WMC receives 8 million dollar bequest

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Staff Writer

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 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 dependent.”

The 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 it’s 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 Eaton bequest will go into the WMC endowment, which is used to take care of school needs, such as operational costs and faculty salaries. The endowment fits in well with President Joan Coley’s goal, expressed at her inaugural address, to triple the endowment funds.

While the Eaton bequest was the most recent gift, the college has also received a number of other gifts in recent years. These include two $100,000 bequests from the Gellman family, a $150,000 gift from the Parents’ Society, and a gift of $1.5 million from the W.C. Thompson Foundation.

The Eaton bequest was received during a time of significant growth for the college. In the past three years, the student body has increased by 35%, and the college has added several new programs, including a master’s degree in business administration.

The college has also made significant progress in its fundraising efforts. In the past five years, WMC has raised over $20 million in new gifts and commitments, and the endowment has grown from $39 million to $55.5 million.

Despite these accomplishments, the college still faces significant challenges. The student body is still relatively small, and the college is still working to increase its visibility and reputation. However, the Eaton bequest provides a significant boost to the college’s fundraising efforts and gives it a strong foundation for future growth.

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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 GLAH, 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 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 average 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,” Fisher added.

Eaton’s help out WMC endowment continued from page 1

Kief 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 dean II 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 college, which takes care of the physical improvements and upkeep to the grounds, was named after the Eatoins in the mid-1990s, Kief said.

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

The Eatoins 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 the tuition dependence,” therefore making WMC a more affordable place for students.

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 $250 to $500. Applications are available in Dean Case’s office.

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 Blanche 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.

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

Want to MAKE the news?

Come to the Phoenix general staff meetings Every Monday 6 p.m.
Our office is situated between GLAH and campus safety.

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**COMMENTARY**

**Advice to the newcomers**

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

Welcome freshmen. Welcome to a place where 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/your 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 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. It's putting Simpson trivia at 2 a.m. in the halls 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 the greatest advice was from the 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 doesn't 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 next time you have to try to meet and see so many familiar and smiling faces.

**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 myself. The movie itself is totally manipulated by producers and directors, 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 totally slut slme.

"Phoenix" is a society where women are clueless to the fact that their daughters grow up anorexic, while all images on screen portray them as the authority. Perhaps equality is the answer. Why aren't male models as prevalent? Maybe it's because some women have an inkling as to what it feels like to have your entire sex exploded. 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 young student." (Yes, if you guess the movies, you get a con... or, 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 feminity as sex objects, leaving our boyfriends to wonder why we have weekend to come to see how you can go home. It is also better than eating with just your roommate at lunch and dinner since you really have to try to meet and see so many familiar and smiling faces.

I'm not interested! I don't want to look at massive cleavage, and I don't want to be 'entertained' by a dolphin plot entirely dedicated around mountainous breasts. I don't have a problem with breasts. In fact, if you 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 bathroom humor.

So there we sit on the couch, my boy friend laughing hysterically while I contemptuously contemplate the non-oufits of the women in the movie.

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

**Features**

**Shruti Dominguez**

**Editor**

**Virgo**

(August 23 - September 21)

Happy birthday! This semester will be great for one of 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. Don’t ignore that urge to get some ice cream in Gir. Good fortune will come your way on the 18.

**Libra**

(September 22 - October 22)

If you have your eye on someone, this is the perfect time to start the chase. Even though it’s a little off 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 go to 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. Stay in the class that you are drinking 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. Pleaseing 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 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.

**Gemini**

(May 20 - June 21)

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 on them and 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 22 - July 21)

Take some time out of each day to spend on your own. Go for a walk or a 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 also will help you get rid of your cranky mood. Help a stranger on the 24 and the favor will come back to you when you least expect it.

**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 clique, 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.

**Pisces**

(February 19 - March 20)

"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle." Male or female, listen to what this really tered mind makes for cluttered thoughts. The stars will be in female, listen to what this really tered mind makes for cluttered thoughts.

**Aquarius**

(January 20 - February 17)

Stop hunting for that special that may change your life.

**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 purchasing a rubber stamp with these comments to put myself the agony of writing the words so many times.

My fear, however, is that for many students, these comments become cliché and fewer students 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 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 reader’s interest by the end of the first sentence. We teach these 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 developing a thesis statement, or/and cleaning up grammar mistakes.

The tutors in the Writing Center taught me everything I was supposed to know before I got here," said Tony Braglia, 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. My writing improved a lot."

It’s a friendly environment," said Katie Tomarchelli, 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.

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Saturday, September 15 at 8 p.m.

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~ORIGINS~

**CLARA ABAD**

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. We also would have heard of our tiny little hamlet on a hill! But I was 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, our 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 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 ENGL101 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, laiziness 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
Preshman

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 heartache 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 tell what a difference you’ve made in someone else’s life.

Amanda O’Connell
Preshman

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 the Rouzer lounge and soda machines.

Join the Phoenix staff!

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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 52nd 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, Molière, 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 life 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. Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and students. For tickets call the WMC box office at 410-857-2448.

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Did you do something cool or amazing this summer?

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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 something 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.
**Men's soccer off to perfect start this year**

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 one-year old record of 70 home runs in a season, set in 1998. Recently, there have been many anti-Bonds stories 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 in a career. He's already hit 400 home runs, and McGwire, on the other hand, is one-dimensional. The one thing he can do extremely well, 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 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 cited as the best 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 to see Bonds's career to fall to Bonds, as seen in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. McGwire 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, only to drop the ninth crown and the wild card (oddly enough, last season the Cardinals played in the National League 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 smoke a lot of pot, snorted cocaine, 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 season. Cal Ripken brought disgruntled fans back to the game, with his pursuit and eventual breaking of Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak. In 1980, one season after the World Series was canceled due to a players' strike.

Cal, who is retiring this year, played in 2,632 consecutive games, and for all the anti-Bonds cries from both the press and the public, complaining mainly of how self-centered Bonds seems to be.

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 wide open, and with another two months until the November pay-per-view, there's a big idea. The Kurt Angle-Bret Hart rivalry has lost its luster, 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 Booker T join the WWF story? 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 the rock in at the pay-per-view? The rivalry is so natural. Jericho vs. The Rock is exactly what The Rock needs.

The storylines seemed headed toward the best characters in wrestling history, but before The Rock, if they are indeed waiting for survivor series for the SCSA/Rock match?

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**Men's soccer off to perfect start this year**

GREG LEDERER

Sports Editor

At the start of the fall season, the Mary Washington College Men's soccer team is off to a record-setting 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 off their season off with a road opener against Bridgewater College. The opposition stuck first with a controversial goal to level the game. The Green Terror offense quickly responded within seconds with a nettled goal from junior forward Ryan Teteris. With a perfect start in the early season, WMC can do is hit home runs. Though McGwire has made this extremely well, he does this extremely well, he can only beat you in one way.

Early in the second half, Teteris struck again with his second goal of the contest and WMC used an encore with a goal from junior midfielder Aaron Buhl and a goal from freshman Ryan DelPina to put the half into the half locked 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 Buhl and received a strong performance from goalkeeper DelPina to pull out the 2-1 victory.

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

After last year's post season performances, 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, a chance at their first conference championship.

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

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 Terron 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 went for 48 yards, and another was 60.

The Terror received the opening kickoff and marched 90 yards to the end zone for a touchdown in less than three minutes.

After the “Green Swarm” defense shut down Susquehanna’s offense 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 the ball into the end zone for a touchdown in the first quarter. The game looked like it was going to be a rout, but The Crusaders had other ideas scoring 20 consecutive 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 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 Stoltzeburg and 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, 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 their can be.

The week before the Terror traveled 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."

Having finished, "Gettysburg is a rivalry, and you can throw out everything else when two rivals are playing."
WMC family responds to terrorist attacks

CLAIRE ADAMS & JESSICA WATERS
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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 screens—scènes that paralysed 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 covers her face to hide her tears, 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 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 the victims of this disaster which took place just hours after the initial reports of the attacks.

Through programs like the vigil and the all-campus meeting led by Coley, student 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 Interfraternity 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 Bauerhein. "I still feel an amount of fear because we live on the East Coast with so many terrorist attacks in the news."

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.

KATRINA BUCKLEY
Staff Writer

New faces at WMC

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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 striker a pose!

Matt Pokhoss (left) and friends goof off during the family weekend football game. See a full welcome back weekend and family weekend collage on page 17.

New frat joins WMC

The Phoenix devotes a page of commentaries to the tragedy surrounding the World Trade Center destruction.

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A campus of many colors

JESSICA WATSON
Co-News Editor

Due to the events on Tuesday, WMC's keynote speaker, Randi 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 Hispanic-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. 29, where students became acquainted with each other while feasting upon nachos with hot cheese, 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 "Consanto" at 7 p.m. at Baker Memorial Chapel.

"Consanto" 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.

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"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, which planned out the moment of silence and ringing of the bell that took place on Friday. "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,“ she says. "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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Sayre believes that as many as 1,000 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. "I counselor Kate Moncure explained, “All of us have to deal with it, and remember it’s 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.

In the words of Coley, we “will not be torn apart by tragedy.”

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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 symbolizes 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 rises from the ashes.

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

The BSU is having its first party Saturday Sept. 29 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. So..... come and “Get your freak on” or just enjoy some good music courtesy of DJ Hatcher.

Admission $1.00 on/off campus

Correction

The first issue of The Phoenix incorrectly ran a page 1 photo caption saying that the Gamma Gamma Sigma sorority was picture. The sorority 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 were 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 was like to be in the air at the time of the attacks:

Q: Prior to 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 twin towers and that we had to do an emergency landing. I was in complete shock and didn’t want to believe that 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 walked down the aisle. With the air-phones and found out that the crashes were terrorist related. Then the two women announced that it was terrorists to even us, which made everyone extremely scared.

Then someone found out that it was a commercial airliner and it was a 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 our 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 head 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 were. I thought about the horror that the people on the planes must have felt and I couldn’t even imagine. I was really scared so what would have 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 told me 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. Then we dropped 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. I don’t want them to get the best of us.

The interview was conducted by co-editor-in-chief Claire Adams.
New teachers navigate the campus for the first time

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Dr. John Miller, computer 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 expansive 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 you are 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 Knaeling 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, 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.”
The WMC community unites as one

"unity"

"coming together"

The WMC community gives out free hugs at the moment of silence and ringing of the bell on Friday, September 14.

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

Thea Burdell ’05
Phys. Ed. major

"It made 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
Poli. Sci. and International Studies

"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.”

Katie Odo ’02
Exercise Science
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 mostrelentlessly asked about political figure 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 teen didn't want their daughter to be forgotten. The Levy's asked for continuing coverage with the hope that it might result in leads that could eventually bring their daughter home. Research 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 media 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 the support he got for the 2001 election.

Another positive outcome that resulted from the coverage of Chandra Levy's disappearance was that the center of controversy became more focused on missing persons. Cases that would otherwise have received little media coverage were shown.

Pictures of missing people from months and even years ago were brought to the surface, as millions of faces flashed across America's televisions. Sadly, many of these were children and their stories were heart-breaking, 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 outreach covering 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 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 newspapers' stories to the latest developments 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 mores 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 from 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 her card: 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 where editors everywhere demand juicy details? You can almost envision the encouragement of citizens neglecting their obligations and gluing themselves to the couch, waiting for the television to spew out sex. Before long, all that remains will 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 perpetuates the drama, unfolds it and stretches it out beyond limitation. The truth is 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 changed the way he looks at journalism.

Let me share a story with you about my time as a journalist — and how it now changed forever.

During my short tenure as a journalist, I have written a great many stories. From stories about drunk driving to covering 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 and tears 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 introduce my own view and 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.

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America will rise to the occasion in the face of adversity

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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 attacks of September 11, I, 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 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: 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 retribution 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 not 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 largest 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 comprehend 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 it's 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 forum 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 more so once Bin Laden is taken down and we understand a country where one’s personal promise is the most important step towards success, and where you can go on 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 social status.

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, not us.

As always, we will bounce back and dust this tragedy off of our 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 knew 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 11th, 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 about one thing I pos- sibly 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 mili- tary decisions.

That being said, why would an American want President Bush to be anywhere that might be consid- ered dangerous. Staying away 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 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: retribution and recovery. Recovering from the incident, and stamping out anyone and everyone re- sponsible for this is two very impor- tant things.

It’s Bin Laden, folks. I knew it from now, but soon. Some might say that the military might use this as an attempt to flex our muscles. I say good, plea. We need to show to all our enemies around the world that you simply cannot get away with this. If we make sure of that every time someone attacks the 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 follow- ers 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 easi- est to recognize of any city in the world.

Not anymore. Maybe rebuild- ing 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 some- thing 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 their families and friends in the tragedy. I congratulate our country for their outsourcing of support. From the long lines of blood donors at hos- pitals, to the great tributes video the band Live shot, to students on our campus sitting outside Glar with a poster for student’s to sign that’s going to be sent to New York. Good job America, you make me proud.

This was the worst day in American history. Not Pearl Har- bor, not the Kennedy assassination, not 9/11.

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

Michael Jenkinson is a senior Sociology major.
Eagles football (the great astroturf fiasco)

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 it a good fit for me?” As a junior, I now can look back on my freshman year and remember myself pondering this each and every day.

I was hired at the Courier-Post as an unpaid sports intern. This urge caused me to send out applications to the Philadelphia Phillies, the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Camden Courier-Post. I began to look 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 major is. Well, I am simply 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 yourself the chance. 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.

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 LPGA tour and the X-games, you are handed shoulder microphones 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, I think that the comments that were spoken were directed at the four men that were with me. So why ask us if I am ever sad? 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. All the 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 as the ‘theatre people.” Theatre is our life and the way that the campus uses this phrase attaches 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 from one face out of the about 20 to 30 people stuck out to me and just as we got within earshot he spoke.

“Here comes the ‘gay theatre people,’ where is my favorite fogger?” 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 say that was so angry. How dare is judge? 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 ask us if I am ever sad? They are my friends.

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 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 we have picked 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 chosen, 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 of my years in college.

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**Band ‘Kill Patrick’ wins Battle of the Bands**

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Staff Writer

WMC Junior Adam Silverman has a shy, quiet demeanor upon 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 Jax in Virginia.

The band owes much of their success to the support they received from their fans and the local community. They are excited about heading up to Virginia to compete in the contest.

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**A trip to the outlets can help save you money**

**EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS**

Co-Editor in Chief

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

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 girls, 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.

I believe that the strong must support the weak and that people will start doing instead of waiting, start helping instead of hurting. - Kara Kunst

I believe that we are all instruments of God and that he has a plan. I believe we are confused about that plan, but 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 malevolence. I believe America has failed because 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

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Student shares story of her semester studying at Oxford

Stacey M. Myers
Senior Writer

My teapot has been on vacation. For the past three months, it has sat on top of the refrigerator, but it went back to work yesterday, producing three rich, amber pots of tea for my friends and me. It was rejected from the second pile at the oldest china factory in England, relegated to a shelf in a sorry cement-floored warehouse nestled among mismatched, misshepapped 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 tower. 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 this 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 means of preparing the students for the final exam. Unlike American schools, 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 administers 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 chubs, 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 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 it was booked for the weekend. After being turned down at several stops, we came on La Rambles, the most 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 puppeteers 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 to find my teapot 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 caught 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.

Did you miss the Study Abroad Fair?

Michael Yvokoci
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 have studied 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 concept 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 overseas 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 indicated, 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.
Three weeks in China: a student’s memorable experience

Joan Faulkner, Senior

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 the “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 desperate? 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 ministerial park for four days.

The isolated rural countryside felt like going back a couple of centuries except for the occasional power lines and an American brand clothing the Chinese wore. The villagers were tireless in their work; so much so that it made me feel unworthy to be held in such high regard. None of them had ever seen an American or Westerner before, except perhaps on TV, which was even questionable, since few had TV’s. We had been working at the village school, and taught the children there English. The homes were very basic with the living room consisting of one small wooden table and about ten small basic wooden chairs. But the experience, I came to learn, was not about crappy chairs or tables, but about a cultural change between two cultures that are as different as night and a solar eclipse.

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.

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Horoscopes: see what exciting things are in store for you

Shauna Dominguez

Features Editor

Libra

September 23 - October 22
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 hang 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 the good time you will have. 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. 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 and 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 tough situation. You know how lucky we are, 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.

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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 papers that is all over the floor and throw away what is not important, and put the rest where it belongs. Unhistory in your rooms 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 if you did because it won’t hinder the fun you could have with your friends. Plus you’ll be in the running to get a good grade. 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.

Virgo

Aug 23 - Sept. 22
You’ve been having a lot of unusual dreams recently and they’re beginning to make you think it’s time to talk. 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

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

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

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.

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

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 woke up 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 Romo or Craig Cartwright.

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

The attacks on the United States early on Tuesday morning, putting 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 sports, including the country.

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.

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

Greg LeDrewer
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 2-10 start.

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

Weimer and scored a goal to put the Goucher goal-keeper, Alice Litsinger, on the scoreboard. The team has performed better than their record has indicated.

The second half brought more of the same. The Terror have played strong and held on for a critical 2-1 road win. Junior Melissa Merson 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 Nikki 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 Lisinger.

The Green Terror entered the 2001 season with high expectations and have fallen short of their goals, something that sometimes happens.

Recently, we have fixed things defensive struggles (by trying new formations and girls in different places)," says freshman Dalia Fletcher.

"I think we are going to make a run for it this season.

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

Sports Schedule

Football: @Muhlenburg 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

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

After battling through some ups and downs 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 victory came Saturday in a dual meet with Brya Mawr College and Muhlenberg College.

Behind a huge crowd for family weekend. WMC swept the match against Brya Mawr and edged out Muhlenberg three games to two behind 28 kills and 24 points 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 22 digs.

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

After dropping the first game, 18-20, WMC fought back and forth with York to force and fifth and deciding game, where they pulled out the win by a score of 25-22.

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

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

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

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

Stambaugh and senior Mandy Huyck 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 to make their fourth consecutive victory. The hot streak continues.
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 basketball, baseball, and lacrosse, 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 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 flying 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 competition 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 the energy, talent, and determination on the team that should not prove to be an issue. Good luck on an already successful and promising season, and keep up the streak!

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

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've 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.

"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!
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**Mike's WWF Fan Series: Which WCW Stars Will Join the WWF This Year?**

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.

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 some time.

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 star. He’s a physical specimen, Steiner was their number one star. He’s a physical specimen who is over with the fans. I expect this thing to get done.

The only reason it might not is 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 contact that still has some time in it, and he has publicly said more then 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 ridicules contract 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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Harris goes down, Luster and company step up and get win for Green Terror football

MIKE JENKINS
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 Wingerter, 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 a long drive and capped it 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 their 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.

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 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, Mulhenberg and Western Maryland square off in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Men’s soccer prepares for conference play

RICK GRAMS
Staff Writer

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

Against Caldwell, freshman Thomas Kane netted two goals, while Vinsky 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 McCullum 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 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 this far.

Russell said, "This is the best team I’ve been on in my 4 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.

Freshman Laura Caves fights for the ball. Read about the Green Terror women’s soccer team on page 14.
Raul Yzaguirre speaks on Hispanics at WMC

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On October 2, ZOOI, a large Latino affairs group in this country, Yzaguirre sits in on his Civil Rights career in his homeland of southern Texas.

He became the first person to speak to a large crowd, he covered broad topics ranging from the terrorist attacks on September 11, to issues involving the media's portrayal of Hispanics, stereotypes, and representations of American values.

In the course of his speech, Yzaguirre talked about the tragic events of September 11. He believes that by单元izing 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 stated that in the Vietnam War, 27% of the casualties were Latinos. 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.

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Help find missing flags

WMC has seen its share of the recent flood of patriotism, to flags cast outside of dorm windows to sheets 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 Hinchy, put out an American flag and a Maryland flag on display by the Pub cash register and lit candles in honor of 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

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"I believe that using violence to resolve violence does not work," says Prisby. "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 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 for an eye only brings war to our shores."

"I think the trip was great," says Prisby. "It gave us an opportunity to make our voices heard."
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 would not expect for someone to disrupt the unison with something like this.

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.

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 4 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
9/17 12 a.m. Theft on Historic Drive
9/18 2:46 p.m. Alcohol Violation in Rouzer Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/14 Unauthorized use of college facilities in Gill Gym
9/14 10:48 p.m. Alcohol violation in Whiteford Hall for underage possession/consumption
9/9 2:20 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
9/22 3:49 p.m. Alcohol violation in Harrison Parking Lot
9/15 2:46 p.m. Property crime
9/7 3:13 p.m. Property crime
9/11 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 2:00 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Whiteford Hall
9/16 2:56 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 2:20 p.m. Alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall
9/12 10 a.m. Theft in Englar Dining Hall
9/10 10:05 p.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in McDaniel Hall
9/12 2:30 p.m. Trespassing in Blanche Ward Hall
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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9/16 1:27 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Whiteford Hall
9/17 8:41 p.m. Statue /Law violation in Harrison Parking Lot
9/16 3 p.m. Property crimes and damages
9/20 1:30 a.m. Alcohol violations for multi-liter containers
9/26 10 p.m. Theft in Albert Norman Ward Hall
9/30 1:30 a.m. Disorderly conduct on campus
9/21 2:22 a.m. Trespassing campus wide
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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 to keep the crowd hyped and to get their message across.

"Violence begets violence. I was almost killed," said James Kreaton, 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 nonviolent.

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 voiced that some Afghan children still ask why America didn't 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 Prisby. "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 protesters 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 capital 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 Prisby and others road 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 of action against war and racism. Tenta-

tively, 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. Prisby says, "It is only through the education of such issues that there is hope to break the chains of oppression forced upon individu-

als all around the world."
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, but I feel that this is a way for me to reach home. I attend an international college here, and the students and professors are very supportive of 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 interesting 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 its 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 fleering 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 repri-mediated, 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 ceasefire, and arrest of the guilty party for their wrongdoing. 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

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Dear Editor:

I've heard a rumor going around campus that the college name 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 Samsonite Suitcase 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 dance. 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: 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 is 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 current name that has worked for the last 130+ years and that wouldn't be any fun.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharky

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Erin Romanski discusses the limited availability of pool hours to WMC students.

Dear Editor:

After the daily droll 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 tube 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.

Let's think about what the pool could be used for. The so-called "open swim" hours because at 8:30 to 10 p.m. 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.

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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 un-fortunate 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 laughter that followed.

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 Mary-land 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 unacceptable why anyone in “col-lege” would want to be around family.

This past week I went to Balti-more 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 par-ticular—it has a combination of value and importance of fam-ily. Growing up there was a lesson that I have 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 accessible 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 differ-ence are true heroes through my eyes and so many others. It is the firemen, policemen, Red Cross, and volunteers of all ages who have my utmost respect.

There have been a few other jobs which shows more cour-age, pride, and selflessness, day in and day out than that of our trag-edy heroes.

I commend these individuals. Our country has shown tremendous unity and hope in a time of hurt from being kept alive by a stranger, to a doctor going well beyond the call of duty to save lives, and a firemen administering one’s last rights in his final mo-ments.

With selfless pride, it is these workers surrounded by hell on earth who remain strong to offer support, hope, and strength to those anguish and grieving from this tragedy. They too are the ones who claim to just be doing their job, while so many are ultimately be-ing led to death.

Amid the continual heartbreak-ing stories that keep transcending from beneath 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 possi-ble would serve you well.

For those who find this improb-able, a reminder of the value of a minute, 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.

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Matt Hurff discusses the impressive 2001 MLB season

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The Orioles are a pennant race in almost every division ex-cept for the AL West, with one of the races going down to the very last day of this season. The wild card has been a huge factor in this season as well, because it has al-lowed many teams a chance to make the playoffs and as a result not trade away any of the star players before the trading deadline.

This is especially apparent with the Oakland A’s, who would have had no chance to make the play-offs with the Mariners in their di-vision. 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 play-ers 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 purest 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 one thing 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 cer-tainly shown that you should never consider players of such high cali-fornia’s first of many troubles.

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Could 2001 be the greatest baseball season?

A poem about the recent tragedy

Barbara Serghiou of the
WMC houses the department shares her thought on Sept. 11

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Matt Hurff is a Junior English

major
Get your daily dose of entertainment, comedy, drama and prize money

According to a survey done by CBS in 1996, "Plinko" was named the most popular game on TV the year "The Price is Right" was first broadcast. The survey, conducted by CBS, found that 90% of viewers enjoyed the game show. This was partly due to the game's simplicity and the fact that it offered a chance for viewers to win money.

"Plinko," a game where players attempt to place chips on a slanted board to land them in the bottom row, was introduced to the show in 1991. Since then, it has become one of the most popular games on the show, appreciated by viewers for its fun and simplicity.

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Michael Wiles looks at the stereotypes portrayed of college students on TV

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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 food safety regulations.

One student, John Hoohan, 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. Hoohan 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. One student brought to my 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 if the glasses are being washed off or I can still see the marks.

Another issue that has arisen in Glar lately is the hard-boiled eggs. Jessica Parker, a senior at WCC, ate an egg or two 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 reeked like fish. I made everyone smell it and it was truly disgusting." Parker has decided to do without.

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 before it touches her mouth now.

Brad Widner also had a nauseating experience 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 smell it and then I started screaming. It was disgusting. I gave it to Matt Hurff and he went to talk about it." Asked Hurff if he received any satisfaction from 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 with 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.
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.

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Learn unique perspectives from a foreign student

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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 Gallego 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 then 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.

Getting to know an international student lets you learn more than geography; their perspectives and cultures are valuable assets to our increasingly diverse community.

### Cultural Arts on the Hill

**Monday Night Music Presents Tim Jenkins**
October 22 7 p.m.
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**The Morpheus Trio presents Meet the Composers**
October 23 7 p.m.
Levine Recital Hall

**The Danish Rescue of Jews, 1943**
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The Rice Gallery of Art
Jazz man Eric Byrd expected to return to teach at WMC

Eric Byrd, who has been a fixture at Western Maryland College for many years, is expected to return to teach at WMC. Byrd's influence on WMC is significant, and his reputation began when he started writing and performing his own music. Since 1994, Byrd has been a part of the WMC community, teaching music and helping students to achieve their dreams. His influence on WMC is also felt through his former students, some of whom are said to have 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" in 1995. Described as a "marvelous compilation of standards and originals done with most first takes with no overdubs or punch-downs," 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 Khatla and Alfonso M. Young, Jr., the Eric Byrd Trio is known throughout Maryland and Washington, D.C. and has also developed their own CD construction of original recordings. 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 Ambassadors 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.

"When will Eric Byrd be returning to WMC?"

According to Dr. Margaret Bourdreaux, 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 campus and his influence on WMC are undeniable. His dedication to music and his passion for teaching have made a significant impact on the WMC community.

Horoscopes: previewing your Fall Break 2001 weekend

Shaina Domondgez
Features Editor

Libra
September 23 - October 22
Fall break is the time for you to catch up on your 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.

Scorpio
October 23 - 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 going over the work you will not get done this semester 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 you're in danger, listen up because it might be right. Take some friends with you and 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 desire for summer to come back. Well it is not that easy, and I cannot make winter go away, so you have to go out 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 it spring already? You may be 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 when they are gone, you will not be able to stop thinking about them. If you do enjoy life, what is the point of living it? So enjoy life and live happily. Pleasant 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 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 you do 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.

Leo
July 23 - August 22
August 4 being a big weekend for you. You get to spend time with your friends and see the hottest new movie, eat popcorn and soda and candy and just take a short break to 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.
Terror V-ball falls upon hard times

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 8-8, 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 13 kills and 14 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 29th, the Terror saw its record drop to an even 8-8 after four heart-stopping losses to Rochester Institute of Technology, Grove City College, Millersville University, and Franklin & Marshall.

At the 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. Kellianne Rose had a solid all-around match, leading the Terror with 13 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 Sniffen 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. While 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

Forbes 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 destinations and into supremacy. Jordan, who has now come out of retirement twice, is stepping this time from the front office back onto the 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 reestablish his dominance over the league.

Some say Jordan should not risk his perfect ending to his storied career by embarking 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, Scoti Pippen, an all-star with Jordan and the Bulls, has foun- dered 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 Wash- ington.

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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**Men's soccer making a surge, looking to playoff berth**

**RICK GRAHAM**

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 have set a goal to make the tournament, and said, "We are determined to meet our goal." Chris Winke, 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 Loose scored the Terror's other goal off of a Tim McCallum assist.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Deiberga played a large role in the victory, saving nine Bobcats shots, as the Terror improved to 8-3-2.

Leen 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. Deiberga 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 Tettig, a junior forward, scored the first Terror goal against Gettysburg since 1994, as the team won its second consecutive overtime game.

Senior midfielder, Scott Smith was the man in the game, which was played on in the game.

Horsemen at some point. But Flair Leon Mach also had an assist padded the early lead with goals against conference foe.

McMahon feuded with Stone Cold nine Diplomat shots during the out-of-conference game against conference foe, Franklin Marshall.

Towards the end of the tournament, the Terror have set a goal added, "there was no way we down only 1-0 at the half.

It was another tough day for the offense as they team only managed eight shots on the Bullets in the contest. Goalie Cand Kudlowski had 14 saves in a losing effort.

Looking to make a late season surge, WMC played the underdog role against tough opponents.

While their offensive slump continues, the team is striving for consistency to get stronger and make a late season run.
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Terror Football squeaks by Muhlenberg, destroys Paterson

Mike Jensen
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, the Western Maryland football team defeated William Paterson 55-21. The defense continued its high powered attack, accumulating 580 total yards of offense. The pace was set by running back Jemel 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. Terror Powell caught two of the passes, not an unusual sighting at Green Terror games.

However, the standout performance this 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 juked the Patterson team, displayed his raw speed on long drives, taking the lead 15-14. With less then 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 Wingear intercepted a pass on Muhlenberg’s ensuing drive, the ball 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 then two minutes left.

The Mules marched down the field on the drive, and scored in less then 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. 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.

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Hamilton had a record season in 2001.

“After 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, 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 Kirstin 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 night 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 unsassisted 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.

Field Hockey winning streak ends, but still beats Haverford
Lewis Hall rededicated as Eaton

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 Tucker. At the first protest thousands gathered to preach and speak out against war and racism, only to be faced with yet another obstacle...war. Students at WMC are still pressing on to achieve their goal of peace.

The second protest in D.C. was also sponsored by A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), President George W. Bush decided to attack Afghanistan.

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.

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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.

This protest consisted of about 500 people in D.C. who were there to support the goals set in the first protest.

This trip, like the first protest, was provided for by Amnesty International, a human rights organization on campus.

Students who participated included Kate Prisby, president of Amnesty International, Rob Cavell, Leigh Cartier, Wendell Butler, and Jeremy Zenquis.

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Cutting the ribbon in honor of completed Lewis Halls

JERUSA WATSON
Co-News Editor

Recently, the brick pathway that connects Dickey College Center to Main Street has been completed.

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 geosciences courses.

As announced in the September 13 issue of the Phoenix, the Eats, former WMC trustees gave a $8 million bequest, which is the largest ever to be made to the college.

The bequest will also aid the endowment, which President Coley hopes to triple over the next decade.

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.

No more bake sales - Where have all of the brownies gone?

WALTER ZAUS Staff Writer

Smelled those sorority baked cookies in Decker lately? Perhaps you have tasted something off the grill from a fraternity while viewing a football game? Well, not this semester, and probably not for a long time.

Since the beginning of the 2001-2002 school year, bake sales have been suspended from the campus since they are against the college's rules.

What exactly did the groups of the school violate in preparing such merchandise? Guideline 8 states, “All foods are to be wrapped or covered to protect them from contamination by dust, dirt... and other particles.”

Such food must be pre-packaged and not opened to the air. The health department found these rules were not followed at the Raven's 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 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

10/19/3:00 a.m. Burglary in Eldertice Hall
10/20/5:50 p.m. Theft in Albert Norman Ward Hall
10/21/2:45 a.m. Gone on arrival in Albert Norman Ward Hall
10/21/3:00 a.m. Trespassing in Albert Norman Ward Hall
10/23/1:30 a.m. Trespassing campus wide
10/23/4:51 p.m. Harassment and intimidation of an individual in Rouzer Hall
10/23/1:08 p.m. Property crimes and damaging in McDaniel Hall
10/23/5:50 p.m. Property crimes and damaging on golf course
10/24/1:30 a.m. Improper conduct and indecent conduct in Garden Apartments
10/24/5:08 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption of off campus
10/24/3:37 a.m. Alcohol violations in Gunn Plaza
10/20/Vandalism in Rouzer Hall
10/20/5:15 a.m. Property crimes campus wide
10/20/6:35 a.m. Property crimes and dating in Rouzer Hall
10/20/1:59 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall
10/20/1:15 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall
10/20/2:40 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption in Garden Apartments
10/21/3:35 a.m. Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption of campus
10/22/1:45 a.m. Harassment for intimidation of an individual in Rouzer Hall
10/23/1:30 a.m. Property crimes for damaging in Rouzer Hall
10/25/1:53 a.m. P.O.C. (Rules/Criminal law) Traffic violations
The terrorist wants us to stop what we [Americans] normally do. They [terrorists] want us to be afraid to live our daily lives. I feel safer 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 recently 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

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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 into.

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.

WMC employee passed away on September 26

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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.
Students continue to search for the real A.N.S.W.E.R.

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Some protesters 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 different speakers who specialize in various 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," Prisby 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 races."

"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," Prisby said. "I feel it's important not to be silent, especially when lives are at stake."

Protesters were also encouraged to take 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 Prisby. 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."

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.

INTERNSHIPS

Find DOZENS of opportunities at the CAREER CARNIVAL

Thursday, November 1
Decker Center
11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
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 be part of this problem. I have been a part of my student newspaper 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 these people. I decided to go up to my best buddy Neil's school, Geneseo 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 to. We went to one and played beer pong 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 having a ball.

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 ID of ID at all. Our group was 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 home 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 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 a lot better.

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 conjunction with the Westminster City Police. Some people claim that they have been ticketed by both groups for the same infraction.

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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. I mean, Glar, 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 I was getting ice, and chunks of hard-boiled eggs fell into my glass.

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 form if it was freshly made, we eat it at home all the same 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临床.

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

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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 can 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 back 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 trying their best efforts to fulfill your needs. So if you 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 colleges (oops, did I just generalize? Look at the manners and behaviors of some 70% of our 1600 student body. I guess I should revise that, running the college in their effort to cleanup the surrounding areas which they once owned. Especially all of those students drinking beer, a drug that I think has many more 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 reasons. I could party, drink and conduct all my drinking on campus more with the full knowledge that campus safety is protecting me while they are at the Shell Station or in 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 "teethers" - especially the college students right off campus. They are plotting to overtake the campus with their wits and their sociology textbooks.

Just a thought, we are 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.

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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 come 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 defend themselves.

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.

This country 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 been scientifically ignored news from overseas for too long. They no longer think that it is as necessary to keep 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.

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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 it really gets him is a right fielder whose hip is available on the market, like J. T. Snow, but still is being paid his exorbitant salary. In addition, we always hear this is a far cry from when it seemed it really gets him is a right fielder whose hip is available on the market, like J. T. Snow, but still is being paid his exorbitant salary. In addition, we always hear that Angelos tries to "buy" the World Series, all that is a story for another day. Actually, I was watching every game that I could, only time will tell, but I really; don't you think that is the most powerful weapon we have? Not the Second Amendment the necessity of a well regulated militia but the ability right in his predictions. 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Not the Second Amendment the necessity of a well regulated militia but the ability right in his predictions. So far we have not seen enough to win with pitchers who get injured. Like Pat Hledgeder and keep the media needs to pay closer attention to foreign news. Networks have been ignoring news from overseas for too long. They no longer think that it is as necessary to keep Americans informed about 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.

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 believing that all are equally good. I believe it is important to accept all American ideals 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 sequence 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
Solutions for a campus with limited amounts of parties

**An Anonymous author provides some solutions for WMC.**

Good fellas, that Steve Sharkey. Has style and a sense of what to look like. 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 dry campus. Either way: Sharkey's right.

The only flaw of his article is that it is in the form of a past, where here it comes, what is called in fanciful-shyness 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 stern enactment 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 got a problem. Apparently, they are thinking about more generated alcohol. "Solution: stop parties, then college students will stop drinking."

BULLSHIT!!! They will just drink in their rooms. 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... Ad infinitum."

OK, I hereby regroup compose. I went too deep into the empathetic (get it? M-pathetic) experience of Residence Life’s and Campus Safety’s efforts of prohibition. So, if that’s the case, I will stop beer by busting the book-baggies?

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 get to then the core of the problem. Why do people drink on this campus? Hummm… 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 environment), which is so boring when it comes down to parties, clubs, dancing, (or in one word: "life"), that even the dead men in the cement block hardly then the youth here.

And if we start making the best of what we got, then we get written life and not resolution. So we drink, because alcohol can be absorbed in quiet. And we drink a lot. But how is it, that in 90% of the cases it’s the fresher 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-ask kids in a bulletproof womb, and the greediness of retard who just don’t pay attention to what they are being taught about the guidelines of drinking. And is it 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.”

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...

Money makes the world go round, but okay, then why don’t we rent Johansson’s basement? “Too expensive.”

All right, then why don’t we get a brewery? People could go and party (it’s a devil’s circle that people are only allowed to drink in their rooms, but it is not allowed to have more than seven people in a dorm room at the same time, and floor parties are forbidden...)

A building, any building (or better yet, any structure assuming the form of a building - four walls and a roof that is), open for anybody, but run each weekend by different organizations - which would at one strike solve the problem of responsibility and organization “No money”.

Then why don’t we have clubrooms operating at least one night on the weekend from 10 PM to 3 AM. “Too loud.”

“Some people are trying get sleep.” So what? Is this a democratic country, or what? Majority rules, and the majority would like to party. But college respect the minority (I still wonder how many of the “noise violating” parties were actually based 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 even if the system changed there would still be retarded people who would cross the limits (instead of pushing them).

But if it is all going to 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 are we going to take responsibility for our actions individually and not as a group? Or when will we then learn to control ourselves who by acts of stupidity and ignorance break the system down for the rest of us.

Because it’s the “stupid” or apathetic people’s faults that we all have to suffer with, right? Or is it merely to the ones higher shouldn’t be lowered to the “idiots” level (instead of just growing up).

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**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 Sukosi, 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, there had just 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!” on the bottom of the flyers, before distribution on campus. But, it is never that easy.

There were unordered flyers that still got dispersed to our friends who live off campus, in Westminster. At this point, Mike Wiles was reprimanded by his RLC for distributing unordered flyers.

The thing is, they just got out there, and 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 unordered flyers on campus, he just passed them "out the good" flyers in Blanche Ward, and personally handed them to the guys on his floor.

I am 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 want. Sonny 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 be entertaining, were not necessarily the ones higher shouldn’t be lowered to the idiots’ level (instead of self-control), as well as on the control side (because prohibiting has been the easiest solution to problems we are not willing to deal with).

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**COMMENTS**

**Do you have a response to an article which has 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

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 freshmen year, I was surprised to learn that the Residence Life Department did not supply the residence hall bathrooms with hand soap. When I asked my RA whether or not their 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 Roeger 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 a upperclassmen 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 insanitary conditions. When I contracted mono my freshmen year, despite not having come 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.

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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 freshmen dorms area breed-
**WMC’s Greatest Unknown Asset**

**DONNA HURD 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, 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 students 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 remains loyal to WMC, leaving the number of where he will be and always keeping his cell phone on 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 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 Warrooht Institute and he was first on the scene. “It was before the time of rubber gloves and I remember being 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 needed 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 dollars 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 to 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 (Calli-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.

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**FEATURES**

**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 [2 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.”

Arnelle 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

Criminology/Sociology

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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/visi

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 Madagascan 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, reflective 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.

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Ask Kitty for advice

CATHY PENDORE
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 more importantly, understanding them.

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 don’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 best for me. I think I have better things to do with my time. Is there something wrong with me for not wanting to be “livin’ 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 I 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 out 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 boy-friend 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 confused!

I feel like I cheated on my boy- friend 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.

Can’t tell you what to do, it’s your life, but maybe it will help to stop and think about how you feel, why are you so embarrassed? It was only a dream, it didn’t really happen, but you feel like you cheated. Perhaps you are attached to this friend, it is natural to be attached to people you are not dating, it’s only human.

Maybe there is something going on with you and your boy- friend that you are worried about, and are avoiding thinking about. You say you are crazy about your boyfriend, so if 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.

Shanae Dominguez
Editors & Features

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
Tell people that you would love to look at pumpkin carvings. The spirits lurk in spaces least expected, and who would think your little pumpkin could turn evil? Your numbers of luck are 11 and 20.

Pieces February 19 - March 20
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.

Taurus April 20 - May 20
Don’t feel like partying? Then go to the mall. Since dress-up isn’t really your thing, don’t let people talk you into it. Do something that makes you feel comfortable instead. You’ll be glad you did. Your numbers of luck are 13 and 18.

Cancer June 22 - July 22
Things are finally going the way you want them to, go 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 Hal- loween 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 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 22
Try 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.
Homecoming festivities 2001: “Home of the Champions”

Senior Shelley Sorensen, who was in charge of all the Homecoming festivities, speaks to the crowd at the football game to rally the crowd.

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.

Western Maryland’s cheerleaders wait to cheer on the football team as they charge the field before the Homecoming game.

Students, including Jen Pohl (center) and Luhana Catalino (right), dance their hearts out at the after game party where Glar served food. (Lower Right) Spontaneous students lay in the grass to make the letters WMC.

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.

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.

Spread by Shauna Dominguez and Courtney Federoff.
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 .600. 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.

With the money saved by not signing Rodriguez, Seattle added Jeff Nelson to an already strong bullpen as well as bringing in Ichiro and Kazuhiro Sazaki from Japan.

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.
Green Terror Sports Profile: Lauren Cernak

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. As a senior English major, she 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 surrounded by five freshman players, and feels strongly that the program has taken great strides since.

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 especially for a team where every player wants to be here. It's been really fun being the Captain," she said.

Cernak felt 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 13-3 record, Cernak attributes back to the players and work ethic.

"It's the 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 you hold 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 field that we have.

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 that we got a little bit left in the tank because we just clicked together on the field and we were ready to go for it.

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 out of sorts.

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, not because they are getting money to pay," 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 freshmen are very lucky, they have four years to go through this program and coming off the conference championship, and the coaches all really helped us regroup in practice.

Additionally, Cernak will miss the coaching staff she had the opportunity to work with.

"We are serving as motivators and mentors first, and coaches second, Cernak feels the coaches, both head coach Manolovich, and Assistant Coaches Natalie Hannah 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 looking at 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.
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 goalies Alice Puch and Candi Kulikowski 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 as they 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 from freshman Laura Cavery and Boughter 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 goals 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 comprised 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.

The Green Terror garnered five points in the Centennial Conference Championships over the weekend. The men came in eighth place and the women finished in 5th on a rain day in Carlisle, PA.

On Saturday, senior Jill Krebs—WMC's top runner out, followed by Pullen at 19.46. Junior Kirley and one goal from Merson combined for the shutout.

Leading the way again was Javne Karolow who started a few weeks ago, and made something work that losses aren't a bad thing. "They're a good team," the gimmick was poorly received by wrestling writers to understand the "smart" vultures called internet wrestling writers to understand the great things in the near future.

But that is the magic of DDP. DDP Austin feud would draw. Booker T was given every opportunity 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 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 one main event caliber wrestlers were 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 stalkar 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 the two had a confrontation, the WWF refused to allow Page to get the better of The Undertaker. Yet DDP belief that 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 bar tender 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 losers "aren't a bad thing. "They're a good team," the gimmick was poorly received by wrestling writers to understand the "smart" vultures called internet wrestling writers to understand the great things in the near future.

He had one of his motivational speeches with Kane. After DDP worked Kane and the crew 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 chokeslammed the man. 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, he became the ability to get a reaction out of seemingly nothing. I hope that DDP makes a few main event appearances in the near future. He earned it. More importantly, people will like it A DDP Rock or Austin feud would draw. Still, I have a feeling he'll be forced to work with less talented wrestlers, and carry more fees. At least I appreciate him.
Green Terror football wins fifth consecutive Conference title, destroys F & M on Homecoming

MIKE JENKINS
Staff Writer

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 much needed conference win.

The Terror kicked off the conference and the playoffs this past weekend, and finish the season with conference title. They head to Florida to face FAU opponent Jacksonville State to 7-1. Despite the playoffs and the conference being locked, they still have two big games left.

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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 Gaetmore 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 scrambled for the TD. Less then ten game minutes later, Pope matched the feet 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.

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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.
Green Terror surprises Florida with victory

MIKE JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland College Green Terror football team is heading back to the playoffs this weekend. This Saturday they head out to Washington D.C., 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 playoff 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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Rouzer student arrested for possession of semiautomatic rifle

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Co-Editor-in-Chief, Co-News Editor & Staff Writer

On November 5, at about 1 am, 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 Robinson was arrested and called the SAR-l. Roughly 80 rounds of separate ammunition were called to investigate a fourth floor.

Randy Barnes explained that police officers and the Department of Campus Safety, 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 Blanchard Ward Hall and the false alarms were common there."

Williams also said 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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Nuance coming soon to WMC

From left to right, Neo, RauD, Dtty, Brlq 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.

Weinsterminster 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:


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**NEWS**

**New honor society for first year students at WMC**

**TAMMI SLATER**

Assistant News Editor

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 75,000 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 scholarships, national leadership workshops, a certificate, and a lapel pin. Additionally, sophomores may compete for 32 for Joan 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 McDannel Lounge where parents are invited to join in the honoring ceremony.

Dean Hornef, 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," Hornef said.

Penn State University has run the society for 70 years, while Temple has participated for 40 years. Hornef 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 Lipchock, joined Hornef 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," Lipchock 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 Library 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 Luna.

**Night of NUANCE**

WHERE: Alumni Hall Theatre.
WHEN: Friday, November 30, 2001
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
TICKETS: $8 WMC students in advance
$10 WMC students at the door.
$12 All off campus

For more information contact Shalah Gaddy @ ext. 8531

**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 4:45 p.m. Golf course (Property crime-student under alcohol influence drives golf cart into tree)

10/18 12:30 p.m. Garden Apts. Blgd. 3 (Improper conduct-verbal abuse)

10/19 2:58 a.m. Off campus Alcohol violations for underage possession/consumption

10/19 2:45 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 p.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-elderly door vandalized)

10/20 9:59 p.m. Rouzer Hall (Alcohol violations- underage possession/consumption)

10/20 10:40 p.m. Garden Apts. Blgd. 1 (Alcohol violations- underage possession)

10/21 12:40 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall (Alcohol violations- possession of alcohol in public areas)

10/21 12:54 a.m. Off campus (Proscriptions on conduct violation/alcohol violation student-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 14:55 a.m. Rouzer Hall (Harrassment-intimidation of an individual)

10/23 9 p.m. Rouzer Hall (Property crimes-hallway windowbroken)

10/23 2:53 a.m. McDannel Lounge (F.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)

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 (Furnish identification-disorderly non-student and student engage in brief fist fight)

10/28 12:30 a.m. Rouzer Hall (Property crimes-paper on wall set on fire)

10/30 Whitord Hall (Alcohol violations- underage possession/consumption)

10/31 4:30 a.m. Lewis Hall of Science (Theft printer taken from office suite)

11/12:02 a.m. Elderslie Hall (Fire-student and student engage in brief fist fight)

11/2 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. Elderslie Hall (Residence Hall Policy Violation-Floor party)

11/4 8:30 p.m. McDannel 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 codesetting fires-pumpkin on wall set on fire)

11/9 McDannel Hall (Fire on third floor and spread to one room on second floor, building evacuated)
Semiautomatic assault weapon found in Rouzer
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Semiautomatic assault weapon found in Rouzer

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."

Students reaction, especially from those who reside on the same floor as Robinson, has been a mix of shock and disbelief. Many stu-
dents felt extremely shaken at hearing the news of a student living on campus, having a weapon of such destructive capability.

Phil Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, explained that the situation was handled quite well. "In retro-
spect, I'm relieved things turned out the way they did. We do a fair amount of things proactively. We are very clear with students con-
cerning their responsibilities.

Many students got the news of the incident when Sayre left a phone mail mes-
sage telling what had happen-
ed, 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 con-
cerned about student safety on campus.

Sayre explained that Robinson faces going before the Honor and Conduct Board, where the mini-
mum punishment for possession of a weapon on campus is two semes-
ters of suspension.

Barnes said Robinson's trial date is set for February 20, 2002.

WMC Campus Safety patrol with Westminster police

JESSICA WATSON 02

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garding 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 cam-
pus is located in," says Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety.

The recent actions of some stu-
dents have deeply disturbed our neighbors," the letter continued. "During the first month of this aca-
demic year, numerous citizens who live nearby have contacted City of- 
cials regarding this behavior and several complaints," says Webster.

One of the students involved in this incident, a freshmen, political science major and residence hall resident, was handled quite wel. "In retro-
spect, I'm relieved things turned out the way they did. We do a fair amount of things proactively. We are very clear with students concerning their responsibilities."

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Sayre noted that this is a very scary time, where we need to prac-
tice extreme caution. Many col-
leges, including nearby Gettysburg, have also become tar-
gots 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 Ser-
vice, any mail coming from some-
one you do not know, that has no right address, or is oddly shaped in appearance, should be suspect.

They suggest notifying local authorities promptly, such as campus police, and washing your hands thoroughly.

For additional information on anthrax and handling mail, visit the above websites, or contact DoCS at extension 202.

"Ahhhh! That computer ate my homework!"

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COMMENTARY

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 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 innocence civilians.

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 your 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.

To those who have submitted an article to the Phoenix, let me tell you a story.

I happened to have a Phoenix writer (my roommate and I) who have submitted an article to the Phoenix. Let me tell you a story.

Last year my parents paid fifteen dollars to the Arizona Board of Regents for each of my children to attend the University of Arizona. As a subscriber, they should be happy to be a patron of the newspaper being granted privileges to their rooms on Monday through Thursday. 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 money in the links while the kids splash their way to fun in the pool. Or tourists could read a book in our expansion of our books and make the college into a weekend spa and resort.

Does it get any better than that? I don’t think so. It was an isolated incident that could have killed at least one student. How many isolated incidents do we happen before students are protected?

Perhaps it’s time that the protection of the student body is taken more seriously. That if this incident happens again, it could easily go farther. We could find that a student or students are killed because a drunk driver was allowed to drive.

Explain to WMC students and parents why bad music is an offense on our campus, but drunk driving isn’t.
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 same thing again. Kids. Breast Cancer Awareness Month, you ask? No. The season is too 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 addiction 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 period time will not be 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 Jerry’s 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 even begin to assume that they ever uttered 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.

COMMENTARY

Some BLARs are not effective

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 they achieve what the BLARs achieve. After taking the English competency or a heritage sequence, an individual will have a certain level of 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, substantive, and not just an exercise to figure out what purpose it serves.

As far as I can tell it should be called Memorization 1105, not 101.

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 not really helpful. The other day I got a test back and I had been marked off because when I conjugated 25 verbs to class 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 I suck up to the teacher she gives you a better grade.

I’m sorry, but I don’t dance. The bonus line is that memorizing vocabulary may help one guess that 82 degrees isn’t hot, doesn’t teach me how to speak French.

Homecoming was poorly planned

An anonymous writer criticizes the WMC homecoming.

What was the deal with our homecoming? I know I’m “just a freshman student” and I probably don’t know that much about WMC’s homecomings and what really goes on, but I honestly think it was a total loss.

First of all, what was up with our bonfire? Was it a bonfire or a campfire? Many students refused to cheer our team on or even go to the bonfire because they were too busy watching our floats go by.

For example, someone asked to watch or dare to deviate away from their original plans to watch our floats go by. How can you even make a competition out of a parade with only four floats? What’s the point? 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 don’t dance to her name) could’ve even get a ride to the location where the parade started. And then people have the nerve to wonder why she wasn’t there. I’m not even mad, maybe she should have walked?

Before the football game our Royal Court had an 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 glitter, you know, the gold tiaras, or “Queen” or “King, and so on for the rest of the weekend.

They were even crowned 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? We don’t have a Green Terror mascot that dances around to keep the crowd hyped-up, you know, a third or fourth string football player that dances 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 these football games, especially here. Because all we knew we were going to win when we had over 30 points their zip time half hour. Speaking of which, what, no half time announcer? I was going to see what 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.
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 11, 2001 issue about how our generation is portrayed on television, and how we are all made out to be sex-crazed, 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 strike in 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 “insulting 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 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 up 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 is akin to complaining about how the police enforce speed 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 compliant 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 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 I 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...*beep*

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 emerging as the woman that 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.

With 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. It is the ability to influence and teach others through words is perhaps one of the most satisfying and gratifying aspects of journalism.

Having dreamt 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 internships I had the great honor and privilege to interact with many people of all ages and backgrounds.

For the first time throughout my writing experience I witnessed my voice and 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, adapt, 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 respect and admiration. My summer internship experience would not have been possible without Phyllis Greenbaum, the incredible woman who through her eyes embodies the unique craft of writing and who allowed me this experience. Working alongside this woman, I had the great 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 acquired. 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 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 summer internships 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 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 PENDORF
Staff Writer

Do you ever have those pressing problems to which you wished you had a quick answer? Well, 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. 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 in campus mail to box 540.

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,

I don't know what to do. My boyfriend broke up with me recently and I can't seem to move on. It happened right before I came back to school from fall break. He said he needed some space.

I don't want to be one of those girls who weeps every night and begs her ex to take her back, but that's exactly what I feel like doing. I haven't been able to concentrate in class and I'm only doing about half of my homework.

My friends told me to go talk to Susan Glore in Smith House, but I'd feel like everyone would be staring at me as I walked down the stairs outside Glar, and they would know what a dork I am.

I'm trying to be an adult about this, but I just don't know what to 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,

Tom-up Love

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 Glore 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

"The Trojans because the Trojan man rules!"
Jim Perry III '03
Sociology

"I think we should keep the Green Terror, but make it look like the Incredible Hulk."
Kate Boyle '02
Political Science/Education

"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
Markproject offers new way of looking at Jesus and gospels

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Horoscopes: predictions for the season of thanks and cold temps

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 alleviate 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 forward 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!

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 22

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 everyone 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 22

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 23 - 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 emotional because this is a time to be happy!

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

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 fell apart, so why not you? The key is getting everyone to listen to everyone else.

What do you believe?

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 laughter. I believe that even in the midst of conflict and confusion that I am "too blessed to be stressed." - Terrae Whiting

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 that we reach out to each individual maybe help them, change lives,” says Neo. “We all have an everyday life that we just do, we’re going through it, we’re not out to be a band you know. We want to make music that people can relate to on a personal level. We’re going to make our music and people can get into it, whether it’s a love song, whether it’s a breakup song, whether it’s a party song.”

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 Maryland Fashion Week in Baltimore in May of last year.

The concert at WMC is cosponsored by the Black Student Union and CAPS. If you don’t believe anything you’ve ever seen before, believe this when you come out to a Nuance concert you come out expecting the unexpected,” says Dirt, “and you come ready to party.”
The theme of this year's Western Mary-
land College Men's basketball team is that of
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Men's basketball embarks on a new era at WMC

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Wrestling looks to defend their Conference crown

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Player profile: Teron
Powell continued

The national championship, "states Powell." "We
must meet 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 profes-
ionally after he graduates this year, Powell
answers without hesitation. "Most
definitely." "If I'm blessed enough oppor-
tunity comes, I will definitely take it." But in the present lies the match up 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."
WWF Column: Who will survive the 13th annual Survivor Series?

MEL JENKINS
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 man teams facing off in elimination matches. Slowly but surely, sometime over the past few years, this tradition has died out.

The pay-per-view, although still a major event, has lost its 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 night is the 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, it has been fun and the impact of the winning team will be pretty important.

The rosters of the teams 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 Ang, and WCW owner Shane McMahon. Team WWF will be The Undertaker, 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.

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 thrown 33 straight Centennial Conference games going into the season finale against Johns Hopkins University Saturday afternoon.

Most people also know that the Western Terror have won 47 of their last 49 regular season games - with both losses coming at the hands of Bridgewater.

Included in this amazing record, 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 "F" in team that stands for Wide Receiver Teron Powell.

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 705 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 (6th 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 Amon 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 routed Furman and Marshall 54-0 on October 20, Powell 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 stated 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.

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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 them, 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 Taria Morris took a pass from teammate Kim Camponelli and knocked the puck past the Ranger's goalie to take a 1-0 lead.

The Rangers wouldn't go away, fighting 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.

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 men's team, on the other hand, finished 23rd out of 34 teams in the competition.

On the men's side, the team finished 11th out of 34 teams in the competition.

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.
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 Muhlenburg 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 IAA Jacksonville University. The Terror started slow, but ended up romping the IAA 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 Wingeart 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.

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

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.
New meal plan in full effect for Fall 2002

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, reminding them of the possibility of having the plan 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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Singing sensation
Ashley Marie

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

Over the weekend of November 10 and 11, the WMC Maryland Student Legislature competed in its second state debate 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 legislation.

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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New RLC coming soon

In early and mid-September, the Residence Life Department lost two of its employees, Nicole Gallig, 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 Trowe, 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 replies with 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 continued on page 3

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text of Islamic faith, and the explanation of Ramadan by Dr. Mohamed Esu, 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.”

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Students, faculty, and other members of the WMC community experience good conversation and good food at the Taste of Islam.
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 does 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 science major," McKee said.

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residential assistants who live in Rouzer and Whitehall dormitories. In addition to this, three candidates will also meet with Dean Phil Sayre, and members of College Activities will also meet with Dean Phil Sayre, and members of College Activities.

Next on the agenda is to be interview for a new Director of Housing. Towele hopes to start that process by late Spring, and to welcome someone to the staff to start on July first.

OK, we all know you're done with school work and ready for winter break. But what are you thinking about for next semester?

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Esquire & The Lady is now offering two for one hair cuts for all students at WMC. On weekdays only from 10 am to 5 pm.
Walk-ins welcome (appointments needed). Two men's cuts $15.00, and two women's cuts $16.00.

World AIDS Day: Awareness

Jessica Watson
Co-News Editor

On Thursday, November 29, World AIDS Day was celebrated in the Rock in honor of World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day is a day to bring awareness on campus.

"Patchwork Quilt" by Sweet Honey in the Rock

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.

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 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 years old African Americans.

"This is the biggest war," says senior Kathy Pendord, 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." Pendord said a lot of students have unprotected sex and don't think about the consequences.

"I went to support a couple friends who had organized the event," said senior Erin Clarke, President of the ASAP house. "I didn't expect to receive lots of info about the risks of HIV, AIDS, and war and people don't even think about it because it is a silent war." Pendord said a lot of students have unprotected sex and don't think about the consequences.

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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 was horribly underwhelmed.

Not that I need a store to confirm this fact, which I think I knew. But something happened over Thanksgiving break that has me thinking 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 could smell our own (note: must be REALLY unsteady and old, because I think I found that last comment really wisty). 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. The first place (cheap as it may be). Perhaps there was merely some

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 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 loss 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 deadlines, 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 advisor, I would check my phonemail messages on a phone number to find out Claire's latest intramural accomplishment. I was always served more of the same: Claire's" time to rest and relax," she would say, with a smile.

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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 before had. 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 realized Pearl Jam became "rock," 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 "daughter" in another). I remember thinking Scott Wieland 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 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, Wieland, 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 affections 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 ever if today's musicians have anything at all to say, because such claims would be ridiculous. But all of these "new" CDs, I can finally fix that wobbly table of mine. "Somewhere in Me N'Sync fans everywhere approve.

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War in Afghanistan is not the way to fight terrorism

Dan Hawkins

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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 mired in 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 in films and books and tests nowadays is all bullshit, right?

The crusaders of the US Army never hurt anybody there, only 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 could, it would, of course, be deluded. Or maybe you can. Well, in that case, let me ask you why now? Wasn't it already the fact by the bombings of 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 - only .wonder, if we're so smart, why haven't we finished it al-ready?

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In defense of Homecoming

Claire Adams

In the last 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 begin to attack multiple campus organizations, I would first make sure you're accurate.

The anonymous first-year stu-dent wrote many arguments and we all know how the saying goes about assuming things. First off, the student criticized the bon-fire band. But the anonymous student does indeed have a DJ, but this year, two days before the event, WMCR 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 you would do. And keep, in all minds, 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 at-tacked about this subject - "You should have provided her with a ride!"

"You should have been thinking about her. We would 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 lis-tened 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 anonymous article the week before. Don't cut on SGA for being accommodating, when they're not psychotic.

"Come on SGA, get with it!"

Sorry, but perhaps you are not attending the Homecoming Court and actually don't know what's going on. You don't get it, that is no excuse for those nasty Vietkongs... 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.

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Terrorists are unreasonable, but then so are Americans

Leigh Garriques remarks on stereotypes imposed by Americans

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 that we must keep just a little more open-minded 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 love to shed some light onto some of these criteria in the hopes that the truth can better be seen.

1. “...the enemy does not have feelings...”

If we are to believe how many 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? I mean there will always be 100,000 Afghan children will die from war-related causes by the end of this year. This alone adds to the fact that America does not have feelings or compassion.

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 how much do you really think about how much they care about the thousands of Afghani that are dying because of us. Some may not show compassion. With Hurd, I feel that the parties who bombed and I have yet to hear any statement that alone adds to the fact that America does not have a spotless track record for respecting human lives.

3. “...the enemy does not have compassion...

There have been many incidences where innocent Muslims in America are being mistaken for possible terrorists. Also, those who are not in support of the war have been labeled as terrorists. These are just a few examples of how this war is already beginning to tear our nation apart.

4. “...you say that the terrorists,...”

You also say that the terrorists, “...boast about murdering Americans,” and that this is a reason we are instigating war...

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 from American actions.

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. This is one of the most trustworthy sources 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, for the sake of our rights and for protection, right? However, in their eyes we are terrorizing them.

5. “...they commit no consequences...

We cannot be so naive as to say we are simply getting back at them for what they did to us. We are destroying lives and homes, thenadding another layer to the cycle of violence that the so-called “patriotic” Americans are supporting, not honoring.

With a little more research you may find that America is not as innocent as we claim. America is far more guilty of this than the terrorists.布什 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.

6. “...you cannot reason with terrorists...

The country of Afghanistan actually agreed to execute 9/11 terrorist 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 C.W. Bush that the author included in her paper. “Unlike our enemy, we respect life.”

Think about how we have enslaved, murdered, and segregated African Americans.

Think about how we killed millions of innocent 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.) killed us” we killed 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 the Taliban in these matters. The Sept. 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 honestly, 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 houses we bomb. It is a ton of information available, which will give us solid proof to support our actions.

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 honoring or even trying to stop.

I would also like to give some solutions and alternative methods that the government is using to educate themselves as much as possible. The media is not the best source for this.

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.

The government is giving speeches with clips of his speeches where they strategically pick and choose what statements to air. They are directed specifically to portray every negative aspect of the country so as to seem as though America is doing it wrong.

Instead of practicing our “eye for an eye” tactics, perhaps we should simply make sure that our country is not as greedy as the so-called “patriotic” Americans are supporting, not honoring.

Laurie Garriques remarks on “Terrorism,” if by this you mean killing thousands of innocent Muslims living in America are being mistaken for possible terrorists. 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 from American actions.

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 was never given the opportunity to express my opinion.

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 on 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 most of my life, the idea of turning vegetarian is looking better and better. This change in appetite is not becausethe authors of the foods I eat have very strict vegetarian guidelines but because I have learned that many vegetables are really do taste better than meat. And because meat is such a big part of American food, its quality often gets overlooked.

I am not talking about immediately eating an all-fruit or all-eggplant 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 zucchini.

First of all, think of the salad. I mean everyone loves the salad. For those of you who get bored with plain raw zucchini, we add a bit of lemon juice to consider this food to it, croutons, salad dressing, cheese, or even meat, but I guess that kind of takes away the purpose of the salad so to not add too much. Also, no direct reference to GLAR, but I find that fast food hamburgers 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 without some 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 food to it, croutons, salad dressing, cheese, or even meat, but I guess that kind of takes away the purpose of the salad so to not add too much. Also, no direct reference to GLAR, but I find that fast food hamburgers 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 without some vegetables, but that brings me to my point of view.

Sure they’re filled with all sorts of unhealthy ingredients, but they do not make me feel as good as I do when I am eating a salad. I am sure you can eat just one kind of meat like a poly-vegetarian (eating only chicken). And 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 up.

- 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 father trying to figure out what side of the argument (vs. Steve Sharkey and the anonymous writer) is. My friend believes the college has做得 the right thing, but I 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 was talking about, refer to pages 61-62 of the Student Guide and Datebook. When I was in grade school, 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 combating 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 fine (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 you be against drinking, too, are sometimes helping the drinkers on campus?

For those drinkers that are under 21, we can, they look 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 of the problem with this. If I'm 21 and she's not, is that going to stop her from being able to go to a bar? I feel you get 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 seen a number of parties on campus (one recently sponsored by two campus sororities) that have had TERRIBLE terrible problems.

My friend wanted people to 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 a party is, but I'm a party, but I don't have time for that.

All in all, no one around here is going to win. 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 the college should leave 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.

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Tara Dellafranza shares a horrible driving experience at WMC.

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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 disappointed by an anonymous article written by an Anonymous first-year student.

The article offended me on sev-

eral levels, especially on the per-

sonal level.

One of the reasons is because I happen to be good friends with the members of Room 402 and the ar-

ticle 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. Moreover, don't the per-
formance take time away from their lives, but up and take down of their equipment before and after the show can be a very time con-

suming process as well.

It is also, 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 they 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 per-

and its value to the student body, and every-

y person's whim here.

Therefore, I urge the faceless writer to get involved in these or-

ganizations and get to know what it means to be a part of the SGA.

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 bal-

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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 other things. This article, which was an anony-

mous one, was a topic-

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-

pliments from the article from students. Their main complaint is that we ran a very interesting article with out the author's name. The first de-

fense that I throw is that as an American, every citizen has the right to speak out about anything at all. Therefore, the per-

son who wrote this article has the right to do so, however, it is time to set guidelines for when anonymity should be granted. I am of the opinion that at present, many people who wanted anonymity was granted it. Following the rash of anonymous articles in the Phoenix, we are now setting clear-cut guidelines that the during the next year we will put into effect.

First and foremost, if a person is going to be granted anonymity, this person's name is put on the article that the organization will be in danger. It means that they could possibly lose their job as a RA. This doesn't mean that the organization makes a mistake of, or having people come up to them and question their statements in the article - that is the conse-

quence of speaking out and expressing it. It is something that many of us do on the Phoenix day in and day out.

Secondly, we are no longer tak-

ing 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 identi-

ty of the author - this ensures that at least the writer is not being held ac-

countable for the article.

Also, if you directly attack a person in your article, and use their name, then it is only fair that you attach your name to the article. It is not fair for you to at-

tack a person by name and not have the guts to admit who you are. This is not acceptable, because even if 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.

Profanity is not the answer for rude driving

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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 summative. 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 exhausting hours. So why is everyone making it a big deal out of it?

Some may argue that they are worried about the exam ruining the good grades they have strive 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. ‘Cmon, 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 R-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.

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 ally creating a companion for him as well. Harry Potter promotes idolatry. Each day creating a new piece. Then, he erects books from their libraries, claiming that “God” who creates the earth in seven days, following the film’s first weekend of success, people looked at it for the entertainment it’s pages.

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Looking 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 in the morning, 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 50 cents in the morning trying 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 itself a plate at the dinner table. As a community we are all aware of this visit and so we must try to make the most 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 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 that offer final exams and 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 aspect that I find to be realistic 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 assessment of the knowledge that students 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 open-mindedness and acceptance of other cultures ways of expression.

How many students have 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 honestly only way to fully understand what an individual has learned.

Another problem with final exams is that some professors may 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 not good test-takers lose points even more in these classes. A main part of their grade is based on one exam instead of the work they put 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 this trend in their core courses 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 say that they are any better of a 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.

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 in the morning, 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 50 cents in the morni-
60 SECONDS: What do you like best about having six weeks off from school?

By: Courtney Federoff

“60 SECONDS” features this month as various student actors and musicians perform 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 Pitsikalis, 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 though we 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 ability 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.”

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 living 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 being connected 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 to go to school.

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 greatest 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 do people who know me, that I am the biggest Adidas “whore” around. - Ed Schulteis

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Ashley Marie and Silver Run take music biz by storm

JESSICA WATSON
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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 O’O in the college bookstore, but there's 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, Mike Mason, Charlie Daniels, Chad Brock, Martina McBride, Jeff Carson, John Anderson, and Shenandoah. “I have an analogy for it,” Ashley said. “The way I see it the more people, the better. I mean, it’s 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 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 more than a sun. “My mom has a scrapbook with all that stuff in it.”

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 artists like Faith Hill and Shania Twain,” Ashley said. “I didn’t think I was gonna win.”

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 success, “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 backup plan because you can't major in Rock Star.”

Joking, Ashley remarks, “I don’t have one.” She smiles; currently Ashley is a 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, which is what she’s 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.”

“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 Marie and Silver Run take music biz by storm.

Ashley poses for a shot with her band. In the back are Dave Staccone, Chris Bell, and Mike Purdum. Rob Hughes and Scott Underwood are down in front.

Ashley performs with her harmonica player Rob Hughes (left) and Scott Underwood on keyboards (right).
Neopets.com: fun and worth the time

Tara Dellafraza
staff writer

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 ‘Neodaq’ 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 folklore.

A user must neglect a pet for weeks before it dies of starvation, and pets can be put up at a Neopets virtual hotel where they can be rented by other users. These pets are folkloric. 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 income through advertising. Like most websites that offer free services, Neopets will display an ad and surf a sponsor’s website, 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 Kristen Geers 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 over to Neopets.com.

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The Psyche of a Resident Assistant: Connie Williams

Natasha McConnaughey, Staff Writer

When you think of senior Connie Williams, the Resident Assistant for the second floor of McDaniell Hall, you probably cannot 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 RAs 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 all 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 then that Williams matriculated in Queen Anne’s County’s 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 five 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 her 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 stronger 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, her RA and one of Williams’ best friends, thinks that Williams does such a good job on the Greek floors because “she’s not a Nazia like Residence Life wants her to be.”

Even though Williams does not follow the RA guidelines rigiudly, she still has a good relationship with her boss. Shonda Wilson, the Residence Life Coordinator for McDaniell 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 McDaniell, which she claims is not as exciting as Greek floors. The fact that the McDaniell floor is not alcohol-free is the only reason that keeps it interesting for her.

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 lively 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 would 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 giggles, giggly piece that is needed at the end of the day," says Wilson. She also believes that Williams will make a great 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--,” and she is certainly cool enough as she is well on her way to earning that title.

Night of Nuance: Nuance gives it up for the ladies

Jessica Watson, Co-Editor

Nuance warned WMC that they would not know what to expect when they came to perform. Nuance’s front men, Dirt, 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 on the edge of their seats as they danced and dined in the crowd. The lights were dimmed and the smoked seemed to submerge the members as they sang on stage. Each song was followed by a preplanned 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 dance stage and grip. 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 Kenneth 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 remember for years to come.

Senior Shahia 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.
Rick’s Rambling’s on the world of Sports: The revival of the Hogs and the status of MLB contraction proceedings

**Rick Grans**
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 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 up 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 throw the football at a high rate.

With Davis running the ball, the Redskins defense is able to stay off the field while the offense grinds down the clock.

These teams could not have been more different — the Redskins defense was 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 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 football 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 Players Union was not consulted at all.

With contraction, many people will find themselves out of work. Not only the 25 players on each teams’ 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 reason is the issue of contraction.

Many players, fans, and front-office personnel agree that contraction needs to continue. There are simply too many teams that year in 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 commission Bud Selig have handled the issue has turned many people off towards baseball after their great season.

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Wrestling team fights through adversity

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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 Mvey, and transfer Davey Blake, combined with not having football and soccer players on the junior varsity, 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 thus far.

“We have a real good team and our backups 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 Greensboro University. In his varsity debut, John Patterson and John set a weight class record. 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. Freshman point guard Kelly Camp lead the backcourt play to winning 38-24 halftime lead in route to a 68-54 victory.

The team was paced by Camp’s 17 points and a sizzling 51.9% clip on the night. The team is also hoping to continue their conference opening loss against conference foe, Dickerson College. On November 28th.

The Green Terror played inspired ball and cruised to a 64-40 win that equalled 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.

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WMC Men's basketball 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 consistently on their shot, shooting a low 34.6% 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 Estes' 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 opposition to 23 miscues.

WMC received a huge performance from 6'9" junior center Jon Pearson who led the team with 16 points, 14 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 blocks on the game. Despite 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 to home start to 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 fire 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 led 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 34.6% 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 in 2002.

The team has been very impressive so far, and look to continue their solid play through the new year.

Attention:
The Phoenix is looking for new sports writers for next semester. If you are interested, come to a Phoenix meeting. Monday nights at 6 p.m. in the basement of Rouzer or call SB690.
WMC to change name starting fall of 2002
Change in college’s name brings a new sense of identity while causing concern among students.

LaRoy McDevitt
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 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 the college’s name.

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 sweatshirt, 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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Good news to all the class of 2003. We have first choice for new housing opening next January.

Stacey Myers
Assistant News Editor

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New dorms sprouting up

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Trusted change college's name

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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.wmcmd.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 midyear 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 Ensor 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 dedicated 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 Champion
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 Towe 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 responsibility of overseeing 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 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 # 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.

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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.

News from the Honor and Conduct Board

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Campus Safety Blotter

The following incidents were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:
2/12/02 at 12:30 p.m. burglary on 4th floor of Rozier entered unlocked room and 2 boxes of cereal found missing.

02/27/02 at 2:00 a.m. Failure to promptly & correctly violation after quiet hours at Garden Apartments Building 3.

02/17/02 at 2:30 a.m. Subject threw a college owned plant out of a third floor window on the 3rd floor of McDaniel Hall.

02/17/02 at 12:16 p.m. student violating outside of the Garden Apartments Building 3. Student is also prohibited from being in the area.

02/17/02 at 2:41 p.m. Subject backed her car into a planter at Gorton Plaza.

02/29/02 MDOP (Property Crime) occurred on West Main St. to a student vehicle. A brick was apparently thrown through the front passenger door window causing damage.

02/29/02 at 10:00 a.m. Possible harassment of student by employee at Hoover Library.

02/01/02 at 1:20 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.

02/01/02 Fire extinguisher discharged on basement level hallway.

Cook takes on many duties at WMC

Cooking is one of the great things that are really important to what students do and 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 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.

For these reasons, the results of 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.

The Pew Charitable Trusts and is cosponsored by the Pew Forum on Undergraduate Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education.

The results from the NSSE survey are available at http://www.nsssurveys.org/Courtesy of Academic Affairs.

News Release from the National Survey of Student Engagement

...The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants is February 28, 2002.

To apply for an award, a student must have a WMC grade point average of 3.2 and 8 or the direct involvement or close sponsorship of a faculty member. The awards are competitive.

The grants are intended to encourage peak projects that complement students major academic emphasis. The projects 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 related to special collections. Dean Case would like to see a wide variety of collections. Deans would like to see examples of what kind of creative proposals students may devise in consultation with appropriate faculty. Grants may range from $25 to $500. Applications are available in Dean Care's office.

Burglary in dorm creates awareness

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 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 change your room and instead 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.

Juniqor Beth McKee says, "really security was never a concern, I usually locked my door be-
Happiness comes from within ourselves

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 Four 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 or 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 college 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 all of the 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.

Now we must change our identity to make the school more attractive to potential students.

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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 flyers 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 the topic.

All of the Team members are trained by Susan Glore 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 sched- ules and new attempts at time man- agement. Yet for some of us, our fa- ltering grade point averages loom over our heads, as Financial Aid is only too quick to remind us of those discouraging words: Academic Probation. Even with the unsettling knowl- edge that I have entered the puga- tory stage, I still have this sense of shock. Having missed the required GPA to keep my academic scholar- ship by a mere .13 last semester, I find it hard not to take this per- sonally.

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 meagly amount of money offered to me by Financial Aid when I entered WMC in fall of 2000. However, since I have the un- fortunate 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 grow- ing-up in a single parent household. In other words, perhaps I should have realized the educa- tion given to wealthier students in this private liberal arts college.

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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 elimi- nate 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 mem- ber of a sports team, go Greek, and get involved in our campus com- munity, then get punished for do- ing 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 students and Greeks alike need only to maintain a 2.0 or in some cases 2.0 in order to stay on their sports team or Greek organization.

What kind of two-faced mes- sage 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 security 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 change 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 col- lege. 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 sophmore English major.

Commentary

Wrestling coach John Lowe offers his insights on the winter season.

As a Division III coach, I must be first and foremost geared to- wards academics first, athletics sec- ond.

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 per- sonal and high-level education from WMC and an intense fun experience as a member of the wrestling team.

Since wrestling is probably the most taxing sport - I've been in- volved in 11 in my lifetime - it is a constant challenge for me to moti- vate my athletes to have quality practices and competitions.

Convincing them to put out ev- erything they have and gear them- selves 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 En- glish or Spanish at the high school or college level steadily since 1993, while trying to maintain a success- ful 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 40-450) who are part-tim- ers, so we can commiserate as matches and tournaments.

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Don't 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 history behind this college and this name is important. I strongly adhere to the ideal that to really understand who you are, you 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 liberal arts college.

Many weekends are devoted 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 most of state students and also changing many of the college’s policies towards students as discussed in my post 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 an announcement about the name change. It was too perfect 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 you must just have to deal with it. Yes, I feel sort of betrayed 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. Forget in person - tell them 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 thought it was the college of your dreams. Tell them that you came here to play sports. 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 for the students. The only people that can do that are the ones that sleep in the beds, eat in the cafeteria and in the dorm rooms.

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, manipulative, and corrupt 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 determine 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 “Co-Pres to 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 Din Lien’s fate to uphold his own beliefs and terrorist acts. Similarly, the opposition needs a 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. We may not see the board of trustees and the administration does not really know how to make life better for the students. The only people that can do that are the ones that sleep in the beds, eat in the cafeteria and in the dorm rooms.

Our president, however, has made a conscious decision to support the name change. President Coley does not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, condition of handicap, or marital status.

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Fight illiteracy in Carroll County

HEATHER WENSE
From the Carroll County Times

"We'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 others feel the same way?"

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 driver's 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 though some slave owners forbade singing and others were more liberal and allowed it. There were rural meetings where sometimes up to 1,000 individuals gathered 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 Hard times, which took place in the early 20th century. From here she took it to Motown Records, where legends such as the Supremes and the Temptations were born, and then to the music that exist today.

The seeds that started African American music are full in bloom in today's rap, R&B, gospel, jazz, and rock music. "It provided me with a lot of insight and information about the history of music," says freshman Devin Collins, "and I liked how everything was presented. It was boring, it was interesting."
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.

For 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 wear the catchy phrase “Let’s Hang Out!” and are recruitment. “We like Hill College because we’re above everyone else.”
Jeffrey Stover ’02 Business

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 Bees 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 research as many sororities (or fraternities) as they can. Chimock 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 Chimock at x2266 or ask a chapter member for information.

### Important Greek Life Dates

**Phi Mu**
- Thursday, 2/21 8:30-10:30 p.m.

**Fraternities**
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- Alpha Gamma Tau — Sunday, 2/17 8:30 p.m.
- Sigma Phi Epsilon — Monday, 2/18 8:30 p.m.
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Movie Review: Black Hawk Down

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Since Valentine's Day is coming upon us quickly, I won't giving away any of the Chris Rock "You're gonna die" Horoscopes. Although, I am sure you 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 na- ked). This is your time to be en- ergistic, so play a sport, go to a party and heck, maybe even do some homework for that Humani- ties course you are taking.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Ah the ball. This is going to be a good month for you. V-day should be a great time, but if you didn't spend money, 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, so don't forget to spend time with your friends, be- cause they hate it when you get all testy with them.

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, this is a time that will be taking your mind off of that stu...most likely it will be a party where you drink too much that you will not respect, let alone not remembering what happened. Oh well.

Leo

July 23 - Aug- ust 22

You are strong willed, you are ascer- tive, you are busy, you are different...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 who you are, who are you? Hmmn, I have to think about that one for a while.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

This is a 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. How- ever, 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 prob- ably 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 goofy 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 go- ing out to dinner on Valentine's Day, avoid the pasta...just a sugges- tion.

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. Be a bit more relaxing, trust me, you'll enjoy being the center of attention, but if you keep up this pace, you are going to be the cen- ter of attention when you simply pass through the room, no less in the way of the people playing football, ooh.

Capricorn

December 22 - Jan. 19

You are dedicated, responsible, sensible, and a tireless worker. In other words, you're kind of boring. It's time for you to have some fun, but remember to keep your priorities in order. In addition, you've got to start meddly alert, so no more drinking your but into a stupor on Tuesday- day nights.

Aquarius

January 20 - Feb. 18

"This is the dawn 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 you 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 adding your opinion, but let me tell ya something, nobody knows a like it all. This means if your roomie comes back from a bad night with their significant other and says "what a jerk," I 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.

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“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.”
SPORTS

WMC Indoor Track and Field having a record-setting season.

MARCUS HELTON
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 provisional qualifier for the NCAA Terror season. The women's and men's teams each took second place during the outdoor season.

"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 the 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 JENKINS
Sports 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. 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 that the NWO would turn WCW into an also ran. 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. WWF's ratings dropping from their historic levels of a few years ago, McMahon is hoping that the NWO can do the same for the WWF.

Last week, a simple photo featuring 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 WWE's storylines. 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.

Our TV time is only so much 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 splashers.
WMC Wrestling having a dominant season, looking at Conference Championships.

Greg Lederer
Sports Editor

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Sophomore point guard Toby McIntire lead the way for the team with ten points and a surprising 8 rebounds for a guard, while junior forward Stephanie McPherson contributed 8 points on the night. The defense was smothering for the team as, they held Gettysburg to just 25 percent from the field and also received great bench play on the night.

Despite a two game losing streak on the road, the Green Terror got back on track with a familiar theme: victory.

With just three games left in the regular season, the team is looking to finish out strong at home and prepare for a long postseason stretch.

Women's B-Ball fights through losing streak, and winning again

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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

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 Lange. "And then you think, I really do have an opportunity to increase their visibility in the paper." 'The program was founded by Sloane and AU 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.

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"When you can give back your talents, whatever they might be, and give almost as much as you can, 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

Above, Campus Safety Officer Matt Warehouse 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.

Baker renovation is in the works

"Big" Baker Memorial Chapel is in the midst of receiving more upgrades

Michael York

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...," 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.

"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"

Falun Gong comes to WMC

Individuals persecuted for practicing Falun Gong

Matthew Huff

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 practices, along with the persecution of their 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 philosophy. It uses exercises and meditation 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 Mr. Li Hongzhi 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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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 governmental persecution. The persecution began in July 1999 because 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.

Liberty Week emphasis on freedom

Western Maryland College senior books for event

Ralph Nader to speak during event

AULA ARBICHT Staff Writer

“Liberty and justice for all.” Most students at Western Maryland College grew up reciting those words, but how many of us have given much thought to what they mean? What are our responsibilities as far as upholding 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 thinkers. The speakers will include the CATO Institute’s Doug Bandow with the topic “Freedom and Virtue,” Delegate Carmen Anedori (Rep) addressing “Politics of the Minority,” Libertarian presidential candidate John Steinbeck with “Politics of the People,” Delegate Carmen Anedori (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 concert.

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 patron and loves a good drama. “Of Mice and Men,” based on the novel written 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 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 not 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.”

The Maryland’s Top 100 Women Reception is open to the public. Tickets are $40 and may be purchased by calling 410-752-3649.
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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 senior, 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 more difficult by the general nature of its base of support.

“In this season of political parties, and retains its 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 Prisby, Neal Page, and Doug Novielli as fellow students who were willing to work hard with him.

Prisby 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. Frank, 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.”

STACY GEORGE

Students victim of McDaniel break-in

Questions arise about whether strange calls and break-in are related

STACY GEORGE

The two residents of this second floor room, who wish to remain anonymous, are working with Campus Safety to determine who was responsible for causing the hall to be closed 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 Rauzer 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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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 not 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 McDrury
News Editor
The following incidents were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:
02/07/2002 at 2:00 p.m. a student was keeping unauthorized pets in her dorm room.
02/07/2002 at 4:00 p.m. on the parking lot of Fell gym vandalism was done to student's car.
02/08/2002 at 1:30 a.m. a 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.
02/09/2002 at 2:50 a.m. someone broke the glass out of the vending machine at Blanche Ward Hall.
02/09/2002 at 3:18 a.m. intoxicated student drove his truck into DoC's jeep, student arrested at Historic Drive
02/09/2002 at 1:00 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 11:00 p.m. Property crimes at Decker Student Center.
02/10/2002 at 1:30 a.m. minor in possession of alcohol.
02/10/2002 at 3:04 a.m. Anonymous student reports of smell of marijuana.
02/11/2002 at 1:23 a.m. Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage at Garden Apartments.
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 2:30 a.m. an unknown suspect set fire to the bulletin board in the Whiteford Hall Lobby.
02/16/2002 at 7:40 a.m. an unknown subject set to the bulletin board in the Whiteford Hall Lobby.
02/17/2002 at 9:30 p.m. student concerned after observing a large sword in the residence hall and reported it to Campus Safety.
02/18/2002 at 2:00 a.m. an unknown subject set to the bulletin board in the Whiteford Hall Lobby.

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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 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 childlike things, then it is possible to identify one as an adult?

First of all, if you have a problem with someone, do not try to

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.

Western 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, you would be asked upon trying to reschedule 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 action.

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.

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 6:30 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) 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 more I find that this is no nightmare at all.

A few days after the name change was announced, I ran into Dean Ethan Seidell at Safeway around 10:30 p.m.

While I knew Dean Seidell, and knew that my parents knew him as well, I doubted he had the misfortune of knowing me. As it turns out, I was the first to say that.

I 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 rests in 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 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 histories and values suddenly ripped away as they sign the marriage papers? Obviously not.

Regarding the name change, I am never giving that name change. I honestly believe, for better or worse, business as usual will continue here, as it always has, no matter what the school is called.

I have said it many times before, but let us face the fact, Western Maryland College rests on the community, and as long as our community stays strong, we have nothing to fear.

This school is more than a name.

Michael Wiles

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: 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 sentimental, but I honestly do not see this name change as a threat against us. I think that it can only make our 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 histories and values suddenly ripped away as they sign the marriage papers? Obviously not.

The name of the college is a symbol—an abstract thing.

Even when the name changes, everything else will stay the same (except 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. It will be just as comfortable.

For those of you that are not going to "give up one 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 this 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 English major.

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 and mother attended with such pride.

I am going to stand behind this place. I really don’t care what it is called.

Mike Wiles is a Junior English major.
**COMMENTARY**

**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 or just 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 know 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 “suitcase school.” Yet, I suppose we hoped that the small doses of fun we received would somehow counteract the dreckness 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 come.

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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 or just 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 know 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 “suitcase school.” Yet, I suppose we hoped that the small doses of fun we received would somehow counteract the dreckness we feel on a constant basis.

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Academic Probation is appropriate consequence to GPA

Lauren Banaszewski counters 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 which 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.

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. 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 two: It is "two-faceted" that Greeks and athletics only need to maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Rebuff: Greeks and athletics at our school are not given money to participate in their activities. There is no "setting 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 three: It makes no sense to put someone reading this article on academic probation just for kicks.

I agree. If one still doesn't understand it, let me try to explain it again.

Academic probation is appropriate consequence to GPA for being "well-rounded" students when we don't keep our grades up.

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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: 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 Gill 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, not paying attention to you.

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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 music from a third world country.

Perhaps, instead 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.

Anyway, I am way off, and the statue is some kind of reverse psychology thing the school has gone 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.

Bank makes financial mistake in accounts

Tara Dellafrazia alerts students to overcharging bank fees.

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, after 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 spotted me some cash, I had accumulated what my bank had called an "Activity Fee" of $8.00.

Alas, the logic of this appeared confused. As far as I am concerned, particular bank prides itself on working well for small businesses.

If said bank screwed over unsaid college students, they are really screwing over future owners and employees of said small businesses.

Needless to say, I will be exercising my financial matters, corporate or otherwise, to a much more competent bank upon my college graduation.

- Tana Dellafrazia is a Junior English Major

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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.

Keep in mind that many of the inmates will be willing to point out a typo or error, some feel that it is necessary to mock the paper and complain. So lets 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 mean to be a newspaper office because it never prints when you need it, and a computer that is probably possessed by some devil spirit.

Still, they slay 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 and 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 in 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.

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In last week’s editorial I told all of you to go to enjoy the great outdoors when the weather is nice. Play a lawn sport or just veg out on a blanket - whatever you want.

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 nowhere.

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.

Steve Sharkey discusses the recent break-ins along with other events happening on campus.

A home in the bunk tied 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 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 to 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.

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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 announcers.

One evening I was sleeping in 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.”

It is 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 many people are going to be toasting 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’s worth.

In any case, those berets are still ridiculous.

Matt Hurff is a junior English major.

Message to the thieves: Stop stealing, it is wrong.

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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 Deckler Center Forum is almost filled to maximum capacity with a rowdy 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 Evason 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 what I was thinking," said Donelson, 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, 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. "I was planning to go ice skating there early for great seats, but then it was gone," Donelson says.

The show was off the charts. "I watched Tessa read minds and it was really creepy," said Donelson. "It was weird. I usually don't believe in this 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. "Most of them want something that may be deceased, they still live to realize that we've been doing that's what makes things possible." 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 can 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 some of the 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.

The Evason's show is one of the most popular with a restless audience involved. The program opens with Tessa picking random members of the audience and asking them to repeat the eight-digit number on the back of their ID card in their wallet, a table topic. It has their personal connection with a loved one that allows this to happen. "Most of them want something that may be deceased, they still live to realize that we've been doing that's what makes things possible." It was a risk that they were willing to take.

"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."
Kick the habit for credits starting next fall

HEATHER WENNER
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 lack of enrollment.

Communications department chairperson, Dr. Robert Lemieux, first thought of developing the course while listening to a 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 communications."

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.

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"Kicking the Habit with Tobacco Truths" is designed for smokers; that's just the optimal outcome, contingent upon the student successfully quitting smoking.

However, successful completion of the course because one doesn't smoke and almost certainly will not be interested in the subject. According to Lemieux, suggestions like these are often rejected.

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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 is 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 believes 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 have been interested in 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 did have 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.

WMC Theatre presents

ESCAPE FROM HAPPINESS

A dark comedy about a dysfunctional family

written by George F. Walker
Directed by Joe Miller
March 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. in Shriver Hall
Ticket price: $5 general admission
and $2 WMC community/student
Box Office: 110 NKG 2116
This show is recommended for ages 16 and older

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.
The first movie of the trilogy, "The Lord of the Rings," 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 the only one able to withstand the power of the ring. He is joined by other members, who constitute the "Fellowship." The movie 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, when Arwen 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.

When the movie begins, you are treated with a vision of the past - a very historical and beautiful past. There is a narrator who takes you through Middle Earth, where the epic trilogy "Lord of the Rings" is set. She guides you through the formations of the ring 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," is the basic 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," says his first movie was 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 interweaves all the action with a great love story sequence between Arwen and Frodo.

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 see "Lord of the Rings." Sitting through the three hours is well worth it, and I am sure you will enjoy it.

The Phi Alpha display a banner with pride off of he balcony of the first floor in Blanche. 

The Phi Delta Thetas members, who were also forced to live separately this year as, agree with Rollins. "Because we do not have a floor we have not had guests in the past," they believe that if the Phi Deltas 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. "No good," 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, Rollins says that "when an organization is granted housing they are thankful that the college worked hard to allow them to live together."
Time for some **SOUL FOOD**

"It was deliciously satisfying"

-Mithona Dan

All night people were on the edge of their seats with excitement. Crystal Towns and Maya Redfearn give out awards to show their appreciation for everyone who helped with this event.

"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

"I think it was very well done. I loved the decorations. It wasn’t just dinner, it was an educational experience."

-Kennedra Tucker

Collage by Jessica Watson
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 Carrithe.

Chris: What the hell are the Bulls doing, you ask? Well it's pretty simple. The franchise has already set a win 70 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 many 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 play, there 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 as the top five in the country?

Chris: What is interesting to note that these teams all over the loss of key players. Alabama lost Gerald Wallace, Marquette lost Brian Wardle, Gonzaga lost Casey Calvary, Pittsburgh lost Ricardo Greco, 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 Rocker.

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.

Chris: I am no sissy of hearing about the Bulls. 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 hopping on the Bus 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 Jacquez 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 punched 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 Boschke and Kirk Heinrick and a frontcourt of Nick Collison and Drew Gooden, a top candidate for player of the year honors with Duke's DuaneLee and Williams and Marquette's Cartright. The Kansas faithful may be happy Williams didn't take the UNCG job come early April.

Parting shot: Olympics:

Chris: First of all, congrats to the U.S team for capturing 34 medals. We are the 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 very Medavantage." To all the upset countries; quit crying and just blame Canada.

Woman's Tennis starts over

Chris: Against Sports Editor

The winter was short, the 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 at the team last year. The Green Terror roster consists of six freshmen, Sharon Desperak, Bayley Flannin, Katrina Buckley, Darce Hartwick, Geneve Kallis, Shannon Peary, 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 McDonaugh School Tennis Camp. Barnes also teaches lessons on the side with Western Maryland's new Men's Tennis coach Matt Bilger.

Barnes are the days of Lara Henderson, class of 2000, and Alex Deierson, class of 2001, who lead Western Maryland College to two 10-win seasons (1998, 2000) and won the Centennial Conference double championships 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 Helton 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, MD. 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 Heany 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 berth in 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 mens also enjoyed success. Sophomore Calvin Haywood's time of 5:19.53 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.


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Senior Bio-Chemistry major Todd Peters enjoying an enjoyable afternoon in the Quad with the Froshire team.
Men’s Basketball brings tough season to a close and hopes for future success.

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. Teron Powell, Jack Kowalik, and Sean Minnier have led 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, Teren scored 24 points while also grabbing 2 rebounds and dishing out 5 assists.

Providing an example not seen on the scoring sheet was senior Sean Minnier. Sean’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, Teren scored 24 points while also grabbing 2 rebounds and dishing out 5 assists.

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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 Jon 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 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.

The anchor for any defense in Lacrosse is the goalie and WMC is no exception. Senior Brian Kingstom will play between the posts this year for the Terror. Kingstom was a very successful season last year, and will hopefully continue at this pace this season. “The teams that win have top-notch goalies, at every level,” said Rehnborg. “We think we have a top-notch goalie.” With Riley departed, Jeremy Frey and Alex Tolf 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 a return trip to the four team conference tournament.

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**WMC Wrestling caps off amazing season with sizzling 16-1 record.**

**GEORGE LEHNERER**

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 senior 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 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 for a 35-26 victory. Davey Blake began the scoring for WMC with an 8-2 victory at 141 pounds and soon after his brother Mikey, with an 8-2 victory at 141 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 six 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 unbeatable 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 mislabel 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 apologize to the mistake and reiterate that we do support all athletic teams at the College and will continue to do so in the future.

**MIKE JENNISON**

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 "V2" 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 personality, 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 then any wrestler since probably Bret Hart's glory filled 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 no 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 even happens.

Stone Cold, after being the main event his past three Wrestlemanias, gets a chance to battle Scott Hall of the nWo, a match that should be both fun to see and 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 comedy duo Chuck and Billy, the most over-rated 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 Championship game, prepares for March Madness

Historic season continues in the playoffs

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 Conference Championship game against Johns Hopkins University on Saturday.

WMCfans cheer the Woman’s Basketball team on to a last-minute 70-68 victory in the Centennial Conference championship game against Johns Hopkins University 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 work to find out their opponent in the first round of the NCAA Division III 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

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 years team return this season.

All told, there are 38 guys on the team this year. On both offense and defense, there are 9 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 be without his number one running buddy to start the year. Steve Mason broke his hand in the pre-season.

Although expected to return at some point, Mason 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 return this season.

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WMC fans cheer the Woman’s Basketball team on to a last-minute 70-68 victory in the Centennial Conference Championship game against Johns Hopkins University on Saturday.
A meal for the phenomenal women of WMC

Luncheon awards deserving 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 Carolyne 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 Redfearn," said Almandrez. She considers Redfearn 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.

"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 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."

Student Jamin Bartoloome, holding a pigeon in the new psychology lab. Read the story on the front page for more information about the new addition.

ROTC has interesting training weekend

STACY 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 "MacGuyver 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 learn something new with each challenge," said Christake.

Student Jamin Bartoloome, 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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Understanding pigeons may lead to medical breakthroughs for humans

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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.

There are basic stages of learning that are more advanced than the most basic level. 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 Jamin 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.

Phenomenal Women at Westminster


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**Cadets in Training...**

**Corrections**

In the last Phoenix, Lacrosse goalie Brian Nottingham’s name was spelled incorrectly. His last name was spelled Knottingham.

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.

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WMC ROTC Cadets endure training to become better soldiers.
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**Campus Safety Blotter**

Lee Roy McDowell
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 Gun 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.

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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 duckies” 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 to 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 that 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.

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Greeks have bad reputation

Jill Thalheimer disputes the stereotypes that Greek members obtain.

You see the keg parties, the beer bongs, the streaking through campus...and you assume it’s a bunch of frat guys. You see girls walking around with an at-titude 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.

Don’t go to class, drinks beer like it’s 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 are depicted in the movie have 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.

The friends you make are forever and that is something that can never be taken away.

Normalcy is overrated

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 says the question of: who can be defined 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 telling you to act normal at your grandparents’ house (may be 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.

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 symbols 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 (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 there value on the aftermarket, which makes the denial of their existence not only puzzling but downright disturbing.

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Clearly, this situation does not speak well of our country. In the works 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.

Beneath those trying to put its existence behind them and those profiting from it, we have not only dis-honored those who lost their lives in the de-struction of the World Trade Center but dis-honored 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 profit from.

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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.

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?

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 proficiency testing.” However, I fail to see how this comes as such a great shock to the student body this 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 is being taxed 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 hypochondriac if you will, because I did in fact pass the proficiency test and took the easy road and fulfilled my science/mathematics blibs 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 courses, 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 realize the detriment 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 Carolina University 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 Romaniski is a sophomore English major.

The many misconceptions of today’s bumper stickers

Tara Dellafranzia comments on her interpretation of bumper stickers.

Bumper stickers were sacred to me when I was little. My first one read “I Brake For Brontosauri.” 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” (Ge, 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 slogans stickers that suburban activists happily place just above their exhaust systems. I’m always impressed by “Child Free” Beammers 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-9/11. These stickers express pride and support the freedom of expression that America’s supposed to be about.

The second breed of stickers, most often spotted 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 an 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 nonfans 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 (lacrrosse) 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, you know meaning of OBX is revealed underneath.) Is it some exclusive place, a private club?

Since noticing OBX, I’ve come across other black and white circular stickers: LBI (Long Beach Island), REM (presumably the band), and XXX (presumably the car of either: slippery, pimp, or simply a pornographic approach to sticker cunnicistic). 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 a Sister Hazel concert, but to Stone Harbor, NJ.

There you have it—all you people with those bumper stickers other than Marylanders. If you have bumper stickers (like XXX or HTMI, the more clever ones I’ve seen) or make sure you don’t give out the wrong idea. I mean, what if you have on your car?

Someone could assume that my Michael Jackson you’re a fan of, and come up to you with a monkey and a gold glove. Or, if you pull them over on the assumption that MJ is for marijuana. In reality, you might smoke pot, but you’re really just digging Mick Jagger.

---Tara Dellafranzia is a Junior English major.
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 I 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. 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.

If it isn’t, then it just isn’t worth it. 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 and you can make things better for the future members of that organization or the whole campus community.

Take advantage of all the opportunities you can. Make the most of your college career by using your time to the best of your ability.

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.

Then sit down and talked with some alumni of my high school over the break who are now seniors or just graduated college.

They all recommended that I travel more with my friends because once you leave college it is very difficult to get a group together at the same time because of work schedules, family, grad school, etc.

That made me very encouraged about this spring break. In the fall, a few of my friends and I decided that we had enough of the cold northeast and that we wanted to spend spring break in Florida.

We weighed many options and prices and decided that Orlando had enough activities to please all eight of us. So we booked the trip and slowly made the payments.

The grads I talked to about the trip said that it would be worth the money by far and it would be one of the things that would definitely help me get the most out of my college experience.

I guess the moral of the story would be that to get the most out of college, you should take some chances and enjoy yourself while you can.

Matt Hurff is a junior English major.
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 chbrooms 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 asnear pedophiles and women as the younger prey. On an additional note, the reason 1 have the privilege of the open bar, but they also pay less. Hmmm, nope, doesn’t make sense to me.

Sadly, there are some of us left who choose not to make fools out of ourselves on-campus and revert to more harmless behavior at a club.

When the music is loud and anything goes, we are actually punished for not being old enough to live it up. It is a 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 embarrassing as it is used to be.

And, I might add, neither is having the public reminder of a boozing scene 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 slyly look out for the kamikaze shots.

-Erin Romanski is a sophomore English major.

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-treasurer 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 honestly 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 understood the monitor in the 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 guessed 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 book 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 looked the wrong approach... And then I thought that my computer was frigid. She was one hot damn hoochie mama, but frigid. She had all the things in the right place with a 1.2 Giga byte 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 suddenly 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 dorm, 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. If what 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 anymore, 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 no expert on matters like this, I still wonder. Maybe somebody could enlighten me about simple things such as, what kind of line are we 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 WESIS
Staff Writer

Last Saturday night, the audience at the WMC was bittersweet as the cast of Escape from Happiness took the stage for the final time. For some cast members, it was their final bow at WMC; but for every- one, 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 Miller’s, “Escape from Happiness.”

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 Keogh as Mary Ann, Senior Amy Hyde as Gail, Senior Maya Redfern as Dian Black, Senior Jon Parke as Steve Moore, Junior Chris Hickle as Tom, Junior Mike Pitsikoulis as Rolly Moore, Sophomore Chrisy Anderson as Elizabeth and Graduate-student Jonathan Knight as Mike Dixon.

Hundreds of hours went into preparing for the three-hour performance. The cast started rehearsing Monday, When Friday 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.

On February 28, the BSU held its Black History Month finale. They ended with their cartoon circus. 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.

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The cast of “Escape from Happiness” smiles for the camera.

The Harlem Renaissance ended Black History Month, but the WMC community wonders, is it really over?

JESSICA WATSON
Features Editor

While the month itself may be over, members of the Black Student Union and the WMC community reflect on the events and feel differently.

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 edu-ca-tional,” said BSU president Maya Redfern. “We may all be from different races, cultures, and ethnicities, 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 and set pieces in 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 could not wait to come back every night and be there for the cast.”

The actors’ greatest challenge? Making the characters real and not presenting a cartoon circus. It never was a question of whether the audience could identify with, but it was getting the audience some- thing other than the stereotypical black man. Some people still think that they can just really start to have fun with it,” said Kemp.

For Kemp and O’Brien, Escape was their final WMC production. Both seniors remarked that while they’ll miss WMC the-a- ter, they are ready to move on. O’Brien hopes to nab a spot with the National Play- ers and Kemp plans to attend a stern school.

Kristin Laguna blows up the spot with the WMC Jazz Band.

New 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 Fresh-man 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?’”

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Collage students are in some degree of rebellion against conventional behavior,” said Miller, “so there is a connection there.”

Miller loved when cast members showed up to rehearsals prepared with ideas they had been developing on their own, a critical enthusiast needed to put on quality productions. His only qualm with the show was in sufficient time to work on the scenes which created an awkward transition from exploration to presentation. Kemp struggled with his character, Jon- tor, because it wasn’t a character he was used to playing. He continually experimented with Junior’s characterization—enough even through the final night.

“I just really started to have fun with it,” said Kemp. The cast did have one significant on-stage obstacle to overcome: the kitchen table, a pivotal set piece, collapsed during the opening night performance. Some of the choreographed fight scenes had to be altered, but the actors simply adapted to the changed stage environment. After all, the show must go on.

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Nothing is set in stone yet, but the BSU will be planning some things to further pro-mote this culture,” said Redfern. “We were hav- ing a fashion show on April 6, and we feel that is a good way to promote African American culture.

Redfern suggests that one of the best ways to increase attendance is to start small and then work their way out to a larger pic-ture. However, this is not possible without the willingness of this community to open their minds and change their way of think-
An Unsung Hero: Serving salads with more than a smile

KATIE CHAMPION 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 English 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.”

“I like cookin’ for the kids,” Zepp always seems willing 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 mans the register from 2-3 p.m. until the daily ends.

“So 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 always 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 bears 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,” said Zepp. “The kids also 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 Western Maryland College basketball team.

“I get a salad from her every day and she always has something nice to say,” said sophomore Erin Bass. “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 many of the employees should have her enthusiasm. Nevertheless, much of Sandi’s job is monotous.

At the caesar salad station 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 personalites left a “Western Marylander” winter home for every student’s climate.

Provost Sam Case, Dr. Sherri Hughes of the Psychology department and sophomores David Hughes and Eric Melhorn, 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 on the unconscious 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 Alaska.

Why go 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 bike, 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 daytime temperature of 25 degrees. Hughes also competes in the race with Case, All 100 miles.

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 seafire 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.

“The zebra will not be confused,” Case said, “they are inde- Continued on page II

Faculty Art is in full bloom at WMC

JESSICA WATSON Features Editor

For the first time, members of the college community and surrounding areas where 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 classic 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,” created by Psychology professor Ken Bloom. Bloom is a professor and the chairperson of the Dept. of Art and Art History. It is a series of the interpreting the Greek Roman goddess Venus/Aphrodite throughout time and different cultures.

Bloom has been photographing interpretations of Venus/Aphrodite all over the 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 painting to sculpture and so on, another display that immediately draws a crowd is that of Kaya Dogan Mychajlyshyn’s series. She is an Art Conservator and art instructor at WMC. She has portrayed a wide variety of subjects, ranging from figures from ancient stone, to contemporary 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. “It 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 to real.

Looking at the display by Linda Coyle, you find that all of her pieces had a common theme.

“They are all meditation pieces,” Van Hart said. “They are got to get the soul, unconnected, and private.” They symbolize rebirth and relaxation, and have a recurring image of a zebra.

The zebra will not be confused,” she said, “they are inde- Continued on page II
Studying abroad at WMC

HEATHER WERN
Staff Writer

In an increasingly globalized society, more and more American college students are studying abroad; but most WMC students aren’t taking advantage of the option. 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?

“Education is one of the most important things we do here at WMC, and the college has a responsibility to educate students to enter the global workforce,” 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 wrongly 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 available.

But because she is a full-time faculty member and has no staff support, Henriette doesn’t have time to write grant proposals and fund 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 the cost of a semester at the WMC-Budapest campus 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.fac.wmc.edu/forlang/studyabroad.html.

Aid that can be used for Study Abroad:

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- Federal Stafford Loan
- All Maryland State Grants and Scholarships
- S.E.L.F. Loan
- Federal SEOGG Grant
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Online Study Abroad Scholarship Searches:
  *some information courtesy of the WMC Study Abroad Website
  http://www.iste.umn.edu/study/

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 they are 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.

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, Emily Sal, 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 to visit every semester from their national consultants, who according to Grimmer “have a bad rap.” Grimmer helped explain to leaders how 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’ll involve the rest of the [Western Maryland and endurant] 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. Sterner’s program, “DUE: A Powerful Lesson,” was a story of this man’s spring break profession, 20 years ago. After taking shots at home and then driving to a bar to drink more, Sterner and his friends made the 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, important 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 cheesesteak.

Another night, each leader participated in a dance-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude’s Hospital. The event a fundraiser for those who want to bet the audience as easily as her character leads the film. She plays a woman going against the standard, needing to make a positive impression on her peers.

While Chocolat is only about two hours long, it does seem longer than that, but the pace is well controlled, 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.

Music: Chocolat

Tara Dellafrazz

Chocolat is a charming film about a young girl Anouk (Victoire Thivisol) and her mother Vianne (Juliet Binoche). The film opens with cinematic majesty as the red-haired pair enters a small French town during the season of Lent. Vianne rents a room and a shop, and to the dismay of the townspeople, does not attend church, and instead of typifying this role, Alford Melissa 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 impression on her peers.

Music: the latest from Alanis Morissette

Marcus Woods
Staff Writer

After her amazing debut on “Jagged Little Pill” and her subsequent album, “Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie”, Alanis Morissette is back with her third album “Under Rug Swept.” Alanis was an obvious choice for this role, and the songs clearly show 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 concerted men. She explains “Dear popular boy I know you’re used to getting everything so easily/A stranger to...”}

The First Annual Faculty Art Exhibit

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Pendent. They are black and white, but never gray. They have a certain symmetry and a certain grace. When they run, they create an optical illusion.”

Wasyi Palijczuk’s paintings and sculptures were placed caprioso in 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 sack, broken down but still standing. He peered over a beaten fence, as if to say hello. "Here in America, we think we are poor, but don’t you know that real hardships are we. We lucky.”

“What a great variety of art there is,” said Palijczuk, referring to the variety of artists.”

Music: the latest from Alanis Morissette

The concept of reciprocity/People honor boys like you in this society.” There is also a sense of bashing. The cd gets tired of her...
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- LaShawn Eley

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- Mary Grace Almandrez

Cathy Pendorf wasted no time serving up the world on your plate.

The decorations and entertainment were great! They had a lot of food and that’s what I was really happy about.”
- Arnelle Quashi

“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

“'I liked the fact that people were having fun.'
- Ina Puleri

The International Club introduces WMC to a new kind of dancing.

Collage by Jessica Watson
WWF Column: Mania moments

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Phoenix Staff

On recent WWF programming they have been running clips from various 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 year the green screen was shown that got WWF on the national radar. The show set an indoor attendance record with more then 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 glamours of a Hulk Hogan era of WWF.

The next few years saw some fun moments and some good wrestling, but nothing to take down as the greatest single night performances in the history of the business.

Wrestlemania Five saw the dominant performer of 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 "Scout Hall" Ramon. The night also featured a mat classic between Owen and Bret, the brothers Hart.

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The greatest show in WWF history, Wrestlemania 14 clicked on all cylinders. The night saw a Dempster Tag team match featuring the New Age Outlaws in the best match of their career fall to the hardcore 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.

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 Darragh, 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 won on goal streaks. Pete Schaffer netted two in less then 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 Reitenbuch.

"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 Wesley.

Virginia Wesley upset the Terror at home last year and they hope to avenge the loss by defeating Virginia Wesley once again.

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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Celica - The Inside Story

On the outside, it's easy to see that Celica is race-track inspired. But the real excitement is on the inside...under the hood. Take the Celica GT-S...Toyota worked with Yamaha to build a 180 HP engine redlined at 7800 RPM...equipped it with Variable Valve Timing with intelligence...a computer that constantly monitors and returns your engine for maximum performance...a cam with two sets of lobes to provide two ranges of valve lift and duration for more usable horsepower. There's direct ignition for greater reliability...iridium-tipped spark plugs for reduced maintenance...a stainless steel exhaust manifold...a water-cooled oil cooler. And mated with Toyota's 4-speed electronically-controlled automatic "Sportshift", you get transmission shift switches on the steering wheel...just like formula 1 race cars. Sweet.
Men's Golf prepares for conference title chase

Greg Lederer
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 thanks 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 Glenmoor College Invitational.

Following Waeger is senior captain Billy Pannell, who finished 11th at the Centennial Conference Championships last year, and Jason Fye 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 third last spring behind Muhlenberg of the Centennial Conference.

“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 Bilger, who has the most wins for 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 team leading hitter from a year ago. Junior third baseman Candi Kuligowski and first basemn Selena 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.

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 letterman 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 freshmen Ben Stirling and Brendan Lovett, and senior Andrew Taylor at the 3, 4, and 5 spots. Other performers include seniors Chris Taucher, 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.

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.

"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 bypassing 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

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Matt Harff 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. 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.

Vaughn, Roberto Alomar, Roger Clemens, Jeromy 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 home runs 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 Tim 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, they do not expect the Braves to come again with 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 Lenny Dykstra with his no-hitter in his rookie campaign. Their bullpen is equally strong, as it is anchored by Jason Isringhausen, Dave Veres, and Steve Kline.

Beyond the Cardinals, the Cubs and Astros are potential contenders. In particular the Cubs acquisition of Moises Alou could really 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.

The NL Central is certainly a clear-cut favorite, the picture in the West is still very cloudy.

This season will be Arizona Diamondbacks who 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 they will be able to repeat the 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 do so along with 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 season comes to a close at Scranton

The women's basketball team was able to close the door on another season with another victory over No. 18 Salve Regina on Sunday.

Senior Kim Adams remains a key for the women's basketball team and will look to return a solid team in 2002-03.

Last year's squad brought back four solid players from last year's rotation, 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 Terriers 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 30 in G hızlı, Ursinus, and Franklin and Marshall.

The girls will be looking to the senior trio of Adams, and Fiao for leadership as the team hopes some of the best 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.
Indoor Track team ends season with record-setting performance

By Marcus Helton

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 competing 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 personal-best leap of 47 feet, 11.75 inches.

The previous week, the Terror competed in the 2002 Centennial Conference Championships at Haverford, were the women took seventh.

On the second day of competition, senior thrower Dave Hose 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 varsity sport.

Krebs has a 3.918 GPA and in 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.

By Greg Lederer

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 controversially, failing to score two overtime decisions to Warburg’s Alain Djoumesi.

In the closing seconds of regulation, McNally used a counter maneuver to put Djoumesi to the mat. The move looked to many like a five point series, but was officially called only four points. Despite the loss, McNally settled for overtime and eventually lost the contest.

Two time All American Vinny 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 cornerstone 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 changed 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.
Ralph Nader closes Liberty Week festivities with McDaniel lecture

The former presidential candidate discussed various political topics with students and faculty.

LeRoy McIntyre
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.

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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 Weens
Staff Writer

Recent survey results compiled by 35 communication research methods students encouraging the administration to stiffen the smoking policy on campus.

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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.
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. "A long trip to the "fountain head of a democratic society.""

"A fountain head of a democratic society." 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, the 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.

"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."
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In the past year, Western Maryland College has changed a lot: a new president, a new name, new dorms, and new plans for a new academic building.

The college hopes to break ground on the new academic building in the spring of 2003, said Marty Hill, chair of building and grounds committee for the board of trustees.

The new academic building will be approximately two-and-a-half times the size of the current space in Thomson Hall, said Philip Sayre, dean of student affairs.

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The new building will be designed to 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 the current building in Thomson Hall, 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 Thomson 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 Thomson Hall," said Pool.

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, Derek and Edson, from Lititz, Pa., to select and evaluate several different sites on campus.

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"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 classroom spaces 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 alum.

"I'm ecstatic about [the changes to campus]," Preston said. "I wish I could be a student again," he 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 HIV/AIDS article. The name of the training facility is Ft. Indiantown and not Ft. Indiana.
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 again, and that we were fighting for our freedom. I hope I replied that these observations were 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 “911” 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 study. Our government, wisely, planned a re-prise 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 strategy and the government of 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 necessitating changes in the very public policies that must be more, and promptly secure.

Six months later, we see memorial services as we did at the three-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 or direct action, and it fosters a competition between

As signatories of the Geneva Conventions, we cannot put aside out 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.

As Dr. Catherine Bodin is a WMc professor in the English and foreign language departments.

To the members of the WMC community

The anonymous article on page eight was accepted by The Phoenix staff due to its very personal nature. Our policies have not changed, however, and we want to encourage our readers. If you have any concerns regarding this policy, please call x8600 for further details.
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COMMENTARY

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 excited. 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 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.

Maybe you are not always ecstatic to take every class but it should be simple to create a schedule that you are satisfied with.

Community service is not for everyone

Jill Thalhimer 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 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.

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 Thalhimer is a sophomore social work major.

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COMMENTARY

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Brandi Thayer poses fun at college name change suggestions.

A very wise man in our own Carroll County community has spoken with me numerous times about the filming 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 right. So back to "The Hill of Beans." If we were in fact to be asked this, there would be an entire army of beans on campus. Let us begin with what we would actually be classified as.

Freshmen are the bean sprouts. Seniors are the big beans. Any questions? Graduates are done, therefore unless they come back, there are the educated beans. Post Graduates are students 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 all-mighty Green Beast Terrors. Our cheerleaders and the cheerleaders will be the various high-energy groups will be our designated Jumping Beans. As is found at any college, the Drinking Team will from here on be referred to as the "Drowned Kidney Beans."

Any student who returned from Spring Break a little 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. If you're going to have one, at least be positive and don't make it a point to bash the people and the place that you've come to consider some what of a family and a home.

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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.

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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 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 he is forcing to do?

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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.

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 face of adversity. I only hope that we can look past our own grief and realize that this documentary was put together with the 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 A. Romanski

Commuters miss out on many benefits of college experience

Walter Zalis reflects on the detriments of commuting to school.

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Out, that is a fact many commuters must accept. You are on-campus for a few hours, usually less than two 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.

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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 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 wills and bravery, as victims of the "9/11" tragedy desperately relied on his help.

Referred to as a "Probie," this rookie firefighter, Tony, truly proved argument, saying that the timing is off or that it is a day that must never be relived.

I say just 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, do not participate in 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.

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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 ever claim that she was sane? Would a sane person drown 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 with anyone other than the closest of my inner circle.

The jurors seemed to think of Yates' post-partum 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 majority 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 "unnecessary" 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 government's view.

-Written by an anonymous WMC student.

Life lessons learned young

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.

Just because the phone is ringing does not mean you have to answer it. The person on 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 shot 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.

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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 modeling, 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 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 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 (coordinator) saying practices would be everyday, from 11 p.m. until whenever. All of 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 the only one in this situation. When we noticed the problem, it was like everyone came together to fix the problem. We all raised our closets and we made sure everyone was covered.

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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 Arielle 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 show. On the day of the show, Saturday, I was still nervous. But even before it, we were lined up back stage for the final scene. It all went by so quickly. We got out there and had fun, took our final bow, and then made our way off stage as the crowd cheered. Back in the dressing room I was 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 personally I 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!
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 then “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 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.”

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Punk and funk comes to WMC

Edward K. Schulteis  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 bagpipe Spicy McHaggis and mandolin/ tinwhistle player Ryan Foltz.

The now seven-member group also picked up young guitarist Mark Orwell, 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 “Boo- ty Brown” Robinson, Tre “Slinkid” Hardison and Iman 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 single, “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 Schulteis.

Greek Corner: There’s more to being a Greek than you think

Jessica Jones Staff Writer

Kegs 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 mental 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 tooty 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 granting 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. Johnna 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 Pulliam, 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, everyone in our organization’s community service projects, “volunteer work,” The group tries to concentrate on women’s issues and does an annual toilet drive for a local women’s shelter.

Come out and support!!

Important Greek Life Dates

Kathy Wilson Staff Writer

Greek Games will be held between April 14-16. All Greek members must wear their Greek Games 2002 T-shirt for the competitions. Here is a schedule of events:

- April 14: 11:30-1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch at Harvey Stone Park
- April 15: 4-6 p.m. Track and Field events, including an obstacle course and the 50 yard dash. This will be held at the football stadium track
- April 16: 1-3 p.m. Track and Field events

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- Monday, April 15: 8:30-10 p.m. Events held at the swimming pool. Some events include cannonball splashes and relay races.
- Tuesday, April 16: 4-6 p.m. Events held in the Quad, including tug-o-war and a building a human pyramid.
- Wednesday, April 17: The winner of Greek Games will be announced.

The Panhellenic Council will be co-sponsoring the National Alcoholic 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, Office of Campus 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.
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 50s, 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 indestructible.

The entire movie builds with suspense while the robbers carry out several attempts to get into the room and Meg searches for ways to get help. A lot of time is spent amongst the robbers arguing over 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, as 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.

Restaurant Review:

Dining at the Fat Cat

MICHAEL VYKOCIL

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 cuisine. Birthday specials and jovial atmosphere. Winner of the 1998 Outstanding New Restaurant Business in the Greater Westminster Area. The Fat Cat Cafe is located at 172 East Main Street. It’s a great 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 11 a.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 palate.

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 Cheese Sandwich or Hot Ham & Cheese. Not knowing beforehand how large the sandwich would be, I ordered the Turkey Suisse, which 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 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 “pure-feet’ cup of cat-puccino” (as their slogan suggests) as well as other flavored drinks at the bar in the back of the restaurant.

The Fat Cat Cafe is a great place to eat when you decide to have lunch on the town. Located just a short distance away from WMC on East Main Street, it provides the taste of home-cooking, French bistro-style, without the high prices. I highly recommend you pay a visit to this jewel box of a restaurant — whether it be for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Casual and quaint with a view of one of America’s picturesque Main Streets, The Fat Cat Cafe is located at 172 East Main Street in downtown Westminster. It is open Tuesday through Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings only until 9 p.m. For more information, call (410) 876-9846 or fax (410) 848-1181.

Restaurant Requests?

Send the name, address, and phone number of the restaurant you would like to see reviewed in The Phoenix to “Restaurant Reviews” c/o The Phoenix, WMC, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157 or e-mail phoenix@wmde.edu. You may also drop off restaurant requests in The Phoenix’s collection box located at the information desk in Decker College Center. The Phoenix may feature submitted restaurant selections in a future issue.
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, seniorsitis 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, which is a definite plus. Nomar Garciaparra is hoping to come back strong from injuries last season, and with Manny Ramirez on the other hand there is Pedro Martinez, which is a definite plus. The Devil Rays are not going to be a threat either. The Blue Jays, Orioles and Cleveland Indians were both broken up, so those teams are young and are looking for some leaders. The Rangers are young and aren't a threat either. The Angels are a very solid team. The AL Central is going to be a battle. The White Sox have a great lineup to support the staff. The Indians have decent pitching, and returning to Texas, Juan Gonzalez. I also have to mention Mark Teixeira, a great 3B prospect for the Rangers, who graduated from Mr. St. Joe in Baltimore. The Seattle Mariners did not make many acquisitions over the break, but they kept the majority of a team that went 96-66 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 Lieble leading the way. They did lose Jason Giambi, but they still have a relatively solid lineup, with Dave Justice as their new comer.

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 hold off the Chi-Sox and Twins with the help of their new rotation and a better 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.

Mike's WWF Column: Opinion on WWF Split and roster changes

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 Raw and Smackdown!

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 old talent to new levels.

Edward K. Schultheis previews the action in the AL this season. All prudent wrestlers have machine guns.

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 unbeatable roster. Unlike the world champion, the tag teams champions do not travel from show to show. This makes little sense. Check and Billy, a great tag team, 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 Smackdown! Another problem is the rise of the old talent to new levels.

After having lost 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 his mid-carder status is as foolish as last year's 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 the undercard. All it needed to do was shuffle the undercard.

The WWF brass seems to think that they can't get 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 without 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, 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 to every show, making out a dramatic roster change and forcing Kurt Angle off of Raw and Undertaker off of Smackdown! again.

I predict that this plan will fail in ratings, house shows sales, and PPV buy rates.

The roster will surge again by Summerslam and we'll see Rock back on Raw.

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Men's Lax remains undefeated, prepares for showdown with Gettysburg

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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 15-12 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 earlier in the same week, the Terror sur-
mained undefeated through their first ten games, the true test of which was yet to come. In the second overtime, The Terror dominated the field events. Nicole Horn set a meet record in the shot put with a throw of 35 ft. 3/4 in. On the men's side, Ifanyi Ani set a meet record in the triple jump with a leap of 54 ft. 5 in.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team of Jamie Falcone, April Brown, Merson, and Falcone set a meet record with a time of 49.41. On the men's side, Ifanyi Ani set a meet record in the triple jump with a leap of 54 ft. 5 in.

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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 Karnell, Jill Krebs, and Erich Schockley, set a meet record with a time of 10:32.

The women's 4x200-meter team of Brown, Stephen McPherson, Merson, and Falcone set a school record in 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, 23.73 in the 200, and 49.50 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 4x800-meter team's time of 8:39.38 earned them third place.

The men's 4x100-meter team of John Riley, Rob Wingfield, Terrell Powell, and Jeff Groff set a meet record of 44.50.

Their efforts have been a major factor in the teams success.
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 fans remember throughout the East, and teams like Kentucky, UConn, and Kansas, Indiana was playing the role of Cinderella in knocking off Duke-Ken and Oklahoma.

As usual, the outcry 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 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 whether or not 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 glad to be the bigger man. I was wrong.

Chris

Steve means that 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 (a bit 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 want any 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 office 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 team beats up the Yankees 10-4 and wins a world 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 N.L, 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 Stu 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, Popeye 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 Olowandi.

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 hope he is better off for Jordan to play for two years.

After the first year, the Wizards were supposed to be in the play-offs and winning the offseason 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 everyone will keep beating the Wiz.

Women’s Lacrosse looks towards conference play

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 Alii Kinney 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 can not always rely on their trademark late surge 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 in 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.

Does your organization need community service hours???
Help out by volunteering for Reunion Weekend

Friday, May 3, 2002 or Saturday, May 4, 2002

We need greeters, decorators, information guides and Jolly Trolley Drivers. (Anyone who is certified to drive the WMC vans.)

*each volunteer will receive a Reunion Weekend T-Shirt.

If interested please contact Katie in the Alumni Relations Office at ext:4656.
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 Camponelli, scoring four runs, but they couldn't contain her at the plate as she drove in three runs 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 4-3. Senior second baseman Selena Smart went 2 for 3 in the game with 3 RBIs.

In the second game, the opposition was able to get some offense going off green terror ace 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. In the second game, Camponelli continued his hot streak at the plate by banging a triple and scoring both Western Maryland runs 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.

Senior second baseman Jack Griffith continued his hot streak at the plate by banging a triple and a double, accounting for seven RBIs in a 22-1 blowout. Griffith has been one of the more productive players at the plate for the baseball team this season.

Junior designated hitter Todd Haber is has been one of the leading hitters for the Green Terror on the season.

Baseball bounces back from losing skid

Steve Zamansky
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland College baseball team has overcome a midseason losing streak that dropped them to 5-15 to now boast a three game winning streak as eight straight conference games awaited 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 banging a triple and scoring both Western Maryland runs in the first of the twin bill. The Terror received good pitching from starter Dave Skocelas, who pitched six and 1/3 innings, allowing one run on just six Garnet Tide hits before handing the game over to Junior righty Mike Gennas who got the save. The second game again saw Gennas play a big role again, coming on in relief of Brent Kabuda 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 Simon 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 keeping 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.
College concert draws popular musical acts of The Pharcyde and Dropkick Murphys

In this year they have toured the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.

Breaking News: WMC lacrosse coach arrested at Pennsylvania Ave. party

It's not right for the police to turn that place into a breathalyzer and citation factory. I felt bad for the student who had their house invaded.

Honor bestowed upon Glar

Last month, Sodexo-Marriott, the company that runs both English Dining Hall and the Pub, won an award from the Carroll County Health Department for having one of the cleanest kitchens in the country.

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Glar receives top award for healthy food

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SERVE events and fishing experiences in the Florida keys bring enjoyment to WMU Students

The Phoenix is considering a name change and needs your help. Please provide any suggestions and mail them to phoeniX@wmich.edu.

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College's name change causes merchandise shortage

“No more merchandise” featuring the WMC logo will be arriving at the college book store

LEROY McDUFFIE
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 apparel 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 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 cannot 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.

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.

EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS
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.

Meloche explained that if a college can order the name change, the college 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.

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• Sun. 11am-5pm
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Attention:

What is your thoughts on the new 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 in the best interest of the school and its students?

If you have thoughts on this, we urge you to express them in the Phoenix. Call us at x8600, email us at phoenix@wmde.edu, or come to a meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday nights. We are located in the basement of Ruter.
**COMMENTARY**

**Sometimes college is just part of playing “the game”**

Tara Dellafraniza takes a look at academia from a realistic perspective.

Every 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.

Every 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 over any more. They all say the same things.

So your friend tells you that you’ve got a confession 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 declamation of the school year right here in The Phoenix. "This is a female writer."

And now, here I am, months later, with a double-internship only months away, committing the ultimate writing sin: self-quotatation.

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 seems that way.

In fact, marriage after college doesn’t sound like the question at all. I’ve always felt that way about writing and singing, too.

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 can’t be 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’ve learned, 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 parties. All to qualify that I can do what I started doing before I came here.

Maybe academia is overated. 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.

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**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 services, 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 fraternities, competition, and general Greek unity.

Moreover, an event 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 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 disheartening, 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 sametoken athletes and volunteers are up front holding their own for the rest of their teammates (time and time again)?

While I am not speaking of 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.

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**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.

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 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 of simply praising 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.

Rushing to meet deadlines and struggling to get that last interview can be extremely stressful but there are few professions that can reach so many people and successfully make a difference in someone’s life.

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.

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*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.

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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 design major, 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...we can't contact the driver now...we're sure the driver will be there in 30 minutes."

All of which I think is bullshit.

First because, there should be something you can do—you can call campus safety, sit outside 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 have two-way radios 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 thought 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 waited, and waited. The second time, the bus never came. I remember because I was sitting outside of 3CPunny'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 why she got the job. After finally being picked up (after I 1/2-2 hours of waiting in the dark), I grills the 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 unimpressed when students are left, you would think 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 the back of the荔枝) together so that we can all look out for the shuttle.

I told them that it has a tendency to leave without people. At about 6:15 we watched the shuttle come and drive past our view about half-way, 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 "unwind 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 Cab Company.

The card said that it costs approximately $3.50 to take a taxi from Owings Mills or the Metro if you miss the last shuttle. My question is what if you just got 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. At 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 us. I told them that we waited for us. I made that the topic of our ride home, especially since I know what I saw and he/she might have shook 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 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 point (even though we were 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.

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 ousted 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 defi nitely 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, though he had made the shade in the brief. 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 still change.

Jeff Probst is always saying that "Anything can happen," well something did happen! Nehel said, "we will beat them at their own game." I can't wait to see it. You can rest assured, the shuttle will be laughing the whole time.

-BJ Wagner is a senior

Communications-graphic design major.
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 instilling that Britney Spears and her teen-pop music are somehow the source of at least a serious by-product, of all that is wrong in 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, let us at least look at the facts.

We, as a people, have got to stop trying to understand each other.

I don’t care how much we might pretend to be open-minded, we are really just a society of one-man (or women) shows, and, what is more, we know 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 aggressive 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.

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). The point being, I believe we are all interested in helping our 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 on this universal truth, and at least she is profiting from it. For this I applaud her, but for that alone: like I said, really am not much of a fan.

-Mike Wiles is a junior English major.

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 people’s minds, (they just never make that extra effort of turning to the public with them). This time I’d like to venture to unroll 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-sesame, 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. 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, that not 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 really justified 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 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 everything; 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 used for that (say what? What 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 reasoning 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 doesn’t 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 looking myself on the 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 icons 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 I so refrain from checking one out at all the time.

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 seaman lost in the mist expects the signal of impending doom.

-Dan Hamvas is a junior communication major.

Do you have an opinion? If so, respond in the form of a letter to the editor.

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ask, there’s so much we [the librarians] could tell them.

Sophomore Jessica Cullison has first-hand experience with how helpful Ho can be to students who wait until the last minute to find 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, she 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 for 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 about his job.

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 British Columbia and then to Victoria, where he attended UVic, the University of Victoria. In 1987, he moved to the U.S. and worked as a reference librarian in Hagerstown Community College, Maryland. He attended both undergraduate and graduate programs at the University of Alberta. Ho holds two 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 1996, 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. "It ruled out any place that was really ugly." He 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 not aware if any of the interviews had been published.

"He’s wonderful - a great resource - and under appreciated," said Mary Bendel-Simso, associate professor of English. "He is also a thoughtful, kind, and interesting person."

Bendel-Simso, who named one of her two young daughters after American author Flannery O’Connor, appreciates that Ho emails her interesting articles on the author, which she has included as part of her weekly readings. "He’s really clever, and can come up with ideas that are totally original," she said.

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, said Feagin.

"Perhaps it’s very bad of me, but I’m amused by how terribly conscious 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 commitment 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 the 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 AW 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 Szymanski, Neikirk’s assistant. "Dave would say ‘there’s nothing on fire, nobody’s dead… 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 paper or study," said Feagin.

"He has been willing to create or reconsider old policies and procedures any time he was doing so showed the possible improvement of improving our services," According to Feagin, library staff offers attention at all faculty meetings, attended 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 pipe some of the good things 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 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
Assistant Features Editor

Exposing yourself to different cultures and experiencing all types of people is what WMU'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 "Franko Jazz Band" where Washingtonian Frank Agbro blended Nigerian rock, Caribbean influences, African rhythms, 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 "imitation workshop", and rhythms of the world on WMCR 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. 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 Late Night 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 adjusting 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 then being African-American." Due to Connor's strong involvement and prominence, 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 Jennifer 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

Badles
Wednesday, April 24
BINGO Forum 8:00 pm
Thursday, April 25
24 Hour Rock-a-thon: Benefits the Red Square 12:00 pm
National Kidney Foundation
Friday, April 26
Video Dance Party Forum 9:00 pm
Saturday, April 27
SPRING FLING DAY Quad
Rock Wall, Bouncy Boxing, 1:30-7:30 pm
Obstacle Course
Fantasy Digital Imaging 2:00-6:00 pm
Dixie Whirly Bird 2:30-6:30 pm
Character Artist 3:00-7:30 pm
Acoustic Guitarist: Shari Richards 3:45-5:30 pm
Dinner (picnic outside) 4:45-6:30 pm
Juggler/Comedian: Hilby the German 6:00-7:30 pm
Juggler

It is 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 Fogarty 04

Graphic Design
The Altruists: the comedy that offends almost everyone

HEATHER WEISS  Staff Writer

Warning: an off-the-wall comedy to offend absolutely everyone. And do it.

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're lucky, you will have met your theater 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 proteus 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 boy— 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 tv. (the whole show takes place in three separate bedrooms...) it's hysterical. And it will make you think.

It may even leave you, as one audience member stated, speechless. The one and a half hour show is one of the smallest ensemble pieces presented at the college in 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.

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At first, Catalino was nervous about some of the more intimate or outridiculous actions her character required her to perform on-stage. A veteran to the WMC stage, Catalino 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— herself. Although the audience may even leave you as one audience member stated, speechless. The one and a half hour show is one of the smallest ensemble pieces presented at the college in 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.

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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 know I am not a shy and quiet person). It felt like forever before she walked into McDanel Lounge with her dad. She didn't say much and I was worried already.

The day started with and ice-cream social—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-lner在校际交流沟通，通过由Maya Almandrez领导的学术研讨会，以及Lahnna Catalino, portrays Sydney in the show, an overhearing soap opera star with a passion for mind-altering substances, fad diets and well, herself. Although the audience may even leave you as one audience member stated, speechless. The one and a half hour show is one of the smallest ensemble pieces presented at the college in 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.

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Greek Corner: Who came out on top at the Greek games?

JESSICA JONES  Staff Writer

After a week of friendly competition the Greeks have finally awarded their victors. Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, Greek Week 2002, which took place on Sunday, April 14 to Thursday, April 18, consisted of simple games that were planned by the Inter-Greek Council and intended to unite the Greek community. According to Zach Waldrek, IGC president, “They are the type of games you played when you were a kid.”

Alice Litsinger, IGC programming chair, recognizes Greek Week games as a time for “friendly rivalry.” The events are kept simple to try to keep the serious competition to a minimum and to increase the amount of fun for the Greeks. According to many that participated, the events were very fun. Track events were held on Sunday and followed by a picnic in Harvey Stone Park. Alpha Sigma Phi President Pat Dougherty said that the obstacle course was the most fun. Taking place on the track, organizations were required to complete a series of tasks in order to complete the obstacle course. The organization that pushed someone on a tricycle, spin around a baseball bat, run while juggling rope, and even complete the “two-man carry.” Dougherty laughs remembering this event, “It was goofy, and funny to watch.” Following the track events, Monday night’s events were held in the pool. With the greatest attendance and participation from all organizations, this night was the most successful. “It was so loud in the pool it was difficult to talk to everyone,” Litsinger says.

Robin Schwartz, a sophomore member of Phi Alpha Mu, enjoyed the events in the pool because “it was something different than the regular field events.” Schwartz, who participated in the T-shirt race and the medley relay, said another reason Monday night was fun was because of the large amount of spectators. Jeff Shutz, a senior member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, also had the most fun in the pool because “it was something different than the regular field events.” Schwartz, who participated in the T-shirt race and the medley relay, said another reason Monday night was fun was because of the large amount of spectators.

Jeff Shutz, a senior member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, also had the most fun in the pool. He participated in the medal push, which is a relay where Greeks must push a melon across the pool without using their hands. Shutz says he liked it because “It was original. I have never done anything like that before.” After Monday night’s great success there was some disappointment when there was not as large of a turn out on Tuesday. “You are always going to have people that can’t go. The majority of (Greeks) did show up, and those who showed up had fun,” says Waldrek. Despite the low number of participants, Amal Khalaf, president of Phi Sigma Sigma, still said Tuesday was her favorite day. She called the activities “very exciting,” especially the spirit yell. This event is when all members of the organization get together and show their spirit. Because Phi Sigma Sigma showed the most spirit and had the loudest yell, they came in first place.

Greek week ended on Thursday night with a luau happy hour in the pub. IGC provided chips and served 50-cent beers for those 21 and over. The trophies were presented to the winners and every one seemed to put the past competitions behind them. Several Phi Alphas passed time by playing cards with some Sig Eps, while other organizations relaxed in the warm weather.

The time spent together during Greek Week “helps create a bond both within organizations and within the Greek Community,” says Waldrek. “Organizations get to have fun with each other . . . and do things that we don’t normally get to do,” he adds.

Khalaf agrees when she says, “It is important to get the Greek community together because it is not done any other time during the year.”

With this recognized importance, both Waldrek and Litsinger hope to address the attendance issue making it better in the future.

While many suggest to move the games to a weekend or make the prize for winning better, there is not doubt that IGC will address this issue so even more Greeks will enjoy this fun next spring.

Important Greek Life Dates

KATHY WILSON Staff Writer

April 26th- Phi Mu and Alpha Sigma Phi will be having a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for Children’s Miracle Network. Those who wish to support this cause can sponsor an individual by number of pins knocked down or give a flat donation.

May 1st- Panhellenic Council and RAIN will be sponsoring A Celebration of Women: Surviving the Struggle Through Strength. The organization with the most people in attendance will receive $100 in their WMC account. The organization with the most people performing or participating will receive $150 in their WMC account. Participants can sing, dance, read poetry, act, give a speech, or display artwork. Contact Stephanie Knight, extension 8192, for more details.

May 2nd- Alpha Sigma Phi will be holding a Battle of the Bands. It will be in Alumni Hall, 7-12 p.m. $3 to watch the show, $35 to enter a band. For more information contact Matt Demos, extension 8217.

May 7th- Beach Bash in the Gazebo, 4-6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Panhellenic. Open to all women of WMC.

May 8th- Greek Awards, 7 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge.
that was going to happen when I started photography," said junior Tammi Slater, winner of the photography contest sponsored by Contrast, for her photo "Sunset at Gill." There is no 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 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 it 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 up. "For this issue alone Contrast received approximately 150 subtmissions, as well as the winners of the photography contest sponsored by Contrast. Junior Tammi 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 migrations, 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 Matt McGowan, "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. 839. If you have the talent, put it on display with 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. 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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 90 mph, a stark contrast to when he was younger and could only throw in the mid-80s. "While I know that this is possible I feel 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" then 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. But like "Field 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.

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WMC Track team continues success in outdoor season

By Marcus Hilton

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

With a time of 18:53.6. Jill Krebs took third in the 5000-meter run, and Pool finished third in the 5000-meter run with a time of 18:23.60, and second in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 49.73 seconds. The Terror men and women each took first place with a time of 49.73 seconds. Jill Krebs, who took third in the 5000-meter run with a time of 18:10. Jill Krebs won the 3000-meter run 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 men took first place in eight of the thirteen events. Teron Powell won the 400 with a time of 49.73, Masekromer took first in the 800 with a time of 1:24.34, and Calvin Woodward won the 4000 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 high jump, led by Brad Turner (8′ 8 1/2″), Ifeanyi Ani (8′ 7 3/4″), and Powell (8′ 7 3/4″), Cint Day's pole vault of 12 feet, 7 inches set a meet record.

The Terror men and women each took first place at the first home meet of the season, the Twilight meet on April 1st.

The team also earned the top two spots in the shot put with Hose taking first (66′ 7″), and second (64′ 5″). At the Moravian Distance Festival on April 1st, distance runner Jill Krebs and Diana Pool continued their quest 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.

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Will Hulkamania die?

Hulk Hogan talks every Thursday on Smackdown! About the fact that Hulkmamacon 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 Hulkmamacon 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 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 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 some thought the WWF title was 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. Hulkmamacon 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. Hulkmamacon ran wild again. But in 2000, WCW was doing poorly. Hogan was no longer getting the same reactions from the fans. The Hulkmamacon switched back and forth between his evil “Hollywood” character and his “red and yellow Hulkmamacon” character. Nothing worked. It looked as if Hulkmamacon 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’s WWF title run, and it would speak of the greats, and it would sometimes mention Hogan’s name. When ever he did, the WWF crowd would roar in approval. Last but not least, came 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 Hulkmamacon rose from ashes.
Cramp leads women's golf at Dickinson Invitational

By CHRIStA AUGHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Preshman Reily 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 Pumphrey 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.

Lacrosse earns a bid to the Centennial Conference tournament

By STEVE ZAMAGIAS
Phoenix Staff

Western Maryland has been invigorated by a string of early season wins and lobs, and now the Lady Terror is looking to clinch a berth in the Centennial Conference post-season tournament. 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 post-season tournament. Now distant are memories from last season's 5-10 campaign as Coach Mindy McCord and her team boast an impressive 9-3 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 10-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 Huett who chipped in with a pair of goals. The senior leader commented on the feat, "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. Monday's game with Gettysburg saw the Terror win 14-13.

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**W. Tennis ends season winless**

Chris Taughner
Assistant Sports Editor

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 Peacy 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.

The team to the tournament.

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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 14-12 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. Trailng 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 Geanenas came on to work the final 3.1 innings to get the win. Western Maryland and Geanenas 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 Geanenas on the mound, Haverford's Matt Clark hit a walk-off grand slam to win the game 7-3. Geanenas had earlier bunged 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 heartbreaker 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 3 for 4 at the plate and Griffith providing timely hitting again with a two-run single.

Last Saturday's home doubleheader 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, eighth-first inning. Guy Sheetz and Ryan Shozberger each had three-run home runs as the Terror coasted to a 12-5 victory. Days like these have come to frustrate the players as Culbertson points out, "We are too inconsistent. We haven't done a very good job of coming out strong for both games in doubleheaders this year."

Sheetz's power would come in handy earlier that week as he 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.

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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 13-0 shelling. In the first game, sophomore hurler Sam Abrams was strong on the mound only allowing only one hit, and productive at the plate with two RBIs 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 baseman Candice Kuligowski's three run homer and then handed the game over to sophomore pitcher Kim Campanelli who shut out the opposition on three hits and struck out four. Campanelli 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-bitter throughout the contest as WMC held on for a slim 3-2 victory. The Green Terror jumped out to an early 3-0 lead with RBIs from freshman catcher Caitlin Burns and junior first baseman 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 Kristen Burick'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 Campanelli. Campanelli was nearly perfect on the mound, striking out four. Campanelli also helped herself at the plate, going three for three with three RBIs in the nightcap, 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.
Campus vandalism siphons money from all students

LeRoy McDuFF
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 vandalism and property crime related. The incidents ranges 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 Muckle were affected least by vandalism.

She added that this year, Rouzer is the most damaged residence hall. She also explained other forms of vandalism on campus.

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.

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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.wmcd.edu

WMC-TV upgraded with new equipment

Chris Taeger
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 finally what it needed 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 Leinoux spent the 2001 January term making the studio into what it is today. According to Slade, the two advisers started with two computers, a VHS camera, and an excellent 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 bill for these changes amounted around $7,000. Three digital cameras cost roughly $700 each, the new G4 final-cut hardware and software run about $2,500, the teleprompter and software was $300, and a consultant was hired to wire the studio cost around $2,000. Leinoux, who has been involved with the station since the beginning, is excited about the new studio.

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The condition of the dorms reflects poorly on all college students

The condition of the residence hall's condition reflects poorly on all college students.

Vandalism sets the condition of the dorms into a false picture, according to students.

Students need to be concerned because it effects everyone regardless of if it happens to them directly or not. For example, according to Rose, if damage was done to a mirror, it would cost the residence hall's condition reflection 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 up WMC."

The plans for the celebration went into full-swing when the board of trustees chose the name "Papa Pinter" for the college's new name after the current seniors left, the planning was done at warp-speed. "We literally had to print and drop a mailing of 22,000 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. Although Muller declined to comment on his students' dealings with him.

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 family that makes up WMC - for all of us the stress from studies and exams.

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 Christiana Leachy, signed a petition to invite Papa Pinter for our graduation ceremony on the 22nd of May.

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 Western Maryland 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.

Name to be revealed

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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.

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"Papa Pinter is coming to town!" Karen Butka, a communication major who lives on the 3rd floor of Rozer, has been a target of vandalism in the past. "I have had my door sprayed with shaving cream on several occasions," said Butka. "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 carelessness, like vandalism, it would cost the residence hall's condition reflection 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 up WMC."

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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 Christiana Leachy, signed a petition to invite Papa Pinter for our graduation ceremony on the 22nd of May.

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 Western Maryland 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.
WMC-TV's increased success has been fueled by new programming and current leadership

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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.

As 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 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 musical 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 shows or events 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 unpredictable 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 realize 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.

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**Campus Safety Blotter**

**Katie Champion**

**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 damaged.

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 into in Harrison parking lot.

April 21, 2002 (1:00 p.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 Rouzer Hall.

April 23, 2002 (11:00 p.m.) - Students possessing alcohol under age in Rouzer Hall.

April 23, 2002 - Student found his car damaged from water tower construction.

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 Coke delivery truck. Both subjects were detained and stolen items were returned to the vendor.

During water tower construction.

April 26, 2002 (2:45 p.m.) - Subjects ripped down Rogers 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. Said to have been at Whinfred 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 (3:45 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.) - Students found playing cards in Blanch Ward Hall seen at euchre 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.) - Dose found in middle Decker Student Center was stolen.

May 2, 2002 (2:45 a.m.) - Two subjects broke into the Book Center and removed a college owned sofa. The sofa was returned and the students were referred for college judicial action.

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**NEWS**

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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, Bari, 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 the negative affect working mothers have on their children.

I was floored by examples of 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 ages ten to fourteen went up twenty-seven percent between 1980 and 1994. This statistic alone had me in tears. It is just one statistic that brings me to the realization that we are in need of more serious discussion of what TV news has labeled, "the Juvenile Problem.

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 to pay off college tuition and all other expenses, but 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 thoughts on having a family, but 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 English major.

New name announcement planned in poor form

The date is looming near. Your heart pounds with anticipation, sweat beads 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 and faculty alike after receiving the announcement by President Coley either through e-mail or campus mail, or on 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 undergrads, 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 states, "I assume that such heritage will remain intact, at the very least and for the unveiling of the new college name."

Let's face it, people. We are a private liberal arts college squished in the boonies of Maryland and the rest of the nation is hardly on the edge of our seats awaiting the name unveiling.

More than likely, they are saying to themselves, "who cares what those upper-middle class undergraduates are going to have to put up with next.

- Erin A. Romanski is a sophomore philosophy-English 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 held 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 worth putting up on the headlines, so the networks have to pollute their stations with endless sense shows.

I am sure that such shows will not cease to be found on the tube, 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 show 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-

-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 space 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 one 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 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 should have been announced at Alumni weekend 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 cel-

eration. It seems as though the time of the announcement is an attempt to slip the name under our noses 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 do they care, nip at your feet?

The only 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 we are the busiest, 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 to have a more diverse student body. Not just more diverse in race, but also more diverse in geographic location, religions, and political and social thought. I also hope that better means the most upstanding individuals that care about people. Hopefully better means more students and professors that can grasp on to this place and can call it their home and make it their community.

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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.

A message to the class of 2003

Lately there has been an outpour of stories written to the senior class. Well, I think that its 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.

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.

Donna Hurd

We only have one year to enjoy each other’s company, complain about housing, 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 times. Family is the most important thing in your life whether you realize this or not.

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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 having fun on the weekends.

Well, 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 and try new things. Wilburn 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.

Pssssstttt...

WANNA KNOW THE NEW NAME?

AND HAVE SOME FUN?

Join in the celebration of our College community.

That’s US.

All of us.

You’ll be one of the very first to find out the new name— and you’ll get a free T-shirt!

8:30 p.m. Friday, May 10

Memorial Plaza, aka Red Square

(Rain location Gill Center)

Popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs, the works

Free souvenir T-shirts

Spectacular fireworks at 10:30 p.m.
Moral lesson: what goes around comes around

Tara Dellafraniza talks about a personal experience in which she battled 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 on your own college campus? Do they leave you stammering for words in a shocked and disheveled state?

It 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' (eyes 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 edge of the table. 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 later pointed out how kind my friend was for asking for a chair with such well-behaved manners.

However, it 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 for whatever reason, and I grabbed her chair.

GLOVAR. Or not. One of her friends had hooked the chair with her foot. "Um, we were using that," she protested. "All right," I thought. That's it, here comes the censorship -- this is unfair!

Feeling my aggravation further was the fact that my friend was going to feel like crap because of these girls unless I did something. I explained, claimed, and 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 moments 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's why I never see 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 more so.

Sometimes I may care what people think. Who doesn't? There are certain occasions like this one, though, where one must take personal experience in which she battled the rudeness of others.

When this term so many of us believe in something so utterly unimportant, it seems that people, no matter what size, cannot make a difference 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 takes a few people to care 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

Grace Almandrez connects students to the mainstream on campus.

She was ranked as our top candidate," said Hornell, "When she accepted the position we were thrilled.

Since then she has watched her
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 Wagna has been 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."

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Nancy Palmer’s advice leaves a lasting impression

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 bigger.

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, was offered the director position. Neither one of them planned to stay, but things don’t always go as planned.

She never thought of teaching at a small school in Maryland..." said Palmer. "I thought maybe I'd teach somewhere on the west coast."

"But I don’t know - it just kind of comes to remember what I was thinking back then... But Western Maryland became the school I wanted it 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 encourage prospective students and programming.

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FEATURES

Some of the unusual talents walking around campus

Katie Champion
Staff Writer

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Bagpipes and Football

While many Green Terror football players have other interests than football, only one offensive lineman wanders the golf course sporadically: a 10-foot kilt in his Calvert County home. Two walls are adorned by his collection of single-engine planes,

The skill levels of bagpipes range from level one to level six. The higher the level, the more difficult it is to play the bagpipes.

"The people who play bagpipes are usually very social individuals," said Nick Grigsby. "They enjoy playing for others and for themselves."

Grigsby has become one of the more prominent members of the Green Terror football team. But don't let his size fool you. This 276-pound offensive lineman has a soft spot for music and kilt. 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.

"The [bagpipes] were always my favorite festivals I'd go to every fourth of July parachute," said Lyden. "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.

Grigsby has been practicing the bagpipes for three years.

"The bagpipes are a big part of my life," said Lyden. "I have never been so scared in my life."

For now, though he enjoys flying over Maryland and Pennsylvania, he plans to continue his weekend hobby and raise his kids around the racetrack. 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.

Profile: Senior Maureen Mngola does it all with a smile

Li Li Li 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 on 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 something that she can 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 delightedly.

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.

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 as far 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 soon decided to encourage her children to play someday. "Oh my children will love the bagpipes," he said.

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"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. Afterwards, 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 the RAs have to organize programs together.

"We cooperate, and work very well as a team," said Mngola proudly. Mngola enjoys her student life and even more her job, that especially impressed her on campus was President Joan Develin Cole’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, she’ll always find a smile on her face.
FEATURES

Top 10 things we would rather see changed instead of the name

Arielle Gormes & Shane Strother

#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 stoops. Where’s there a smoking butt, 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 reading Blanche parties.

#4. Crockpots (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 stranded.

Movie Review: Changing Lanes

Edward K. Scheiderer & Matthew E. Haff

Changing Lanes, starring Ben Affleck as Gavin Banek and Samuel L. Jackson as Doyle Gipsorn 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 who, on his way to court, crashes into Gipsorn, who is also traveling to court to defend himself in a custody case.

Gipsorn files the suit, leaving Banek 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 Gipsorn while trying to change insurance information. With Gipsorn about to testify, Banek could be arrested for fraud.

After his harsh treatment earlier, Gipsorn’s character would not return the document to him. This resulted in a battle in which Gipsorn has his credit rating, he is bankrupct and he is arrested. Meanwhile, Banek has an affair with a co-worker revealed, and he is nearly killed when the lug nuts on his tires are removed.

In the end Banek realizes that his partners are doing something nefariously behind the scenes and foils them. In addition he and Gipsorn mend their ways together.

Matt: Overall the film was too melodramatic. The fact that they had a company backer and a bankruptcy 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 Street lawyer and there were just too many wrong things in Gipsorn’s life. At points I caught myself wondering whether anything was positive in his life at all.

The film also became very slow at points. Sometimes this convention will build suspense and add to the excitement of 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 I 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. It wasn’t until the last third of the movie that it really picked up and even though it tried to finish strong, the movie left me disappointed when I left the theater.

While the movie does have some good parts, they are few and far between, leaving you to look at your watch during the film. 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.

Hitting the Shoppes

Michael Vynkoel

Staff Writer

Every now and then, one comes upon a relatively 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 48 sits just such a place, the Ye Olde Gift Shoppe. Unsuspecting 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 Corporation) 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 and arena, Ye Olde Gift Shoppe is the place to find great ideas for give and gift. We offer a lot of one-of-a-kind items. Barbara Hall proudly says, “People just seem to like one-of-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 shelf of shelving. A black Labrador retail puppy sculpture stands guard beneath the counter.

Every item in the store seems to be handpicked and tastefully edited. “We’re [Barbara and Todd] 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 intended as a gift. Stuffed animals from Russ Toys as well as objects from limited-quantity suppliers grace the shop’s interior. Because 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 this tends to be more likely to hold onto a gift that had been thought behind it.

Whether you’re buying a gift for friends, family, girlfriend or boyfriend, or even your roommate, you’re sure to find something in this shop to suit the personal interests of your recipients. While you’re there, consider popular items like porcelain doll figurines or perhaps? Does Dad have an impressive sports memorabilia collection? Does your girlfriend enjoy fragrant soaps and personal care items? You’ll find all of these items here as well, with many other tongue-in-cheek things, like magnets in the shapes of ladybugs, dragonflies, and butterflies.

Unlike other unique merchandise stores, the prices for a number of the items in The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe are well within a college student’s budget. 

“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 to spend. At this shop, you can walk in with any amount of money and feel 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 service 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.

“This commitment to personal customer service that we have in that part, contributes to the success of the place. The customer list grows monthly, as people from all over 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 pail, for instance. For about $25 you get a spectacular silver pail, filled with green-tea body lotions, a scented candle with a matching first candle holder, and scented soaps—a great gift for anyone.

And with the end of the semes- ter 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 496. You can also reach the shop at 410-848-7919 or 1-877-FISHPRAW.
SPORTS

Cramp leads W. Golf to conference championship

Chris Taugher
Assistant Sports Editor

Western Maryland College's youngest program has just won its 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 Crognale of Dickinson and Jessi Kunkle of Franklin & Marshall.

The Green Terror finished the tournament with a score of 423, and a 15-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."

Garnett Pumphrey 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 Pumphrey (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.

Outdoor Track finishes season on a high note

Marcus Helton
Phoenix Staff

As the 2002 Outdoor season comes to a close, the Green Terror Track and Field team has finished strongly.

On April 27, the women's team earned first place, and the men took second place.

The women took first place for the fourth straight year, and the men for the second consecutive year.

The women's 400-meter relay team of John Riley, Tyler Wright, Dave Maskeroni and Calvin Woodward earned second place with a time of 45.00.

Jill Bayly's 68.02 in the 400-meter hurdles was good for first place. In the long jump, the Terror earned second place with a time of 3:24.47. Woodward also finished second in the 800 with a time of 2:00.46, with Maskeroni finishing third (2:00.72).

Ifeanyi Ani earned a provisional qualifier with a leap of 47 feet, 1 inch in the long jump, and Dave House won the shot put with a throw of 49 feet, 1.5 inches.

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The Best Darn Sports Column Period: Last Call

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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 difference between me and Ali is an (expedient) just and I deserve whatever happens to me." You know what Mike, on behalf of all the average persons out there; you know how I feel about that... The biggest fighter in history? Not a chance. As popular as Ali? Let's see how Tyson: The Jail Time and Early Parade does this summer.

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 pumped up 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 been 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 root for, Marshall Faulk is still the best fantasy football player ever.

Steve: Ok 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 undramatic/Terrifying seasons last year to contrast an intriguing blend of youth and experience in Houston.

Chris vs. Steve: Preknesh 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 Preknesh is a pretty damn cool event.

But unlike you Chris you big pervert, 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 Jenkins
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 dream of playing college baseball for a Division III school. After finishing up at college, Hose has ended up taking the sports during the same season, so Dave continued to throw shot while playing baseball. 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 fine thing.

His freshmen year in college, Hose threw for Hagerstown Community College. After finishing up there, Hose threw down many Division II and I offers and decided to throw for Division-III Western Michigan.

His first season at WMC was mostly successful, and found him ranked 4th in the conference heading into the conference championship 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, some of 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, but this one didn't count.

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 in throwing. 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 Jenkins
Phoenix Staff

The Great American 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 Notamillion allowed 12 goals against eight saves in the final contest against Washington.

Despite the disappointing finish,Notamillion, who played 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' stats were down from last season but was still second on the team with 49 goals.

Senior Captain and expected All-American Tom Brown finished the season with 71 points (51, 20). Brown will be the conferences all-time career goal scorer.

Although Brown and Notamillion will be hard to replace, along with other seniors Jason Wilkes, Mike Coleman, Steve Ma- son, Mike Griffin, Scott Armstrong, and Pat Danahar, the Terror will make another run at that elusive conference title next year.

Sophomore Mike Korb will replace Notamillion in goal. Korb 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.

Trivial 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.
Cramer’s blast leads WMC softball team to conference championship, NCAA playoffs

Team records team-record 29th game of season over Gettysburg College

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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 2-1 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 champ, Muhlenberg.

The game belonged to sophomore ace pitcher Sam Abrams who threw a no-hitter against the potent Mule’s lineup and was perfect for four for four at the plate with 2 RBIs as the Green Terror won a 5-0 shutout.

Abrams also struck out seven in the game and only allowed one base runner with a second inning walk. Sophomore second baseman Kristin Barrick also had a home run 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 Camporelli and Ursina’s Erin Skimer 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 waiting their opponent at time of innings.

The comeback began with a hard hit single. Cramer and an RBI double from outfielder Heather Sinclair and Barrick drove in their first run scoring position in the first inning. The Green Terror struck first early with a sacrifice fly to knock in the winning run.

The nail biting win sent the team into the conference championship tournament final against bitter rival, Gettysburg College.

The Greener Terror struck first early as the team pot base runners in scoring position in the first inning and Barrick drove in their first run with a hard hit single. The Biomolecules 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 come back began with a long home run run from sophomore outfielder Heather Sinclair and an RBI double from junior first baseman Selena Smart. With the game knotted at four, the teams marched into the seventh and final inning.

The Green Terror held the Bullets 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 an awaiting their opponent at time of press.