," WMC-TV puts original programming on every Sunday through Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to more programming WMC-TV has also attracted more student involvement in the past two years. Slade is very satisfied with the increase in student interest. He said there is finally a good core group of students to keep the station interest up. "It has taken a lot of hard work, but we are at a good place now," Slade believes.

Although student involvement is up and the studio equipment has improved, is anyone on campus tuning into WMC-TV? Asked if he enjoyed the campus television station, junior Chris Kinda commented, "We have a TV station? All I ever see on channel 25 is a green screen."

Senior Brad Turner said he has not watched the television station since his freshman year (1998) when "Wrestler's Delight" was on. Ironically, 1998 was the last time a weekly live show was produced, although a call-in dating show (similar to MTV's "Love Line")

ran two episodes in 1999.

"Wrestler's Delight" started as a radio show in 1997. Andy Behr hosted the show which was shot live every Wednesday night from September 1998 until December 1998. "Wrestler's Delight" was a popular "wrestling talk show" where students would call in and discuss topics concerning professional wrestling. However, wrestling was not always the topic of conversation. Some students talked about campus issues and some of the calls were pranks.

"That's what's so great about live campus television. It is unedited and students can say whatever is on their mind," said Turner.

Freshman Ashley Swift, who works with WMC-TV as a camera operator, said "I didn't think anybody watched the station but recently people have come up to me and said they saw me on TV. So obviously there are some people who watch." Tyson also said she gets a lot of positive feedback from students and faculty members.

While not everyone tunes into WMC-TV yet, there have been considerable improvements made in recent years.

New equipment and strong leadership are two reasons why channel 25 could become one of the more popular channels on campus.

Campus Safety Blotter

KATIE CHAMPTION
Staff Writer

April 18, 2002 (3:00 a.m.) - Students in ANW charged with sexual harassment and phone misuse.

April 20, 2002 (5:30 a.m.) - Handicap sign damage.

April 20, 2002 (6:30 p.m.) - Fire extinguisher tampered with in Blanch Ward Hall.

April 21, 2002 (11:37 a.m.) - Non-compliance by student in traffic related matter.

April 21, 2002 (10:00 p.m.) - Student car broken in to in Harrison parking lot.

April 21, 2002 (1:00 a.m.) - Subject being disorderly and several underage students possessing alcohol.

April 21, 2002 (3:00 a.m.) - Stairwell door stolen off hinges in Rouzer Hall.

April 21, 2002 (3:30 a.m.) - Non-student found trespassing in

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Rouzer Hall parking lot.

April 22, 2002 (12:00 p.m.) - Hit and run accident involving contractor's vehicle in Bair Stadium parking lot.

April 24, 2002 (4:05 p.m.) - Vehicle backing up by PA Ave. house hit a maintenance vehicle.

April 25, 2002 (1:45 p.m.) - Student car had rear window shattered

April 26, 2002 (10:30 a.m.) - Two students observed taking products from a Coke delivery truck. Both subjects were detained and stolen items were returned to the vendor.



April 23, 2002 (11:00 p.m.) - Students possessing alcohol underage in Rouzer Hall.

April 23, 2002 - Student found his car damaged from water tower construction.

during water tower construction.

April 26, 2002 (1:37 a.m.) - Equipment theft from DoCS patrol Jeep during escort. Item recovered and student referred for college judicial action.

April 26, 2002 (8:45 p.m.) - Subjects ripped down Ravens field goal post. Students confessed and were referred for college judicial action.

April 27, 2002 (12:44 a.m.) - Non-student in possession of alcohol in public area outside of Whiteford

Hall.

April 27, 2002 (2:00 a.m.) - College owned property stolen from Rouzer Hall.

April 27, 2002 (3:41 a.m.) - Subjects pulled a fire alarm on the second floor of Blanch Ward Hall.

April 27, 2002 (3:00 p.m.) - Student reported Motorola cell phone missing.

April 27, 2002 (4:35 p.m.) - Two students fighting during Spring Fling in the quad area were cited and referred for college judicial action.

April 28, 2002 (1:45 p.m.) - Student sanctioned from Blanch Ward Hall seen at clubroom in the building. Failed to comply with residence hall staff.

April 29, 2002 - Windows broken out of door in McDaniel Hall.

May 2, 2002 (1:00 a.m.) - Door handle on middle Decker Student Center was stolen.

May 2, 2002 (2:45 a.m.) - Two students broke into Decker Student Center and removed a college owned sofa. The sofa was returned and the students were referred for college judicial action.

"The fun police" at it again

Michael Cubbage expresses his distaste for bullying behavior of campus safety officers.

After a year spent at Western Maryland College, it has become obvious to me that Campus Safety is nothing more than the stereotypical school bully. I have yet to attend a campus party the way without "the fun police," as they are so passionately called by a majority of the student populous, showing up to end our fun.

They must fantasize about being real police officers, or better yet, Sherlock Holmes. Maybe they plan to write a book about the adventures they've had breaking up college parties.

Anyway, it's absurd that college students should be worried about receiving citations or risking arrest every time they go to a party on the weekend to blow off steam. Without an outlet to let loose, the pressures we students endure would cause us to break down.

Partly due to this, students have resorted to going off campus to attend parties and social gatherings. Yet, whom do we see showing up as if it were a campus event? You guessed it, "The fun police" are even leaving the campus and coming into off-campus houses and private residences. They feel it is necessary to alert the Westminster Police Department to the "outrageous" behavior going on in their town.

In fact this past Saturday night, Apr. 20, they entered a private house party. The word around campus is that about 45 citations were issued. Is this truly necessary? It has always been my understanding that the priority of the Campus Safety officers is to keep the WMC students safe.

While Campus Safety is out busting up parties, there are people breaking into Whiteford. While Campus Safety is out busting up parties, non-students are coming on

to our campus and starting fights. Maybe dealing with these situations is just a little bit too much for "the fun police" to handle.

They even go as far as to search our bags as we walk around campus. I myself, as well as many of my friends have been the victims of such unnecessary searches. Some of us have night classes and it is common practice to keep our books in our backpacks. Those of us who are athletes also carry bags from practice. Yet, for some reason the squareness of our bags seems to resemble "12 packs of beer" or some other alcoholic container. Now I don't know about everyone else, but I'm pretty sure that most books are in the shape of a rectangle.

It's simply ridiculous that students should have to worry about being searched, interrogated, and harassed as we cross campus.

When I tell my friends from other schools about our Campus Safety they have a hard time believing that these things go on here. I have also visited many other campuses and never had a negative experience with their Campus Safety, which in most cases are real police officers that patrol the campus. I believe it is the general consensus of the student body, at least of all those that I've talked to, that Campus Safety is on a power trip.

I understand that there are a few Campus Safety officers that are Westminster Police officers as well. But it has always been my understanding that once someone puts the WMC Campus Safety uniform on they work for Western Maryland College. And I believe it is the money we spend to come here that pays their salary. I think it's about time Campus Safety realizes that they're here for our protection rather than to harass us and make us feel as if we can't live our lives as college students.

-Michael Cubbage is a freshman psychology major.

New name announcement planned in poor form

The date is looming near. Your heart pounds with anticipation, sweat beading on your forehead. Yes, that's right. It is time for the unveiling of the new college name. Your response? Took them long enough!

Fabulous timing. I must say, since the day of the announcement is to take place on the last day of classes before finals on a Friday night. How convenient.

This tends to be the reply from student



Erin A. Romanski

and faculty alike after receiving the announcement by President Coley either through e-mail, campus mail, or both, that the Board of Trustees have come to a final decision regarding the name change. Having had a solid three months to debate this topic, many suspect that the choice was made much earlier than we have been told.

As usual, however, we as mere wandering bodies on this campus are kept in the dark until the last possible moment. Just when you thought you couldn't handle the suspense anymore, you realized the reason you were so bothered by this in the first place really had nothing to do with the name change itself at all. Rather, it has everything to do with the manner in which the situation was handled and revealed to us in general.

What irks me most is this: the letter stated, "I join the Board of Trustees in believing that those who know the college best

and care about it the most—alumni, students, parents, faculty, administration, staff, and friend—should be first to hear the news."

Funny, the whole proposition of the name change was broken to a random few over January term when more than half of the student body and many of the faculty were still on their winter break. I suppose they could be grouped into the category "those who know the college least and care about it the least." Otherwise, why not wait until the beginning of the spring semester when they could spring the news on everyone at the same time?

At this point, not only am I bored to tears with this whole drawn-out ploy to put our college on the map, but I am almost to the point that I no longer care. After entering Western Maryland College in the Fall of 2000, a college that prides itself upon its "heritage, distinction, clarity, etc.," as the letter states, I assumed that such heritage would remain intact, at the very least throughout the four short years I would spend here.

Now, I am disheartened to realize that I will no longer be able to refer to this college as Western Maryland; instead, my fond reflections will be substituted with "The College Formerly Known as Western Maryland." Hmm ... kinda catchy.

I am not going to even begin to assume that this new name is going to be so awe-inspiring that not only will a hush fall over the crowd at 8:30 p.m. on Friday May 10, but that the mass media will be jumping on top of each other to get the news out first.

Let's face it people. We are a private liberal arts college squished in the boondocks of Maryland and the rest of the nation is hardly on the edge of their seats awaiting the name unveiling.

More than likely, they are saying to themselves "wonder what those upper-middle class undergrads are going to have to put up with next. Boo hoo."

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.

Children are affected by their working mothers

Lindsay Hicks reflects on her reading of adolescent behavior in Goldberg's bestseller.

In the #1 New York Times Bestseller, *Bias*, Bernard Goldberg reveals the inside scoop on liberal bias in the media. While the entire book is very entertaining and will forever change the way I watch the news, no argument sparked my interest more than one about the negative affect working mothers have on their children.

It was not the false images and left-wing tilt used by the media that brought me such horror, but some of the statistics included in the chapter. The suicide rates for girls from ages ten to fourteen went up twenty-seven percent from 1979 to 1988 and for boys it went up a startling seventy-one percent.

These statistics are included in Goldberg's discussion of what TV news has labeled, "home-alone America." Another study done on about 5,000 eighth grade students and their parents indicates that the children who were home alone for eleven or more hours a week were three times more likely than other children to abuse alcohol, tobacco or marijuana.

Basically, the book parallels the decrease in quality of life for growing children to the increase of working mothers in America.

Just go home and take a look at the dif-

ference in children's behavior now compared to when you were young; the decrease in quality of life is clear. However, as we get into countless conversations about how much worse kids are today, do we ever really consider the powerful influence we will have on them in the future?

We all pay this enormously expensive tuition at WMC to prepare for a career that we hopefully will love; however, many of us fail to consider what will happen to the quality of life in America when we all go to work.

Sure times are changing, but not all for the better. As Goldberg discusses in this chapter of his book, many Americans think that having a two-income household will lead to a better life for their children and themselves. There is no doubt that having two incomes will make it easier when it comes time to pay for college tuition and all other expenses, but how does one balance the importance of being at home for our children with this desire to work full-time?

Many might say we are too young to be giving thought to having a family, however, I know that next time I sit around and talk about how I hope my kids aren't like that I will understand that I have more influence in the way they turn out than I ever realized.

-Lindsay Hicks is a freshman communications major.

News is a childish circus

Colby Goodrum proposes that news shows present rudeness of society.

After the recent arrest of Robert Blake for the murder of his wife, CNN posed the mind-probing question to its viewers of whether or not the trial was going to be the media circus that the O.J. Simpson trial was.

It appears to me that the fine question synthesizers at CNN achieved the answer that they were looking for by merely asking the question. Obviously if you make a big deal of a particular murder case, it will become a media circus.

The issue with Robert Blake is not the only instance of cable news stations grasping for things to put on the air. There are a host of other so-called "news shows" that deserve to be placed more in the category of Jerry Springer than anything remotely resembling something worthwhile and informative to the American public.

A few shows that come to mind are: *Crossfire*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, and *Talk Back Live*. The problem with these shows is not that they have people on the shows that debate each other's positions, because every news show does that to see both sides of the story (although American news does tend to be incredibly biased).

The problem with these shows is that the people appearing on them are extremely rude.

The guests banter back and forth at each other, none of them being able to get out a complete thought without being interrupted by the opposition.

These types of shows do not inform the public because they become so distracted by the guests' childish display that you turn off the TV, feeling more annoyed than enlightened. I believe the cause for this type of program is the 24-hour news station.

There is simply not enough that happens in one day that can be determined news worthy to fill up the allotted time, so the networks have to pollute their stations with nonsense shows.

I am sure that such shows will not cease to be found on CNN and FOX, because people do watch them. Whether it is because they think they are informative, or because the people anger them so much they just want to find out how stupid they really are, I don't really know.

For everything that such shows can be classified as, from a waste of time to laughable, one thing they cannot be classified as is news.

-Colby Goodrum is a junior philosophy-English major.

Students should challenge authority after name change?

Steve Sharkey encourages student body to speak up after WMC's identity is changed.

This piece is usually reserved for Steve Sharkey's Editorials. Well let me tell you something. Steve Sharkey does not exist anymore. It just wasn't working. 22 years no good. He had a good life, with good friends. He was honest and intelligent and even managed to have a good time once in a while. But that was not enough.

Now Max Power is in charge. I decided that I wanted to be sexier, more athletic and have more friends and money than ever before.

In all seriousness this will be the last editorial of my career here and I guess its time for me to ask the questions that no student ever really asks about the direction of the college in general and in dealings with the name.

A day or two after the trustees met, all of us students got a little piece of paper in the mail announcing the fact that there was a unanimous decision on the new name and that they are announcing it May 10th at 8:30 p.m. It is sort of like the time someone told me that they had the hottest juiciest secret - but that they were not going to tell me. Well I would pose it to you that there would be quite a few times that would have more effectively gotten together the friends of the campus. Spring Fling weekend could have worked. That way students could have gotten together

and celebrated the name change. Or even better, the name could have been announced at Alumni week-end when many graduates of this institution travel long distances to see this college and their old friends.

Every time a new building is built or renovated there is a celebration. But this time the celebration part is lacking. We have to come out there at 8:30 at night during quiet hours and be quiet - some celebration.

I challenge the board of trustees and administration to institute a five-year plan or a fifty-year plan - not just a set of goals that will hopefully be achieved, but an everlasting vision that will guide this college into the future.

celebration. It seems as though the time of the announcement is an attempt to slip the name under our doors when nobody is looking.

So instead the announcement will be made at time when students will either be at Karaoke night, or bringing back the first wave of clothes for the move back home. This announcement could make some squirrels mad, but what can they do, nip at your feet?

The plain and simple reason for announcing the name at 8:30 on May 10th is that it is a public relations move. First off it is during 23-hour quiet hours.

So if students did want to make a protest they would be written up on noise violations. Also, it is being made when students are busy so that it will be a bad time for them to get things together. Then the cherry on top is that they get to say that they told us before we went

home. This is all wrapped up on a platter. They control the flow of information and therefore they dictate what we do.

This is sort of like purchasing a new home, putting down a deposit and then right before you sign the name on the dotted line they tell you that the foundation is rotten. In this process we have lost our voice. Hopefully this will teach the future students of this college to take it back. That way the students

will be important enough to hear about the big decisions less than three weeks after they are made. Since we have been completely focused on the name change have any of us asked what is actually happening to the college?

No, there was some reason why the board of trustees wanted to change the name of the college. It also seems that they want to change other things about the college.

I know that they want "better" students. (Ouch that hurts) But nobody can really define what better is. I really want to know what their new vision of the college is, if they have one. Does better just mean higher SAT scores and GPA's?

Or does better mean wealthier students that will donate more money to the college after they graduate?

I would hope that better means

to this place. Many feel as though they were never part of this community, and if they were nobody cares now.

I challenge the board of trustees and administration to institute a five-year plan or a fifty-year plan - not just a set of goals that will hopefully be achieved, but an everlasting vision that will guide this college into the future.

When this college was formed back in 1868 those people were not followers, they were leaders. They bucked the trend by deciding to allow women in this college. They encouraged fresh, innovative ideas that made this institution an incredible college.

Let's get together as a community and get ahead of the trends, not behind them anymore. I am not talking about giving lip service to ideals anymore.

I am talking about putting

power behind them.

I also challenge the students to ask the questions that we ask as individuals, but never get a sufficient answer. Such as why our ethernet is so slow? Why is it that our college is not yet energy efficient and environmentally safe? We are heated by a steam plant. And why is it that we have to fill out five surveys every week regarding housing, smoking, drug and alcohol use, professor quality and every other topic under the sun, and yet they don't ask the questions that we need answers to.

Because the survey makers control the flow of information, they therefore control the surveys and their answers.

Some of these surveys do not even have an extra space at the bottom for extra comments anymore - that makes our ideas numbers, not thoughts.

The answer for the students is simple - we don't speak up. Students rallying for individual causes and policy changes is the only way that students will ever get what they want here.

I am going to challenge all of us as a college community to decide what we want this place to be and how we are going to achieve these goals.

If we don't, I fear that ten years from now this college will be behind the trends and just another one of the pack, not what we want it to be - that is truly the best liberal arts college in the nation.

~Steve Sharkey is a senior political science major.

A message to the class of 2003

Lately there has been an outpour of stories written to the senior class. Well, I think that it is time to address the juniors and give them some words of advice.

The past three years have flown by so quickly. It feels like yesterday that we first stepped foot on campus to enter into our college careers. Now we will only have one year left.

One year. That sounds crazy doesn't it? Unfortunately it is true.



Donna Hurd

We only have one year to enjoy each other's company, complain about campus safety, enjoy the wonders of Glar, and all that college has to offer us. So, don't take it for granted.

Don't overlook the fact that for

many of us this is the last summer at home with the parents and the last time in our lives that they will help pay for us. Cherish these

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times. Family is the most important thing in your life whether you realize this or not.

This will also be the last year to get involved on campus and try new things. Take the plunge and do it. You may find that there is something else out there that you are good at.

Too often we say that we are ready to leave this place. However, I think that one day we will look back and wish we were still here - going to two classes a day and hav-

ing fun on the week-ends.

Heck, we might even miss campus safety. Well, maybe just Matt Warehime.

I guess what I am saying is just live it up! Carpe Diem! Who knows what may happen next year. Whatever it is, just make the best of it. Before we know it we will be the ones trying to decide what to do with the rest of our lives. I don't know about you but that scares the hell out of me!

So just be young while you can. Live each day to its fullest as if it is your last, and take the petty things with a grain of salt. Quick, before the responsibility sets in and the real world takes over your life.

~Donna Hurd is a junior English major.

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Moral lesson: what goes around comes around

Tara Dellafranzia talks about a personal experience in which she baited the rudeness of others.

It's nice to know that each year at college I accomplish something. Not only do I learn a lot more academic stuff (some of which is vital, some of which seems useless), but always an important social lesson.

This year, I learned a lot about comfort and lack thereof. There are, of course, the basic observances of American college culture that any international student or linguistics teacher could tell you: social mores of standing at an appropriate distance, things you're expected to say in daily conversation, or how often one should reference sex and/or drugs/alcohol.

But what about those people that seem almost devoted to rudeness or to making you feel uncomfortable or uncomfortable on your own college campus? Do they leave you stammering for words in a shocked and disheartened state?

I would seem that society offers no other way of dealing with such appalling behavior. Solution learned.

Recently, two friends and I were enjoying a fourth meal in the Pub. My female friend, already insecure about the social issues caused by being an independent on campus, simply got up to throw her trash in the garbage. She left her keys on the chair. As soon as she stood up, a group of girls seated at the table to our left snatched her chair away. Her keys went flying, but these 'students' (yes administration, if you don't want a bad image, don't admit students like these) ignored her.

While I realize that most students that participate in Greek organizations are not rude and are in fact taught the virtues of sister and brotherhood, the fact that this group of girls belonged to a sorority was not helping my friend.

My friend, practically humiliated by these nitwits, grabbed her keys from the chair. She then went over and politely asked another table of girls if she could borrow a chair. They kindly agreed, and she had a different chair. I loudly pointed out how kind my friend was for asking for a chair with such well-bred manners.

However, I was not content. I just had to burst that pre-Spring Fling drunken-brain-cell-lacking bubble that surrounded the girls at the other table. One of them stood up to whatever reason, and I grabbed her chair.

GLORY! Or not. One of my friends had

We must not lose sight of our ideals

Mike Wiles invites the campus to maintain unity despite WMC's changing identity.

With the announcement of our school's new name finally upon us, I am left with one question: are people still fighting this?

I remember back to Jan Term when this all began, and how so many students (myself included) got all bent out of shape over the idea and swore we would not stand for it. Come this Friday, it looks like most of us will be doing just that in Red Square, where the school's new name is announced: standing for it.

Now, in the interest of covering my own behind, I would like to remind everyone that I threw this cause a while ago, deciding that it really does not matter what you call WMC, or anything else, because things are what

hooked the chair with her foot. "Um, we were using that," she protested. "All right," I thought. That's it, here comes the cynic—the avenger.

Fueling my aggravation further was the fact that my friend was going to feel like crap because of these girls unless I did something.

"Oh!" I exclaimed, putting my hand mock-sincerely over my heart, "I am so sorry! Were you really using that chair?" "Yeah, yeah we really were," one of the girls replied. "I didn't even dignify her reply with direct eye contact, for I was mostly speaking to my friends and any others who happened to be listening to the conclusion of my friend's complicated plight.

"Oh, I had no idea. I would never have done that... if only I had known."

After furthering this banter for a few mo-

New rule: If a person or a group of people makes you feel uncomfortable, simply reverse roles, making them feel moreso.

ments and puzzling these girls until they were more uncomfortable and confused than they were to begin with, I sat down.

I'm not sure if I had a satisfied grin on my face (someone once told me that she's never seen me grin), but it felt that way. My smiling friend was clearly grateful; though those others involved and many spectators may have still seen me as an idiot. I was the hero of my table, and so I produced and proclaimed a new credo to live by.

New rule: If a person or a group of people makes you feel uncomfortable, simply reverse roles, making them feel moreso.

Sometimes I may care what people think. Who doesn't? There are certain occasions like this one, though, where one must take all principles of literary heroes, the might of Mighty Mouse and every other underdog ever fathomed, and the democracy inside oneself that hasn't seen the light of a truly American day, and act.

Clothe your mind in a toga and grab the scales from the grocery store; you may only be a college student, you may be opposing a mass more intimidating than yourself, and you may never be content. But you, my friend, are Justice!

-Tara Dellafranzia is a junior English major.

Term paper miracle

Terry Dalton regards staff member with the utmost respect and admiration.

Pound for pound, inch for inch, could there be a more valued WMC employee than him? Any student who has burst into Hoover Library the night before his/her research paper is due, hoping for a miracle and praying that this isn't his night off, knows exactly of whom I speak: Clement Ho, miracle-maker.

Reference librarians are not normally revered on college campuses, but Clement—who is soon to leave Western Maryland for American University—was (and still is) every student's best friend when it came to finding those elusive sources that somehow never got uncovered without Clement's help. His reputation for bailing out panic-stricken students was so well established that I regularly included his name on all my research paper instruction handouts.

And help he did. In Stacey Myers' lovely "unsung hero" piece on Clement in the April 24 *Phoenix*, my favorite story is about the student who appeared in Hoover the night before her first-year seminar project was due.

Presto! Within a short time, Clement had directed her to all the sources she needed, but more importantly, he had shown her how to use the library's reference section so that she would not need his help the next time this happened. "He got me an 'A' on my paper," the student is quoted as saying, "I should send him flowers or something."

Flowers? This guy should be knighted by every student who has ever gone from zero to a hundred on their research paper in the space of 60 minutes with Clement. He also helped faculty, too, of course, and thought nothing of going the extra mile to satisfy them.

A perfect example of this is found in the aforementioned article that recounts the time he stayed up until 5 a.m. one night assembling a full list of citations and Web sites for a sociology professor. It didn't seem to matter that he was leaving the country on vacation that same day.

Clement, we will miss you. Not just your extraordinary skills as a reference librarian, but your graciousness, your modesty, your charm, and your incredible unselfishness. Students at American University, consider yourselves lucky. Very lucky. And yes, send him flowers.

-Terry Dalton is a professor of journalism at WMC.

student body, might have been able to stop this thing if we really wanted to.

But, maybe that is just it—we did not want it badly enough. Not to beat a dead horse or anything but I still think that we could have made a difference if we had stuck together. There is no reason in the world why a group of people, no matter what size, cannot make a difference and bring about change (or, in this case, prevent change) if they truly intend to. History teaches us this is possible.

It just bothers me that people stopped caring so quickly. As I have said before, we have become WAY too apathetic in this day and age. Without ideals and beliefs, and the conviction to fight for them, our society is undoubtedly doomed.

-Mike Wiles is a junior English major.

Grace Almandrez: a truly Phenomenal Woman

JESSICA WATSON

Features Editor

Diversity is overflowing on this campus. Organizations are more active and prominent on campus, workshops and programs are taking place, and students are more involved. Grace Almandrez, Director of Multicultural Services, is the phenomenal woman that makes it all possible.

Almandrez was offered the position after graduating from the University of San Diego in 1998.

"I felt very lucky; it was my dream job to be a director." She willingly accepted the position, and since then, the department has done nothing but progress onward and upward.

This was just three and a half years ago, and now she is moving on.

Almandrez is about to receive her Masters in Human Resource Development and next fall, she will be the Director of Missions and Diversity at Notre Dame de Namur University in San Francisco. Although moving all the way across the country, her experiences at WMC will forever be cherished.

Almandrez saw the job as "having the chance to work with students, do programming and getting paid for it." In her eyes, who could ask for anything more?

The department started out as a coordinator position under student affairs and then moved to adminis-

sions where it took on recruiting prospective students and programming.

Being the first full time director of the Multicultural Services Department, Grace had her work cut out for her. Instead of wading in the shallow water, she dove right in.

Dean Henry Reif, her supervisor and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs agrees. "Under Grace, things have just taken off. From my perspective, the positive energy out of the multicultural students here is amazing."

According to Reif, Almandrez connects the multicultural students to each other, giving them a sense of security.

More importantly, she connects them into the mainstream of campus life.

"It's a huge responsibility and she is extremely successful," Reif said. "She has done a wonderful job educating the community at large about what diversity truly means."

Barb Horneff, Associate Dean of the First-Year Program, served on the search committee when Almandrez was interviewed in November 1998.

"She was ranked as our top candidate," said Horneff. "When she accepted the position we were thrilled."

Since then she has watched her

Graduate Assistant for two years. "I have learned so much from her as a person. It has made me more aware and open to different cultures. She has energy and spirit, and this is what has made her achieve in her department and profession. I think they [WMC] already feels the impact of her leaving."

Under Almandrez several diverse clubs and organizations have surfaced and several programs established. Too assist with recruitment, she designed a three-day schedule of activities for prospective students attending Minority Student Week-end.

She also started the Phenomenal Woman Luncheon, which recognizes a lot of women who serve the college and are not recognized.

In addition to this, she started the Multicultural Leaders Banquet, which allows seniors who are active members in diversity groups to be recognized. According

to Almandrez, "diversity is a priority."

Of her many programs, her legacy lies with the Phenomenal Woman Luncheon and the Multicultural Leaders Banquet. "If they did nothing else, I want those two programs to be continued. They are my favorite programs and

the most emotional.

They show the value of family and community as well as those who put in 110 percent into their work." Almandrez admits that it is not easy being dedicated to this college.

Although she is moving on, she is leaving behind a strong foundation for the next director to fulfill her position. "I am so excited for the next person, it's going to be ten times better."

They won't have to worry about building from the ground up; instead they can focus on introducing new programs and expanding on those already in progress.

Almandrez says that at Notre Dame de Namur University, she will still be doing diversity programs and working with students, but her main focus will be faculty development. "I am excited and scared at the same time."

She wants to further expand her knowledge and experience and she knows that Notre Dame de Namur is the place to do it. "It is an opportunity for me to grow as a professional."

Nonetheless, Almandrez admits to loving it here and knows that it will be hard to leave behind everything that she created for the department.

"My mind is in San Francisco," she said, "but my heart will always be in Westminster."



Grace Almandrez connects students to the mainstream on campus.

grow as a person and a professional." Her involvement with students goes beyond the expectations of her responsibilities as Director of Multicultural Services. "Almandrez is known for taking students under her wings and teaching them how to fly."

Carolyn Wagner has been her

Nancy Palmer's advice leaves a lasting impression

HEATHER WEISSE

Staff Writer

She likes activity-jogging and bicycling especially. Photographs of her 37 years at WMC cover her office walls and a black and white portrait of Don Quixote hangs near the door. A stack of books by her bed waiting to be read - it just keeps getting higher and higher.

And when she retires this spring, Nancy Palmer, English professor and director of the honors program, plans to read them all.

Palmer (known simply as 'Nancy' by most of her students) started teaching at WMC in 1965 as a part-time professor, teaching Saturday freshman seminars and "Continental Literature." The Kentucky native started working at WMC after her husband, Del Palmer, took a full-time teaching position here. Neither one of them planned to stay, but things don't always go as planned.

"I never thought of teaching at a small school in Maryland..." said Palmer. "I thought maybe I'd teach somewhere on the west coast maybe, I don't know - it's hard to remember what I was thinking back then... But Western Maryland became the school I wanted to be."

In the fall of 1983 Palmer became a full-time faculty member and took over as director of the honor's program. Her goal? To en-

large the program (which began in 1986), give honors students a larger presence on campus and incorporate faculty/student feedback to strengthen and individualize the program.

While Palmer may be known on campus for her contributions to the honors program, her real passion is her students and not just honors students. She has taught everything from mythology to Milton, both honors and non-honors courses, during her time at WMC.

"I'm always open with my students," said Palmer. "I enjoy students' thinking, energy, abilities and advising them... I have a great respect for all students."

According to Palmer, she never tires of teaching the same thing over and over again (She has taught "Great Works" - which began as "Continental Literature" - for 37 straight years now) because there is always a new group of students who approach different topics differently.

Her ability to move beyond subject matter and address real-life concerns allows students to know Palmer as a "teacher," not an "instructor."

Freshman Mark Zebrowski described Palmer's teaching style and personality as "fluid," citing that her classes intertwine centuries-old literature with current society and

politics.

"I can see Nancy's influence in my own personality. My own tendencies toward nonviolence, protest, and pacifism can certainly be attributed to her in some way," said Zebrowski.

Senior biology major Nichole Christman recalls that during her freshman year, Palmer told her that "Nothing is final, except for death. And we aren't even sure about that." That advice has stuck with Christman.

"That is my fondest memory of her - her permission to not know, and to make a wrong decision because we always have time to redo and retry," said Christman. "I still have a hard time following the advice, but I am always conscious of its wisdom."

What will her students miss most? The long chats after class, her sense of humor and invaluable advice. Oh-and her constantly moving hands. According to sophomore English major Erin Duffy, Palmer can't speak without making hand gestures, which aren't necessarily related to what she's talking about.

"I'll miss Nancy giving me advice on life, love and academics," said senior political science major Jason Fitzgerald, who credits Palmer for turning around his high-school writing style. "She has truly

been there for me in all three areas and I'll miss having that constant support. She truly is a great person."

Over the past four decades, Palmer has influenced countless students and taught innumerable works of literature. She has run in races with students, invited them to her house for Christmas parties, encouraged them and been open with her students.

And she has no regrets (well-except for not getting her doctorate before teaching, but that's it.)

Because of her close relationships with her students, Palmer said retirement will be somewhat sad.

"I run into former students everywhere and so many have been so generous to me. I've always



JESSICA WATSON

Nancy Palmer is known across campus for always being open with her students.

thought that teaching was what that was all about," said Palmer. "I love my job, and I think you ought to love your job."

Retirement won't slow Palmer down. After reading all those books, she plans to travel to southeast Asia and spend time with her grandson.

Some of the unusual talents walking around campus

KATIE CHAMPION
Staff Writer

While our college is known for hosting a wide variety of talents, from athletics to academics, here's a look at some of the unusual talents you can find walking around campus.

Bagpipes and Football

While many Green Terror football players have other interests than football, only one offensive lineman wanders the golf course sporting a multi-colored kilt in his spare time.

In his two years at Western Maryland College, sophomore Dan Lyden has become one of the more prominent members of the Green Terror football team. But don't let his size fool you. This 278-pound offensive lineman has a soft spot for music and kilts. Yes, kilts.

Like many students, Lyden came home from school one day telling his parents he wanted to start learning an instrument. They never guessed in a million years it would be the bagpipes.

"They [the bagpipes] were always my favorite part of the Fourth of July parade," Lyden recalled. "I don't really know why I decided to pick them. I guess I just thought it was something different."

While his parents are supportive of this unique, loud hobby, he knows it can be annoying.

"My dad is very encouraging, my mom tolerates it," he said.

Practice is key to reaching his goal of becoming a top-notch bagpiper. He has often been spotted practicing in the Rouzer Hall laundry room or roaming the golf course.

The skill levels of bagpipes run from level four to level one, the latter being the most accomplished. According to Lyden, many players practice their entire lives and are never recognized as a level one. Since the day he decided to take up the bagpipes during his sophomore year of high school,

Lyden has moved up to a level two.

He says his goals are to become an open-level piper, the highest accuracy level for the instrument. This summer he will travel to Scotland to compete in the world bagpipe championships. Though he gets made fun of

with plaques and awards.

NCAA rules prohibit cash prizes to minors, but do allow savings bonds and scholarships. "Racing has basically paid for my first semester here," he said.

One mo-

Grigsby is unable to compete in races, he plans to continue his weekend hobby and raise his kids around the racetrack.

Soaring to New Heights

Junior Jon Pearson, has always stood out in a crowd. At 6 feet 9 inches tall, Pearson has been an important part of the men's basketball team. Towering over many, the third year player has been a leader to the team.

While most students look up to him as a role model of athletic excellence, few know the extent of his talents. Just last fall, Pearson received his pilot's license. After logging over 90 flight hours including a long-distance trip to Ecuador, he is certified to fly single-engine planes.

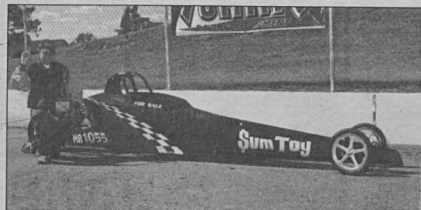
Pearson comes from a family of flyers. "My dad got me interested in flying planes," he said. "It's something that I really enjoy and can entertain family and friends with."

His girlfriend sophomore Kelly Smith, admits she was scared the first time he took her for a ride. "When we got off the plane, I literally kissed the ground," she said. "He had to practice emergency landings by cutting off the engine and gliding down. I have never been so scared in my life."

While still learning a lot about planes and flying, Pearson, a sociology and criminal justice major has set his sights high on places he would like to fly. "I think it would be cool to be an Alaskan Bush pilot," he said. "It's very dangerous and I would get to fly people to remote places around the world."

For now, though he enjoys flying over Maryland and Pennsylvania.

So as the sun sets over Western Maryland College and Dan Lyden's bagpipes can be heard over the hills of Westminster and Nick Grigsby races his car across Route 140, look to the sky for Jon Pearson on his way to unknown places.



At just 16 years old, Nick Grigsby won the IHRA World Championships in Darlington, South Carolina.



Dan Lyden, competing at the Elizabethtown Piping Competition, May 5, 2001

sometimes, he has decided to encourage his children to play someday.

"Oh my children will love the bagpipes," he said.

"The Need for Speed"

Not many college students can say they are a world champion at anything. However, 18-year-old freshman Nick Grigsby can. The communication major has been racing junior dragster cars since he was 9 years old when his dad bought him a race car for Christmas.

"There is no bigger adrenaline rush than going 150 miles per hour in a matter of seconds," said Grigsby. "It's like being shot out of a cannon."

As a member of the International Hot Rod Association, Grigsby has traveled up and down the East Coast and to Indianapolis to race. In 1996 and 1997, he won back-to-back track championships and in 1999 he won the IHRA World Championship.

Speed and fast times have been a major part of Grigsby's life. Since he can remember, his dad has been racing speedboats on the Chesapeake Bay.

Grigsby has an impressive trophy room in his Calvert County home. Two walls are lined with trophies while a third is covered

ment that stands out in his racing career is the IHRA banquet in Louisville, Kentucky when

he received his championship ring in 1999. "The 'big guys' were all standing up and clapping for me," he said. "It was a thrill to see my role models recognizing my accomplishment."

Off the racetrack, Grigsby competes for the WMC swim team. Always striving for excellence, it is no surprise that Nick is one of the fastest swimmers on the team.

"When I was young, we had a pool in my back yard and I would call all the neighborhood kids to come race me," said Grigsby. "I never got beat so I figured, what the hell, I'll go out for my high school team."

Since then he has been setting pool records in many freestyle and breaststroke events. "Nick is a talented breastroker with unlimited potential," swim coach Kim Easterday said. "We look forward to having his competitive athleticism around for the next three years."

While in college, hours away from home,

Profile: Senior Maureen Mngola does it all with a smile

Lu Li Lu
Staff Writer

The last year of college is probably the most critical time for college students. So why would Maureen Mngola wait until then to take one of the toughest jobs at Western Maryland College?

Mngola is employed as a Resident Assistant and takes pleasure in her job. "It became a part of me," she said. Being an RA on Pennsylvania Avenue, she has her work cut out for her, but it's nothing that she can't handle. Shonda Wilson, one of the Residence Life Coordinators, feels the same way.

"Being a RA in Pennsylvania Avenue is very time consuming, but Maureen has done her job in a professional way," said Wilson.

Mngola puts her heart into organizing different programs for her 39 residents, and she values all of them. "They are wonderful and nice, and they make my job easy," she said delightfully.

Born in Nairobi, Kenya, Mngola is the only child in her family. Before graduating from boarding school, which was one of the best national high schools in Kenya, she applied to many colleges abroad. Finally, in 1998 she decided to study in WMC Budapest

after her cousin, who studied in SOTE, the chief medical school in Hungary, found out about the school for her. She spent two years in Budapest and was quite fond of the city life.

Considering herself a very social person, Mngola welcomes learning about different cultures. She can speak two languages fluently, Swahili, English, and is currently learning French. During her two-year stay in Budapest she became skilled at speaking Hungarian. She has many friends with different cultural backgrounds, which has exposed her to a variety of customs and ways of life.

Mngola has also taken a keen interest in traveling. "I hope one day I can travel to as many countries as possible," she said. Mngola looks forward to exploring all that the world has to offer and is very eager to see Europe.

Like many other international students who transferred from Budapest, Mngola joined the International Club shortly after her arrival at the main campus in 2000. This club is known for its promotion of diversity on campus as well as educating and exposing students to different cultures. She re-

called the cultural shock when she first arrived in the U.S. and laughed, "One culture shock was the food in general. I was used to eating hot spicy foods at home, so I found the food here bland because it lacked seasoning."

Debbie V. Leazer, coordinator of donor relations, supervised Mngola when she worked in the development office during her January internship in 2002. Leazer evaluated Mngola's work performance. "She is very organized and thorough. People here like her a lot," she said.

Last semester, Mngola was the only student her advisor, professor Joseph L. Carter in the Economics and Business Administration department and the development office, invited to participate in the "Top of the Hill" program. She made a presentation to alumni about her experience at WMC Budapest. "They just loved her," said Carter recalling the program.

After gaining some experiences, Mngola was one of the few people in charge who organized the International Dinner this spring. She managed the money expenses for the event and also helped with shopping, decorating, and cooking.

"It takes too much energy," she said. She also performed a Kenyan folk dance with three other girls that was one of the evening's highlights. Afterward, she said she enjoyed the event a lot, adding, "I like to organize and working with people."

Not only has she gained experience and leadership skills from the RA job, she has also learned how to manage her time, which is the most difficult part of her job. As a RA, she has to participate in many different activities and attend lots of meetings. Sometimes, she and other RAs have to organize programs together.

"We cooperate, and work very well as a team," said Mngola proudly. Mngola enjoys her student life here. The moment that especially impressed her on campus was President Joan Develin Coley's inauguration in 2001, which she participated in with other international students. "That's the history of WMC," she said.

She is planning to continue her education in Humans Resources after graduating. Working with others just comes naturally to her. If she's surrounded by people and interacting with them, you'll always find a smile on her face.

Top 10 things we would rather see changed instead of the name

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#10. Adding more **VARIETY** and **OPTIONS** to homecoming. Some students don't want to sit around a campfire.

#9. Make the game room games **free**, or at least some of them.

#8. **MORE FUNDING** for student organizations. They help to diversify the school, so the school should do more to support them.

#7. Clear out the smoking stools! Where there's a smoking stool, there's a cigarette butt and spit. Yuck!!

#6. Put **change machines** in the laundry rooms, because that just makes cents!

#5. More money should be invested into college activities. We're tired of **sweltering** Blanche parties.

#4. Clocks (so we can know when to stop learning), trash cans and pencil sharpeners in every classroom please!

#3. Dorm renovations: especially new carpeting; after the rain it smells like **mildew**.

#2. More variety with the food and no more **universal chicken**!

#1. We need a better **shuttle service** so students aren't left behind.

SPRING FLING 2002!



David Hose (senior) sweeps Megan Grimshaw (junior) off her feet during Spring Fling 2002.

TAMMI SLATER
Assistant Features Editor

Spring weather, a fun, work-free day, food, activities, and the end of the semester just around the corner brings Spring Fling to mind. Spring Fling 2002 was a great success, and proves year after year to be the annual event that brings the campus together as one.

This year's festivities included activities such as a digital photography booth where students could get their picture taken and placed on a magazine cover of their choice.

For the more competitive, athletic types, there was an obstacle course which proved to be extra challenging to some after a day full of celebration, as well as a rock-climbing wall.

Freshman English major, Heather Cook said, "I loved the giant blown up obstacle course thing. I had a lot of fun on that, and there seemed to be a lot of students on campus there."

Additionally, there was food provided, free prizes, and a very

entertaining performance at the end of the day from comedian juggler, Hilby who provided a smile and laugh for all in the audience.

For all those who attended Spring Fling 2002, it was a day that will serve as a reminder of relationships, friendships, campus unity, fun, and yet another semester that has come to a close.

For senior Psychology major, Megan Pickette, Spring Fling 2002 was the best of all the previous Spring Fling's she has attended in her four years at WMC.

"I thought this was the best year for Spring Fling of any I had been to. As a senior, it was a great opportunity to relax, have fun, and let loose with my fellow senior roommates and friends who I don't get to see as much around campus," she said.

The only thing that Pickette says could have made the event better would have been "to extend the festivities into the evening hours."

After all, with a day like Spring Fling, who wants the fun to end?

Movie Review: Changing Lanes

EDWARD K. SCHULTZEIS & MATTHEW E. HURFF
Co-Editors-in-Chief

Changing Lanes, starring Ben Affleck as Gavin Banek and Samuel L. Jackson as Doyle Gipson is the story of two men who allow a simple traffic accident to expand into a dangerous game of revenge.

Banek plays a high-powered Wall Street lawyer while on his way to court he crashes into Gipson, who is also travelling to court to defend himself in a custody case.

Banek flees the scene, leaving Gipson without a way to make it to court and because of this he loses the case. Meanwhile, Banek reaches the courtroom only to realize that he left a crucial document with Gipson while trying to exchange insurance information. Without this document, Banek could be arrested for fraud.

After his harsh treatment earlier, Gipson's character would not return the document to him. This resulted in a battle in which Gipson has his credit ruined, he is bank-

rupted and he is arrested. Meanwhile, Banek has an affair with a co-worker revealed, and he is nearly killed when the log nuts on his tires are removed.

In the end Banek realizes that his partners are doing something nefarious behind the scenes and foils them. In addition he and Gipson mend their ways together.

Matt: Overall the film was too unrealistic. The fact that they had a computer hacker make Gipson bankrupt was a little too far fetched. Also, the characters were very stereotypical for their roles. Banek couldn't have been any more of a yuppie Wall St. lawyer and there were just too many things wrong in Gipson's life. At points I caught myself wondering whether anything was positive in his life at all.

Also, the film became very slow at points. Sometimes this convention will build suspense and add to the exciting points in the film, however, in this case it just made the audience bored and restless.

Grade: C
Ed:

When I went to see *Changing*

Lanes, I had high hopes for it. I had heard about the premise, and had seen the previews, for it on television and I was expecting a good movie. What I got was a movie that dragged through the first 45 minutes, and never lived up to what I had expected from it.

The movie trudged through the background stories of Affleck's and Jackson's characters, as well as the events leading up to the fateful day of the two of them. It was not until the last third of the movie that it really picked up and even though it tried to finish strong, the movie just left me disappointed when I left the theatre.

While the movie does have some good parts, they are few and far between, leaving you to look at your watch during the movie. Affleck and Jackson give solid performances, but in general, the movie was choppy and lacked a good structure.

My recommendation is to wait for the movie to come out on video, or just wait for it to show up on cable.

Grade: C

Hitting the Shoppes

Need a great gift? Come get it here!

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
Staff Writer

Every now and then, one comes upon a really unusual shop, a perfect shop stocked with eclectic treasures-gifts for just about everyone you know. At the intersection of Routes 97 North and Maryland Route 486 sits just such a place, the Ye Olde Gift Shoppe. While the shop may look small from the outside, the inside is virtually a treasure trove.

Owned by Barbara and Tom Hall, The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe (a division of the C.O. Fishpaw Company) is unlike any other gift store in Westminster. The shop first opened in 1997. Together with its parent company, C.O. Fishpaw, the shop's neighboring carnival supply store, the Ye Olde Gift Shoppe is the place to find great ideas for gift giving. "We offer a lot of one-of-a-kind items," Barbara Hall proudly says. "People just seem to like one-of-a-kind items."

Stuffed teddy bears and aromatic candles in every scent perch on shelves next to cast sculptures of cows and chickens. Sports and NASCAR objects dominate an entire set of shelving. A black Labrador retriever puppy sculpture stands guard beneath the counter.

Every item in the store seems to be handpicked and tastefully edited. "We're [Barbara and Tom] personal shoppers.... We choose items for the shop that we think our customers would like," Hall says.

Many of the items Hall stocks in the shop are truly one-of-a-kind. Stuffed animals from Russ Toys as well as objects from limited-quantity suppliers grace the shop's interior. Because much of the merchandise comes from a number of small companies, you can be certain that what you find in the shop won't be duplicated at larger, discount stores.

Hall says it's the one-of-a-kind, unique items that people tend to remember and keep. In fact, she admits that she's more likely to hold on to a gift that had some thought behind it.

Whether you're buying a gift for friends, family, girlfriend or boyfriend, or even that roommate of yours, you're sure to find something in this shop to suit the personal interests of your recipients. A porcelain doll for Mom perhaps? Does Dad have an impressive sports memorabilia collection? Does your girlfriend enjoy fragrant soaps and bath items? You'll find all of these items here, along with many other tongue-in-cheek things, like magnets in the shapes of ladybugs, dragonflies, and butterflies.

Unlike retail shops or other big-name merchandise stores, the prices for a number of the items in The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe are well within a college student's budget.



The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe has great gifts that fit a college student's budget.

"It doesn't matter whether you come in here with \$10 or \$20. At some other stores, you might feel embarrassed if you walked in with only \$20 dollars to spend. At this shop, you can walk in with any amount and find nice, quality items," Hall notes.

Yet another charming feature of the shop is the personal attention you get from Hall as you enter the shop. Need some assistance with gift ideas? She will guide you through the shop, asking questions and pointing out possible gift ideas. "This customer attention is something that you won't find at WALMART," Hall says.

And Barbara Hall (who, by the way, worked in the Registrar's office as part of her high-school work study program) is more than happy to show off the place to first-time customers, inquiring about their families and people they're shopping for. So, it's no surprise that customers quickly become friends.

It's this commitment to personal customer service that, in part, contributes to the success of the place. The customer list grows monthly, as people from as close by as Westminster or as far away as Virginia come to look for those unique items for all of their gift giving needs.

Gift baskets, too, are another specialty of The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe. The baskets can be tailored to fit both your recipient's interests and your budget. Take a charming, bath-and-body gift package, for instance. For about \$20, you get a spectacular silver pal, filled with green-tea body lotions, a scented candle with a matching frog candle holder, and scented soaps-a great gift for anyone.

And with the end of the semester drawing to a close and Mother's Day quickly approaching, don't forget to drop by The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe. You're likely to find something special for the special people in your life.

The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. To find the shop, from WMC take 140 West to 97 North to Maryland Route 486. You can also reach the shop at 410-848-7910 or 1-877-FISHPAW.

Men's Golf places second at Centennial Conference tournament

CHRIS TAUGHER
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's golf team finished second at the ninth annual Centennial Conference Tournament on April 27 in Ocean City, Md. The Terror ended up 17 shots behind champion Gettysburg who had a two-day total of 624. Western Maryland (324-314-638), finished ahead of Franklin & Marshall (332-321-653), Muhlenberg (336-331-667), Swarthmore (339-332-671), Dickinson (350-343-693) and Ursinus (355-341-696).

Sophomore Dan Waeger (75-83-158) and freshman Brendan Zadrozny (81-77-158) tied for fifth in the conference. Joe Meier ended up shooting a 163 (84-79) Alden Rampmeyer finished at 166 (87-79) and Billy Pannill shot a 168 (89-79).

Waeger, who led the entire field after the first day said, "Even though I was disappointed with my second-day performance, our team played great and I guarantee we will win the conference next year."

Western Maryland trailed the Bullets by six strokes going into the second day but Gettysburg shot an impressive 306 on day two to take home the conference championship.

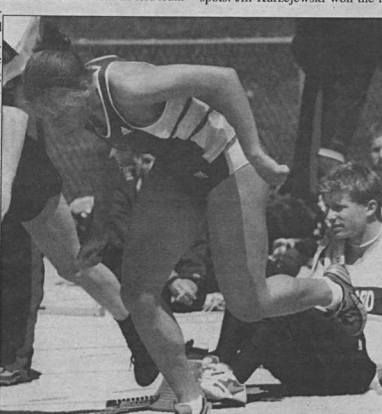
The Terror are only losing two players to graduation and have a strong shot at bringing the conference title back to Western Maryland College next season.

Outdoor Track finishes season on a high note

MARCUS HEITON
Phoenix Staff

As the 2002 Outdoor season comes to a close, the Green Terror Track and Field team has finished strongly.

At the Frostburg Invitational on April 27, the women earned first place and the men took second. The women took first place for the fourth time this year. Helped by seven first-place finishes, the Terror tallied 194 points. Seniors Diana Pool and Jill Krebs won two events each: Pool won the 800 meters in a time of 2:28.63 and the 1500 meters in a time of 5:07.89, while Krebs won the 3000 and 5000 meter runs with times of 11:16.40 and 18:25.60, respectively. Sophomore sprinter April Brown won the 200-meter dash in a time of 25.62 seconds. Thea Bayly's 68.02 in the 400-meter hurdles was good for first place. In the long jump, the



Sprinter Stephanie McPherson explodes from the blocks.

trio of Jen Bruce (16 feet, 3-inches), Christine Johnson (15-5.75), and Stephanie McPherson (14-6.25) took the top three spots. Jill Kurzejewski won the high jump

with a score of 423, and a15-stroke advantage over Franklin & Marshall (438). Muhlenberg placed third (467), and Gettysburg finished fourth (484). Dickinson and Ursinus did not have complete squads. Cramp, who won three of the four tournaments she played in this season, said "I just happened to be playing really well and I felt good about my game. This is really a big accomplishment for our team."

Cramp leads W. Golf to conference championship

CHRIS TAUGHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Western Maryland College's youngest program has just won it's first title. The women's golf team won the Centennial Conference crown on April 28. Freshman Kelly Cramp won her third tournament in a row at the Eagle's Landing Golf Course in Berlin, Md. Cramp's four-over-par 76, was 10 strokes better than the second-place finishers Melissa Croganale of Dickinson and Jessi Kunkle of Franklin & Marshall.

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Garnett Pumpfrey came in fourth place in the tournament with a score of 97. Julia Richardson just missed the top ten and finished eleventh (115). Teandra Smith shot a 135 to round out the four-woman squad.

Back on April 20 Cramp (82) beat out Pumpfrey (89) by seven strokes to win the Gettysburg Invitational. The Terror however, did not finish as a team because Stacey Roach withdrew because of illness.

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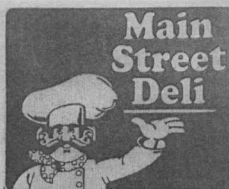
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The Best Darn Sports Column Period: Last Call

The Best Darn Sports Column Period takes a look into the wide world of sports. If there is a topic which Chris and Steve disagree on (which is usually every topic), they both express their views in a Chris vs. Steve debate. Views expressed in this column do not reflect the opinions of The Phoenix. Chris and Steve may not always be right, but they always think they are.

Chris vs. Steve: Mike Tyson Chris:

Hide your tasty children; Mike Tyson is going to fight Lennox Lewis for the undisputed heavyweight title June 8 at the Pyramid. Just this past Sunday, Tyson had a lot to say during a Sunday Conversation on ESPN. Among other things Tyson proclaimed he is the "biggest fighter in the history of the sport." He said he already passed Ali as far as popularity goes. Asked about his fans, Tyson said, "I think the average person thinks I'm a (expletive) nut and I deserve whatever happens to me."

You know what Mike, on behalf of all the average persons out there; you are a (expletive) nut! The biggest fighter in history? Not a chance. As popular as Ali? Let's see how Tyson: The Jail Time and Earlobes Story does in theaters.

The man is crazy. Don't get me wrong I love listening to him talk and at one point he was on his way to being the greatest heavyweight

ever, but he won't ever reach that Joe Louis, Ali level. His career has been a disappointment and he is going to get his ass kicked by Lewis this summer.

Steve: Well, it's hard to believe, but it does appear as though the Tyson/Lewis fight will happen in 2002. Memphis, Tennessee will be the site on June 8th and finally, we will get to see Tyson being pummeled by a far superior fighter.

After the January 22 press conference debacle with the two fighters, it was unclear as to whether or not the fight would even take place, but I think that boxing came to its senses and realized what the revenue that this match-up will mean.

Over the weekend, Tyson admitted in a FOX News interview that he did indeed bite Lewis' leg during that nationally televised brawl.

"I did bite him...but on June 8th, flesh will not be enough. I will take Lennox Lewis' title, his soul and smear his pompous brains all over the ring when I hit him," Tyson said.

What's wrong Mike? No mention of his kids this time...I'm a little disappointed.

The man is both crazy and delusional for thinking that he is anywhere near Ali in fighting or popularity. The guy who has almost become as synonymous with problems

with the law as Darryl Strawberry will soon be getting what's been coming to him for a while. Just like you said Chris, a good ass kicking.

Chris vs. Steve: NFL Realignment

Chris: The Texans joined the AFC South, the Cardinals went out to the NFC west, the Bucs moved to the NFC South, and the Seahawks jumped to the NFC West. What does this mean to NFL fans?

Nothing really. Except for the fact that we will not hear that annoying stat that the Bucs are 0-858,162 when the game-time temperature is below 32 degrees as much.

Are we really talking about football already? When do they start these mini-camps in March now?

On a different football note, it's only May so I guess I still have some time before my fantasy draft. Just remember, it does not matter who you realign, Marshall Faulk is still the best fantasy football player ever.

Steve: Oh Chris, I'm not too big on discussing NFL realignment. I honestly do not see it as being a huge deal in the grand scheme of things.

After looking at the realigned divisions, the AFC South is what jumps out at me. Here, they took



two old Central teams in the Jags and Titans, along with an old East team in the Colts, and then threw the expansion Texans in there as well. You now have three teams who are looking to bounce back from underachieving seasons last year to contrast an intriguing blend of youth and experience in Houston.

Chris vs. Steve: Preakness

Chris: This is one of my favorite sporting events. It's the perfect guy holiday. It's all betting, drinking and frontal nudity, oh yeah and there are some races too, I think.

Steve: Even though horse racing isn't my thing, I do have to admit that Preakness is a pretty damn cool event.

But unlike you Chris you big

perv, I enjoy the sporting aspect of it. Nah, just kidding, I can't back that up. The parties are the only reason to be there.

Chris vs. Steve: The Best Darn Sports Column Period

Chris: This is our last issue Steve. It's been a good run, but it's got to end sometime. At least we got a sweet picture for the column, what do you think?

Steve: Well, what can I say? I mean, in three short weeks, I have had my sexuality questioned countless times for our column and picture together.

I managed to ignore the comments and criticism though and I know it was all worth it. I don't know why but yeah, it was a good run.

Phoenix Profile: WMC senior track thrower Dave Hose

MIKE JENKINSON

Phoenix Staff

Dave Hose, one of the most successful throwers in WMC's history, has led not only successful, but interesting career to achieve his many accomplishments.

Not the least of which is a three-time Centennial Conference Champion in shot put as well as a conference discus champ. Not to mention the school record he holds in the hammer throw.

Hose started his throwing career in his sophomore year of high school. Hose, believe it or not, was a lifetime baseball fanatic and he played baseball since he was very young.

In the winter of his sophomore year, Hose ran winter track to help get him in shape for the upcoming baseball season.

The beefy Hose started out running long distance for the Clear Spring winter squad, until the track team hit the weight room. In the weight room, Hose managed to out lift the entire team, including the adult coaching staff.

From that point on, he became a thrower.

Clear Spring High School allowed their athletes to play two sports during the same season, so Dave continued to throw shot while playing baseball that spring. In fact, Hose, who was starting for the baseball team, ended up taking the baseball coaches daughter to their

prom. For some strange reason, at right about the same time, Hose's time on the diamond dropped drastically. His consistent hitting hadn't dropped, but his playing time had.

With baseball looking less and less attractive, and his throwing career looking promising, Hose decided to not play baseball anymore during his junior year, and instead concentrated on his throwing.

Soon Hose was also throwing discus, and success mounted. His senior year Hose set school records in shot and discus, and finished second in the state for shot.

It was about this time that he realized he loved the sport, and when asked why Hose says, "Until this year, I've been the smallest guy in the conference. It's not just size and strength, it's a combination of size, strength, speed, and form. You need all of them. It's a finesse thing."

His freshmen year in college, Hose threw for Hagerstown Community College. After finishing up there, Hose turned down Maryland Division-I and II offers and decided to throw for Division-III Western Maryland.

His first season at WMC was mostly successful, and found him ranked 4th in the conference heading into the conference champion-

ship meet. But on that day, one of the best in Hose's career, Hose jumped from 4th to first, and won the meet.

Hose wasn't the only person surprised to see the great performance that day.

The success continued the next year, and Hose brought home not only the shot put title, but the discus championship as well.

His senior year was another success.

Hose came up a bit short of qualifying for nationals though. He needed to throw 50' 4", but was slightly short with a best throw of 49' 6". He did win the conference title again in shot put though.

For those who appreciate Hose, he won't be going very far next year. In fact, he'll be right here at WMC.

Hose has accepted the invitation of Coach Doug Renner to be a graduate assistant as a throwing coach. Hose is excited to be coaching next year, but it's not something new to him.

Hose has been an unofficial coach of the team since his junior year.

"We had a throwing coach my sophomore year, but she was gone last year. I took over the job since I knew so much about throwing both shot and disc. I'll be doing a lot of the same things next year, but I'll just officially be the coach."

M. Lax ends season at Washington College

MIKE JENKINSON

Phoenix Staff

The Green Terror men's lacrosse team lost their last game of the year to Washington College, 12-8.

The loss leaves WMC's record at 12-2 on the year. More importantly, it leaves them out of contention for the conference title and the NCAA playoffs for another year.

From the beginning of the season, those were the two goals the team set out to accomplish according to the coaches and players. When the season started out with 11 consecutive victories, the chances of achieving one or both of the goals looked good.

But the team finished the last three games with two losses, and a third-place finish in the Centennial Conference.

Goalie Brian Nottingham allowed 12 goals against eight saves in the final contest against Washington.

Despite the disappointing finish, Nottingham, who played his last game for WMC, can leave knowing that he is one of the winningest goal keepers in Green Terror history, and was a big part of many of those victories.

Junior Joe Ellis's stats were down from last season but was still second on the team with 69 goals.

Senior Captain and expected All-American Tom Brown finished

the season with 71 points (51, 20). Brown retires as the conferences all-time career goal scorer.

Although Brown and Nottingham will be hard to replace, along with the other seniors Jason Wiles, Mike Coleman, Steve Mason, Mike Griffin, Scott Armstrong, and Pat Danahar, the Terror will make another run at that elusive conference title next year.

Sophomore Mike Korba will replace Nottingham in goal. Korba saw the field in several games this past season, and will help to anchor the defense next season.

Two other young players look to take over leadership, as well as goal scoring, for The Terror next year.

Freshman Rob Weaver was third on the team with 44 points. Weaver started on the front attack line with Brown and Ellis this season.

Also, sophomore midfielder Jeremy Freed contributed 23 points in a break out season.

Trivia Answers

1. USC, with five players drafted in the first round.
2. Trent Dilfer went 6th to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from Fresno State University

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Cramer's blast leads WMC softball team to conference championship, NCAA playoffs

**Team records
team-record 29th
game of season
over Gettysburg
College**

GREG LEDERER

Sports Editor

The Centennial Conference has a new king in 2002 and the trophy resides on the hill, as the WMC softball team brought home the conference championship and earned a bid to the NCAA Championships.

While only using an two man rotation, the team ERA was a low 1.09 while the offensive scored over seven runs a game during the season. With a school record 29 victories and late heroics, the Green Terror had a strong season, and it is not over yet.

Earning the top seed in the Centennial Conference tournament, the team began their quest for the championship against defending

champion, Muhlenberg.

The game belonged to sophomore ace pitcher Sam Abrams who threw a no-hitter against the potent Mule's lineup and was perfect four for four at the plate with 2 RBIs as the Green Terror won a 3-0 shut-out.

Abrams also struck out seven in the game and only allowed one base runner with a second inning walk. Sophomore second basemen Kristin Barrick also had a long double in the contest that plated two WMC runners.

With the victory, the Green Terror advanced on to play Ursinus in the semifinals.

The contest was a pitcher's duel throughout as WMC's Kim Camponelli and Ursinus's Erin Skinner kept the score knotted at zero through nine innings.

Both teams had many chances to score, but both pitchers were able to get out jams throughout the contest. The tiebreaker rule was put into effect where both teams were able to have a runner on second

with no outs to begin the 10th inning.

Despite this advantage, Camponelli got out of the half inning unscathed and the Green Terror looked to the bottom of the tenth to seal the win. Starting with a runner on second, junior outfielder Jen Geiman surprised the Bears with a leadoff bunt and she beat out the throw and both runners were on with nobody out. Following Geiman, Abrams singled to the outfield to load the bases for sophomore star hitter Lauren Cramer.

The most consistent hitter for the team, Cramer hit a long sacrifice fly to knock in the winning run in the game as the team pulled out a slim 1-0 victory.

The nail biting win sent the team into the conference championship tournament final against bitter rival, Gettysburg College. The Green Terror struck first early as the team put base runners in scoring position in the first inning and Barrick drove in their first run with a hard hit single.

The Bulls responded quickly in the bottom of the second inning with three runs and another one in the fourth to extend to a 4-1 lead. Showing a champion's resolve, WMC turned around and tied the game in the top of fifth.

The comeback began with a long home run from sophomore outfielder Heather Sinclair and continued with a sacrifice fly from Cramer and an RBI double from junior first basemen Selena Smart. With the game knotted at four, the teams marched into the seventh and final inning.

The Green Terror held the Bulls in the top half, and after getting a base runner on in the bottom stanza, the team sent Cramer to the plate in a pressure situation.

The junior slugger hit a long home run to win the game and the championship for the team. It was a magical moment for the team who won their school record 29th game in the process.

After capturing the coveted conference regular season and post season titles, the Green Terror now look to continue their success at the NCAA Championships.

The team is still currently awaiting their opponent at time of press..

Phoenix Profile: Tom Brown

MARCUS HELLTON

Phoenix Staff

Tom Brown has earned more than his share of athletic glory for the Western Maryland Lacrosse team.

An attacker from Hammond High School in Laurel, Maryland, the senior graphic design major and business minor led the 12-2 Green Terror with 56 goals this season.

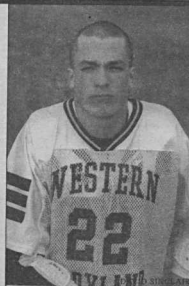
"I came to WMC because I thought it was cool that I could play football and lacrosse here, even though I only played one year of football," he said.

There is no doubt that the Terror lacrosse program is grateful that he did. During his time on the Hill, Brown has been named to the All-America and All-Centennial Conference teams.

"Tom is a leader on and off the field and he's a big part of our offense," said sophomore midfielder Jeremy Zenquis. "He does a good job getting everybody ready to play the game."

When asked how he felt about his WMC career, Brown answered, "I'm very thankful that I got to play with good people. I'm also grateful that I've never had a real injury. I've been hurt, but I've never had to miss a game. In fact, I think I've played in every single game in college."

In addition to his durability, Brown has showcased his considerable skill on many occasions. This season he scored two game-winning overtime goals: One with 2:48 left in double overtime to beat F&M, and one with 1:38 left to lead the Terror over #3 ranked Washington College.



Green Terror lac star Tom Brown has become the highest scoring players in the program's history.

On March 30, he became the Centennial Conference's all-time leading goal scorer when he tallied six goals in a 19-5 win over Swarthmore. The performance gave him 181 career goals, breaking the previous record of 180.

Making the accomplishment even more impressive is the fact that after sitting out the first half, he scored all of his goals within 8 minutes during the second half. He finished the season with 201 career goals. The game came a week after another record-setting performance, in which he became the Conference's all-time leading total points (goals and assists) scorer in

a 12-6 win over Dickinson. Brown's 2-goal, 4-assist performance in that game gave him 261 career points, and he finished the season with 296.

Despite all of his accomplishments, the main thing Brown will enjoy about his WMC experience are the relationships he has developed.

"I'm really happy about my accomplishments, and I feel like

I've made some really good friends," he said.

A leader on and off the field, it is certain that Brown will enjoy the same success in his life after WMC.

The Phoenix would like to say good bye and good luck to senior sports writers Marcus Hellton, Michael Jenkinson, Chris Taucher, and Steve Zamagias.



Junior Green Terror softball star Lauren Cramer's home run won the Centennial Conference championship.

DAVID SINCLAIR