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Summer worker held at knifepoint

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
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A part-time WMC employee escaped unharmed after a group of five males attacked him at knifepoint on the track in Bair Stadium over summer break.

The victim was restrained by some of the assailants while the attacker held the weapon to his throat. No attempt at robbery or any other related crime was made.

The incident, which occurred around 10:30 PM on the night of August 9, ended without serious injury when one of the accomplices convinced the attacker that they should flee the scene, according to a Security Notice distributed by Campus Safety Director Mike Webster.

There was to be an investigation with the Westminster Police Department. Webster said, but the unidentified victim didn't wish to proceed with the investigation and declined to file a complaint. Without cooperation from the victim, there will be no new developments in the case.

"It sort of becomes a non-issue for us when there are no witnesses and the victim doesn't want to play ball with us," Webster said. "It's frustrating."

In an attempt to reach the victim for comment, *The Phoenix* has been informed that he does not feel comfortable discussing the issue any further.

After the attack, Campus Safety posted Security Notices on the doors of residence buildings to inform those on campus of what had happened. However, since the incident occurred several weeks before the start of the semester, many returning students do not know about the assault. Sophomore Andrea Ahlborn feels that the entire student body should have been

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Campus unites to create fun-filled orientation

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
AND SHAWN SPRAGUE
News Editor and Staff Writer

The first-year students began their sojourn at WMC in the pouring rain as they lined up to ring the bell in Memorial Plaza following Convocation. Despite its stormy beginning, this year's orientation was a booming success.

Orientation's highlight, the all-nighter at the Four Seasons Sports Complex, was filled to the brim with activities. "Pushball was a blast," said first-year student Clint McKay. Students spent the night playing sports, swimming, watching movies, and even sleeping.

In addition, ROTC gave students the opportunity to explore the midnight darkness with night vision goggles, and WMC kept students on their feet all night with great music. Student Orientor Dan Shattuck '98 said, "I danced until dawn!"

Associate Dean of the First-year Program Barb Horneff commented, "For our first attempt, this event was extremely successful." However, the general consensus was that the occasion would have been equally successful had it ended at 2 or 3 a.m. instead of 6 a.m.

According to Horneff, this year's success resulted from the

"largest coordinated effort" for orientation. This year's events involved not only Student Orientors but also Resident Assistants, Classroom Assistants, faculty and staff members, and campus organizations such as ROTC and CAPBoard to name a few.

With much feedback about last year's orientation, Horneff and others involved decided to improve the program to make it more enjoyable for the students. "After all, orientation is for students," commented Horneff.

This year's orientation schedule included more social activities and free time between them. First-year student Jay Ferrante said, "The dances [sponsored by the RA's and CAPBoard] were great, and I'm looking forward to more of these events this semester."

Key players in orientation, the Student Orientors enthusiastically encouraged their students to participate in orientation activities. The first-year students overwhelmingly responded. First-year student Bethany Young said, "My SO group helped me make connections with other people."

The first-year students attended pizza parties and picnics which allowed them to interact in a more relaxed atmosphere.



JESSIE WATTS

Student Orientors worked with Dean Horneff to launch the Class of 2001 into an exciting future at WMC.

Other events such as "Choices" and James Felton's presentation on multicultural issues offered new students advice on adjusting to college social life.

The first-year students explored WMC's campus and downtown Westminster through a scavenger hunt. This activity allowed the students to acquaint themselves with their new surroundings. As they walked through town, many Westminster residents welcomed students to the community.

First-year student Kwang Yi

Tan said the walk was too long and that he would have enjoyed something shorter.

Monica Mariniello, another first-year student, commented, "The scavenger hunt helped me get to know the town." She further explained that she felt at ease during her recent walk down Main Street.

Reflecting on orientation, Dean Horneff offered, "Orientation is the most opportune moment in the first-year students' lives at WMC. How they start is how they finish."

Faculty-wide memo warns against amorous relationships with students

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Staff Writer

A memo was sent to all faculty members by Provost Joan Coley warning them of the dangers of dating students, even though there isn't a WMC policy that specifically prohibits it.

The College does not condone dating relationships between students and faculty, reads the memo.

"This is a serious issue and I think people ought to take it seriously," said Coley, dean of faculty, in an interview.

The two-page memo, accompanied by a statement of the college's policy on sexual harassment, was written on May 8 following a

sexual harassment workshop in March. According to Coley, faculty attendance was poor although many staff members and administrators were there.

Last year "increasing numbers of students" complained to the Academic Affairs Office and elsewhere on campus about student and faculty relationships that go beyond the bounds of casual friendship, according to the memo.

Asked by e-mail if the contents of the memo create college policy, Coley responded, "Of course I am not making policy with my letter. I think, however, it reflects a clear statement of the position of the college."

Although the Coley memo cautions professors that dating students is not condoned, she acknowledges that neither the policy in the *Affirmative Action Manual* nor in the *Student Guide and DateBook* deals with student-faculty out-of-classroom relationships.

In her memo Coley said she consulted an attorney (not named in the memo) at the college's sexual harassment workshop. "I was advised," the memo reads, "that it is important to indicate that the College does not condone dating between students and faculty. At the very least it is unethical to date a student who is currently in a faculty member's class or is likely to

be. In the worst case scenario, legal action could result with devastating implications."

Dr. Michael Losch, an art history professor, points out that, "By

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THE SOAPBOX

Adam Dean

As I am sure you already know, this is the first *Phoenix* of the 1997-98 year at Western Maryland. This is also the first *Soapbox* of this new school year. To all of you who are returning, I say thank you! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for another year of all-nighters, cafeteria food, forgotten home work, hangers and deadlines. To our incoming (IN-COMING!!!) freshmen (and freshmen, or as I like to call them "freshbabs") let me take this time to tell you that college is not all fun and games. It is a place where you come to grow up and learn to make adult decisions on your own.

Now if you are new, you might be asking yourself, "What the heck is the *Soapbox*?" To which I can only reply, "It's a newspaper column, stupid!" If you need to know any more than that, try to track down an upperclassman and ask. There are still plenty of people on this campus who hate me because I have taken the school's advice and decided to think dangerously in the past. But, when one thinks dangerously, one also must upset someone's hypothetical apple cart. And no one likes someone else playing with their apples.

But, I believe that those who fear the investigation of their little cart are the ones who need it the most. People are by nature dishonest and hypocritical. While I have said in the past that anybody who isn't at least a little hypocritical

is not setting their sights high enough, hypocrisy is a virtue which can be easily taken too far. Dishonesty can never be tolerated. Western Maryland is lucky enough to possess an honor code with some teeth to it. But that is not enough. Honesty is just as important outside academic life as it is within.

I want everyone to feel that this is their column too. This is your signpost to which

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you can attach questions and leads about issues on campus and around which we can gather to discuss them. To that end I want you, the reader to be the *Soapbox*'s eyes and ears. If you hear anything or know anything that you think the campus as a whole should know, contact me. You can e-mail me at agd001@wmdc.edu. Or send me a note through campus mail. Or heck, even stop me in Red Square. I'm about 5'10, 170lbs, have short brown hair and wear round glasses. I like romantic dinners by candlelight, sunsets and long walks on the... Oh, sorry. Wrong column. But my point is, I want to know what

you think. If there is a problem, maybe together we can do something about it. And if that is not what an editorial page is for, I don't know what it is.

Well, one thing this column is for is to boost my own personal self esteem. I am not always going to be serious, or even understandable to the vast majority of people. I might use this column to solicit... no, not that! Answers to various questions, sometimes of a personal nature. Or at least something you might not care about.

So what do you think? I want to hear from everybody. I am also the sole editorials editor this year. Hopefully by the time you read this I will have found an assistant to help take up the slack. Hopefully this person will be politically outspoken, and not be afraid to step on a few toes and disagree with me at least 90% of the time. So everyone, place your trays in their full and upright position, fasten your seatbelts and keep your hands inside the car at all times. This promises to be a wild ride.

P.S. Due to his hot air content, the columnist may be used as a flotation device in case of an emergency.

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Student Orientation: loathed and loved

Jeanne Dowell

Many of us cringed in fear when we found out that we had to go through five days of New Student Orientation. To translate, five days of making new friends, getting lost in the place we have to now call home for eight months out of the year, and getting used to once again being that little fish in the big pond. Sounds like fun doesn't it. We all wished there was an easier way to become oriented with this new beginning but unfortunately there wasn't.

In the beginning orientation was helpful in getting people out of their shells. Simple Hi's turned into Hello's. Hello's turned into How are you's and friendships began to form.

ties were bad. Choices were without a doubt a favorite among everyone. Playing the Game sent out a strong message about what to do if you are sexually assaulted.

The S.O skits sent out some good messages about on campus living and rules and regulations in an interesting way that most likely won't be forgotten.

Many of the other activities, on the other hand, got very old. Saturday was a very rough day. The whole scavenger hunt idea would have been good had it been a true scavenger hunt as we know them.

Scavenger hunts usually consist of rac-

to sleep, not to mention the fact that the next day we had to start classes. We left at seven o'clock Sunday and got back six o'clock Monday.

Monday was completely devoted to sleeping. This caused us to totally mess up our sleeping pattern.

We also had an overkill of picnics. It's fun to eat outside with mother nature sometimes, but not every single day. We really needed more time to adjust to the dining hall after all that is where we'll be eating every day.

Orientation would have been more fun

"...Five days of making new friends, getting lost in the place we have to now call home for eight months out of the year and getting used to once again being that little fish in the big pond."

Many of the friendships were made between people in the same Student Orientator groups. The idea of having the S.O. groups was good at first but then it started to get old when you had to meet your S.O. every five minutes to go to another activity.

It's not that we didn't like our S.O.'s, it's just the fact that we weren't being treated like freshmen in college - we were being treated as if we were freshmen in high school.

On the first day it would have been nice had we been allowed to get our rooms all situated. Instead it felt like we had to throw everything we brought in the door, kiss our parents goodbye and run to meet our group.

It needs to be said that not all of the activi-

ties were bad. Choices were without a doubt a favorite among everyone. Playing the Game sent out a strong message about what to do if you are sexually assaulted.

Sunday seemed as if it was a day of punishment. Spending five hours in OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol) class learning about your trigger level and tolerance level is way too much to handle in one morning. Many of us learned more about how to tell time rather than anything else.

We later had to spend our evening locked in the Four Seasons Sport Complex. The first four hours were fun but then we just wanted

had we been able to have a few more breaks to adapt to our new way of living. I also doesn't need to be so fast paced and there should probably be less of it. By the third day everyone knew the rules and where everything was.

The only thing we were thinking of by the third day was overkill. Overkill seemed to be the recurring theme throughout orientation. Next year I think orientation should be a lot shorter with less overkill.

Jeanne Dowell is a freshman journalism student.

Substance free housing: What's the big deal?

Meghan Martin

Substance free housing is residential space devoted to clean, healthy living. This type of housing offers support for people who want to live in this manner. In return for this support, residents must abide by the special rules that govern the community.

an environment that protects them from these dangers because their self-respect demands that must.

Others may be recovering addicts who do not want to be tempted by roommates or floor mates who may use these substances, legally or il-

them in a position where illegal drugs can be linked to the room.

Many freshmen were concerned to learn that substance free housing was not offered in the upperclassmen's dormitories.

Although there is space pro-

those who respect themselves enough not to use or abuse these substances. More housing will definitely be needed.

The rights of these residents should be respected. Members of substance free communities on campus are serious about their rejection of

"In any case, residents, especially freshmen, know that they do not know their roommates well enough to trust them completely."

These rules are simple. Alcohol, tobacco, and, of course, illegal drugs are not permitted in the community's place of residence. Members of the community are not permitted to be under the influence of any illegal substance at any time. Failure to comply with these rules leads to expulsion from the community.

Many students who live in substance free housing are trying to escape from the dangers alcohol, tobacco, and drugs pose. Some have seen first hand the effects of these substances. They choose to live in

legally. Still others live in substance free housing because of their moral codes and various upbringings. These people just do not want to live around harmful materials.

In any case, residents, especially freshmen, know that they do not know their roommates well enough to trust them completely.

By choosing to live in substance free housing, members of the substance free community expect that their roommates will not smoke in the room, will not come in drunk late one night, and will not put

vided in one Daniel Mac Lea suite and in one Pennsylvania Avenue house, substance free housing is considerably limited. Being able to live in substance free housing is a choice the current residents in substance free communities want to have.

As more people become aware of the dangers of alcohol and tobacco, primarily cigarette smoking, substance free housing will become a more popular choice.

This is especially true among athletes, people with asthma and allergies, and

alcohol, tobacco, and all illegal drugs.

Western Maryland College should be thankful to have such devoted students who continue to believe in the cause of being substance free in the face of peer pressure. These students should be rewarded by an increase in the space available to house them

Meghan Martin is a freshman journalism student.

Should Coley's memo have been sent to students?

STAFF EDITORIAL

The administration's action involved in mailing a memo to all faculty regarding the college's position on student-faculty dating and neglecting to send a similar one to students is not acceptable.

Students should be treated just like the rest of the WMC community. One wonders why students were not invited to the sexual harassment workshop held in March and why a similar and more "appropriate" activity was not held for students. One also wonders why students were not sent a copy of the memo that warns the faculty about the college policy regarding sexual harassment and, more specifically, amorous relationships between faculty and students. Aren't they directly involved in a dating situation?

At the workshop, administrators and staff were in attendance, few faculty went, and students were not invited. Faculty members had poor turn out and hence were sent a memo. The student body had no representatives in attendance. Why weren't they given a memo?

Sayre said students don't need a copy of the memo since they already get the information from other sources like the "Phoenix," in an editorial written in the spring, and the *Student Guide and DateBook*, where the policy is printed.

Nobody in the 500-student incoming class had the opportunity to read that editorial. Also, one imagines that the number of students who actually read the *Student Guide and DateBook* is very insignificant. In light of this, why not send out the memo? Why not give this important topic special attention for the students as well?

Does the college think it will give this issue too much attention by sending such a memo to the students? Are they afraid it may alarm the parents? Are they just trying to conserve paper? Or, are they keeping the students in the dark?

Either way it is a mistake. Those who are not informed are under-informed. Students have a right to know what is going on at sexual harassment workshops to which they are not invited. So to save the administrators the trouble, the "Phoenix" has decided to publish the memo on page 6. This editorial reflects the opinion of the Phoenix staff and no specific individual

Princess Di was no Mother Teresa

Adam Dean

The death of Diana Spencer, also known as "Princess Di" was of course a tragedy. It is sad whenever a person dies unexpectedly. The sorrow of the loved ones left behind always pulls at the heart strings.

What I don't understand is why the death of this particular individual caused such an outpouring of grief in the United States.

was trying to modernize the monarchy. Of course this is ridiculous. Trying to modernize the monarchy is like trying to streamline a horse and buggy. You can change the external appearance, but it is what it is. And, really it is an American why should I care? On that night two boys lost a mother, her brother lost a sister and that is sad.

India all in the name of God. While Diana attended charity balls that supposedly raised money for some good cause but really are only an excuse for rich people to socialize and feel wonderful about themselves. Mother Teresa was actually getting her hands dirty and making a real impact on real people's lives.

Diana traveled to some dan-

of Calcutta are not Bosnia, it is safe to assume that they are not the best or safest place to travel for a western woman.

That is what really bothers me. Princess Diana was a woman of much glamour, but little substance. Oh sure, she did things that looked good. But how much of a real impact did Diana have on people's lives? Very little.

"While Diana attended charity balls that supposedly raised money for some good cause but really are only an excuse for rich people to socialize and feel wonderful about themselves, Mother Teresa was actually getting her hands dirty and making a real impact on real people's lives."

I am sorry she died. Nobody deserves that. But didn't we fight two wars to get the heck away from these people? Diana was a symbol of an outdated, medieval idea. Nobility, the belief in a natural aristocracy of people based on birth is obviously false. Just take a look at Prince Charles. With a huge beak of a nose, lanky body and ears that would do dumbo proud, all one would have to do is put a banjo in his hands and set him in front of a log cabin in West Virginia. He would blend right in.

Some may say that Diana

But it is no greater a tragedy than any of the other deaths that occur due to traffic accidents everyday.

But the greatest injustice surrounding all this overblown coverage of the death of this one individual is that it overshadowed the demise of one of the greatest women of our time, Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Unlike Diana, Mother Teresa actually accomplished much good in her life. Before Diana was a twinkle in her mother's eye Mother Teresa was feeding the poor and tending the sick in

gerous places such as Bosnia, always surrounded by guards and touring a pre-approved route, in order to bring attention to one of her pet causes.

Mother Teresa, on the other hand, as a young nun set off for a strange, dangerous and unknown country without a weapon, without an army of bodyguards and went among the people, among the untouchables, those that the caste system considers to be unclean.

She tended these people's ills, fed them and tried to share her incredible strength of faith with them. And while the streets

And while Diana set out on a misguided and unenforceable attempt to ban land mines, Mother Teresa went to work and actually did something that made the world better, at least for some people. And yet our attention is drawn to the glamour of Diana like a moth to a bug zapper.

The public seems to be missing the world's true loss and zeroing in on the attractive power of glamour.

Adam Dean is a senior political science major and editor of the editorial pages.

Part-time employee attacked while jogging

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made aware of the incident after returning to campus.

"I had no idea," Ahlborn said. "I would've liked to have known this happened. I would have been more cautious."

Ahlborn has used the track after dark on more than one occasion, and although she claims to feel safe while doing this, she admitted to carrying pepper spray the last time she went jogging.

In the past, senior Tameka Collins has walked the track after nightfall, but she no longer does so after hearing about the attack. "I don't feel comfortable using the track at night anymore," she said.

Students may be more apprehensive about their safety on the track, but their opin-

ion about the level of safety on the campus in general have not changed.

"I don't know if this incident makes me feel less safe," Ahlborn said, since she thinks walking around the campus at night is unavoidable. She said she feels safe when she is with a group of friends, and will probably continue to feel this way.

The tips offered on the Security Notice came from both the "Working Together for a Safe Campus" booklet and the "Personal Safety Handbook."

For more safety information, Webster referred to the 1997/98 *Student Guide and DateBook*. He stressed the importance of not using the track, Harvey Stone Park, or other dark, isolated areas alone at night.

Graduation debate settled

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

This year's seniors will have an extra reason to be proud when they walk across the stage at their commencement on Saturday, May 23.

The class of 1998 successfully persuaded the administration to change the date of graduation from the preceding Thursday back to the traditional Saturday.

According to senior class president Lynnae Stoehr, the original decision to move the date was made by the Administrative Council. Students were not consulted about

"We hit the administration where it hurts: both through the pocketbook and through public relations."

-Andreas Kalisperis

the matter and had a lot of objections to the change.

Many worried that their parents would not be able to take the time off from work mid-week, especially those who must travel long distances. Students were also resentful that their Senior Week would be shortened by several days.

The administration moved the date in order to host a tentative track event that weekend. Students did not feel that this was sufficient reason to change their graduation and so moved into action to change the date back again.

Stoehr, last year's class president Sara Beth Reyburn, and former SGA secretary Andreas Kalisperis met with Dean Sayre, President Chambers, and the Board of Trustees to put forward their case.

They also sent a petition signed by about 180 people to all members of the Administrative Council. On top of this, they asked parents to write letters complaining about the change.

Senior Michelle Hamilton, an SGA representative last year, explained that they tried to work through the system rather than against it. "We wanted to voice our concern, but in a professional way," she said.

They also used the media to achieve their aim. Kalisperis wrote a letter to *The Phoenix* to try and rally the class together.

The outside press was also contacted and a front page article appeared in the *Carroll County Times*.

Another tactic used was threatening to boycott Senior Pride, the gift that the senior class leaves to the college.

The combined force of these tactics was enough to convince the administration to change graduation back to the original date.

Stoehr expressed great satisfaction at the results. "It restored my faith in the administration," she said. "They treated us as adults and saw that our point was valid, she added."

Kalisperis said that he was ecstatic when he heard the news. "We hit the administration where it hurts: both through the pocketbook and through public relations."

He also wants other students to benefit from this experience. "I hope that other student leaders will learn from this that they too can change college policy," he said.

Tips from Campus Safety

•Everyone is urged to avoid dimly lit or unlit areas. When moving about the campus, stay on well-lit paths and travel with others.

•If you are followed, change direction and go to a place of safety (populated). Know these locations in your area. People have a sixth sense which alerts them to danger. If you feel something isn't right, follow your "gut." If it's out of the ordinary, contact Campus Safety at 202, or dial 911.

•Understand that most crime is opportunistic. Walk assertively and be aware of your surroundings. Make brief eye contact with people at a socially acceptable distance. This is an inoffensive gesture to most people but lets a criminal know you have made a mental note of him or her.

•If you are robbed, don't resist. Your valuables aren't worth it.

•Don't attempt to intervene in suspicious activity or criminal conduct. You can help us by taking a detailed description then calling us immediately...TAKE NOTES! Stay on the line until the emergency operator ends the call.

SGA News Briefs

Western Maryland College Student Government Association

SGA Allocation forms are available at the information desk. Any campus club or organization interested in receiving funds from the SGA must submit a completed request form to the Student Affairs Office no later than 4:30 p.m. September 19, 1997. Allocation results will be announced at the Open Forum Meeting at 8:00 p.m. on September 23, 1997 in the Forum.

Positions are available for representatives on the following college committees:

Admissions and Standards Committee - 2 vacancies

Athletic Council - 1 vacancy, junior male

Curriculum Committee - 1 vacancy

Food Committee

Honor and Conduct Board - 4 vacancies

Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council - 1 vacancy

Trustee Visitors - 1 vacancy, sophomore class

Trustee Committees:

Academic Affairs - 1 vacancy

Building and Grounds - 2 vacancies

Long Range Planning - 1 vacancy

Student Affairs - 4 vacancies

Pick up one of the blue sheets at the information desk for further explanation on the committees. Anyone interested in serving on a committee should write a letter of interest to the SGA and turn it into the Student Affairs Office no later than 4:30 p.m. September 26, 1997.

Open Forum

September 23, 1997

8:00 p.m.

in the Forum

Come voice your opinions on campus issues!

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After reforming registration processes, Schaffer moves on



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUERA

Barb Schaffer in 1993, just beginning a productive four-year career at WMC.

BY MICHELLE HAMILTON
Staff Writer

After implementing new BLARs, revamping Guidance Day registration, and developing a new system for registration, Registrar Barb Schaffer will be leaving WMC October 3 of this year. She will be accepting a position at Johns Hopkins as Registrar of the School of Continuing Studies.

Schaffer's co-workers in the Registrar's office were shocked at her resignation announcement the first week of classes. Carole Arrieta, one of the two Associate Registrars, had a reaction of "extreme surprise" about her announcement. While she said she was saddened, she was happy for Schaffer and "will miss her influence here."

Schaffer's influence has been noted not only in the Registration Office, but through the changes she has brought to WMC in the past years. She is most proud of the change in the registration process which she established. When Schaffer first arrived at WMC, registration for classes was on a first come, first serve basis. This left students, primarily first year students, sleeping outside of and in Decker Center the night before registration to ensure getting the right classes.

"I hated seeing students sleeping in the halls," remarked Schaffer. Her new system, which WMC currently uses, assigns times to students based on credits. This process has had widespread student support, Schaffer explained, although the occasional student will complain that they should be higher on the priority list for registration.

Associate Registrar Arrieta also agreed that this change was a high-light of her career at WMC. It was great "getting away from those nightmarish lines" Arrieta said.

Arrieta also praised Schaffer for her negotiations with the Provost to obtain new equipment for the office. "We were sort of in the dark ages," joked Arrieta, "but now we can get more done in a shorter amount of time." One of the new-

est purchases has been the Op-scan grading machine which will allow faculty to fill out student grades on bubble sheets, similar to those of the SAT and other standardized tests. This is more efficient than the current system of hand writing the grades, and will allow a faster turn around for returning grades to students.

Schaffer aspired to have the new equipment working by January, however with the change in her position, that goal may be delayed.

Dianne Morris, Associate Registrar of Registration and Scheduling said Schaffer is "certainly not afraid of change," an attitude which has made many of her innovative ideas realities. "She views things with a 'what if' approach," explained Morris and "she is always trying to think of ways to do things more efficiently."

Changes have not only been technical in the Registrar's office. According to Dina Awad, a Senior Biology major and worker in the office for four years, Schaffer "tries to make things easier for students." Morris reinforced that the Registrar's Office wants to be a place where students always feel welcome. "Your question! doesn't have to be about add/drops" and other technical details Morris said. She wants students to feel comfortable coming in at any time for any reason. "We want to be known as a friendly place on campus."

This attitude has been greatly influenced by Schaffer, her co-workers agreed. Awad described her as "always alive and happy."

Leaving WMC was the "hardest decision I had to make," explained Schaffer, who also enjoys the college's friendly working environment. "People here are wonderful." Also, Schaffer's son began classes at WMC this fall, which was another "one of the reasons I didn't want to leave," she explained.

Arrieta is "happy for Schaffer to explore different paths and new surroundings" with her new position at Hopkins. "We all wish her well."

Honor and Conduct board charges students with *Phoenix* theft

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

Two students have been suspended for one semester for the theft of the April 24 edition of *The Phoenix*.

According to the September 2 - 14 edition of *WMC in brief*, the Honor and Conduct Board met twice in May to hear the case against four students. They were charged with stealing, knowingly furnishing the college with false information, and obstruction of college activities.

Two of the students were found responsible for all three violations, one student was found responsible for the latter two charges, and one student was found not to be responsible for any involvement.

After appeal, the two students found responsible for all three charges were suspended from the College for one semester, put on disciplinary probation for one year, made to pay restitution to *The Phoenix* for the cost of reprinting the newspapers, and made to write a letter of apology.

The student found responsible for only the latter two charges was put on disciplinary probation for one year, required to do a fund-raising and community service project, and to write a letter of apology to *The Phoenix*.

The newspapers were taken from outside the post office where they were waiting to be distributed around the campus. It is not known exactly how many copies were taken: 1,500 newspapers were

printed but several hundred copies had already been given out to the faculty. The newspaper was reprinted the next day at a cost of \$392.

The theft of the newspapers and caused widespread interest throughout Maryland. Articles appeared in the *Baltimore Sun* and in the *Associated Press* wire, as well as in local newspapers.

The stolen edition of the *Phoenix* featured a front page article on a hazing incident involving the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. The article caused much speculation as to whether the sorority was responsible for the theft. However, although those found responsible were members of the sorority, the Board found that the organization as a whole was not involved.

Campus Safety Blotter

•On 8/28/97 at 11:30 p.m. on the grass behind Peterson DoCS officers observe a nonstudent driving his auto off the pavement damaging landscaping. He was prohibited from returning to campus.

•On 8/28/97 at 11:50 p.m. in Rouzer Hall a DoCS officer on patrol outside the building noticed a noise violation and subsequently discovered an alcohol violation. Students were documented.

•On 8/29/97 at 10:42 p.m. in Decker Center a student was observed and documented by a DoCS officer for a violation of alcohol policies.

•On 8/30/97 at 9:46 p.m. in Whiteford Hall DoCS officers responded to a fire alarm and discovered a pull station activated.

•On 8/30/97 at 10:05 p.m. in the gravel parking area behind the Penna Ave houses officers observed suspicious activity. Upon investigation a student was documented for violations of college policy.

•On 8/30/97 at 10:11 p.m. in Whiteford DoCS officers handling a fire alarm and discovered and documented alcohol and other violations in a student's room.

•On 8/31/97 at 12:05 a.m. in the quad near McLea a DoCS officer cited a student for violating the alcohol policy.

•On 8/31/97 at 1:10 a.m. in the alley behind the Penna Ave, houses a DoCS officer attempts to assist an intoxicated student. The officer cites a student for several conduct violations.

•On 8/31/97 at 11:45 a.m. in the McDaniel roadway, a DoCS officer attempting to assist with traffic cites a student for conduct violations.

•On 9/1/97 at 12:13 a.m. in Blanche DoCS officers assisting the Residence Life staff on a noise complaint cite a student for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/1/97 at 12:13 a.m. in Blanche DoCS Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) officer evaluates an ill student and assists until student transported by ambulance to Carroll County General Hospital (CCGH).

•On 9/1/97 at 1:15 a.m. in McDaniel a DoCS officer observes and cites a student urinating from a window. A second student was documented for interference during this matter.

•On 9/1/97 at 1:00 a.m. a student reported to DoCS that she was being harassed.

•On 9/2/97 at 5:55 a.m. at the ex-

zer a DoCS officer observes and cites a student for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/6/97 at 10:02 p.m. in Blanche a DoCS officer observes and cites 2 students for alcohol violations.

•On 9/6/97 at 10:07 p.m. in Blanche a DoCS officer observes and cites a student for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/6/97 at 11:23 p.m. in Penna Ave, houses an officer observes and cites a student for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/6/97 at 11:26 p.m. in Memorial Plaza an officer observes and cites a student for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/6/97 at 11:53 p.m. in Memorial Plaza an officer observes and cites a non-student for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/8/97 at 5:00 p.m. at the 4 corners near McLea a DoCS officer observes and cites a student for reckless driving.

•On 9/8/97 at 7:50 p.m. in the Penna Ave, houses DoCS EMT officer evaluates and transports a sick student to CCCH.

•On 9/9/97 at 11:50 a.m. in Harvey Stone lot a student reports his auto was struck by another.

•On 9/9/97 at 8:52 p.m. in Albert Ward a DoCS officer observes and cites a student for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/9/97 at 10:37 p.m. in Albert Ward a DoCS EMT officer evaluates a student for illness and transports to CCCH.

•On 9/10/97 at 7:00 p.m. in Whiteford a student reported being harassed.

•On 9/11/97 at 10:25 p.m. in Garden Apts. DoCS officers treated a student with an injury. The student self transported to CCCH.

•On 9/12/97 at 1:40 a.m. in Whiteford officers respond to a report of an ill student who subsequently declines services.



Should students have received Coley's memo?

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Staff Writer

Provost Coley sent a memo to all faculty regarding faculty-student dating. Even though students are directly involved in this matter, they were not sent a copy.

And there are no plans to send them one.

According to Philip Sayre, dean of student affairs, there is no need to send out such a memo because this information on sexual harassment is already published in the *Student Guide* and *DateBook* and was written about in an editorial in the spring in *The Phoenix*. None of the students interviewed were aware of this policy.

"If for some other reason this topic needs to be particularly addressed then it should be brought up again," said Sayre. The issue might be the focus of a discussion at an upcoming open forum, he added.

Tomás Urbano, a sophomore, thinks students should have received a copy of the memo.

"It is an issue for both faculty and students. Both parties are being addressed in it."

Dr. Robert Lemieux, a communication professor, said he thinks that while students should not have been invited to the sexual harassment workshop nor sent a memo, they are still entitled to some information.

"It is an issue students should be made aware of just as they are in other areas of academic life," he said.

On the other hand, Paul Scott, a senior, does not think students need to see the memo.

"It is the professor's responsibility [to refrain from dating students]. It should not even be for the students to worry about."

Jennifer Boyer, a first-year student, has a different take on it.

"If it was a big issue then yes, students should get a copy of it, but if it was a small issue then no they shouldn't," she said. "But I guess it was a big issue if she wrote a letter about it."

Faculty-Student dating warned against in Provost Coley's memo

Continued from page 1

saying it "does not condone" the behavior, the college is not condemning it either."

One reason the college needs a specific policy is to avoid responsibility if a lawsuit is filed.

Sherri Hughes, a psychology professor, said, "Laws hold an employer accountable for an employee's behavior unless they can show that that behavior is not [deemed] acceptable by the college."

While it may appear that the main purpose of the memo was to protect the college by moving towards a policy, Hughes thinks it is to prevent the students from being exploited.

According to the Statement of Policy on Discrimination and Harassment in the *Affirmative Action Manual*, "Harassment refers to intimidating or hostile overtures within a context of unequal power, or by third parties. Overtures include retaliatory actions taken for refusal to comply with any imposed requirements for response. Harassment includes not only forcing physical, environmental, or verbal attention upon an unwilling recipient, but also making discriminatory or offensive remarks."

Asked via e-mail if she can reprimand a professor for dating a student based on current college policy, Coley replied, "I don't reprimand professors."

In an interview, Coley said that if a student were to make a complaint she would follow it up with a meeting with the suspected faculty member. She would refer to the college's policy in the *Affirmative Action Manual* and make her position clear to the person.

"It is unethical and unwise," she said. If the professor did not modify his or her behavior and continued to date a student even after being told to stop, Coley is not sure what the outcome would be.

"Hopefully we are never going to find out. I sure would not want to speculate on a situation that I hope never comes up," she said.

The manual Coley refers to addresses a variety of unacceptable behaviors but does not specifically address the question of professors dating their students.

It states that sanctions for sexual harassment may include a reprimand, suspension, or dismissal, according to the seriousness of the offense.

Hughes noted that sexual harassment laws prohibit people from having relationships that may "unreasonably interfere with work performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment."

But Hughes noted that these laws are always subject to interpretation on a case by case basis in a court of law.

According to one part of the memo, many colleges have spelled out in great detail the limits of faculty-student relationships. For example, Harvard University tells its teaching staff to "be aware that any romantic involvement with their students makes them liable for formal action against them."

Regardless of the existence of a college policy, some professors must abide by rules in their discipline such as the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct.

That code for example specifically prohibits psychology professors from dating students. One section reads, "Psychologists do not engage in sexual relationships with students or supervisors in training over whom the psychologist has evaluative or direct authority, because such relationships are so likely to impair judgment or be exploitative."

Hughes follows this code of conduct. She views this behavior as detrimental to the welfare of the classroom environment.

"The primary issue is that this behavior puts a student at risk of being exploited, a faculty member at risk of being perceived as unprofessional. [Meanwhile] other students are wondering what the nature of the relationship is and what impact it has on grades," said Hughes. "It creates an uncomfortable environment for students."

In terms of whether faculty-student dating is going on to any great degree, Coley said, "At the present time I don't think there is anything flagrant. I don't think there is some professor who has outrageous behavior. I can't believe that if that were the case I would not know about it."

While she has no evidence that such dat-

ing is taking place now, Coley says that it has happened in the past.

"I have no knowledge that it is happening now," she explained. "The climate is very different from what it was years ago. The heightened awareness of sexual harassment and the nonacceptance of colleges of this behavior" are factors that have affected the rate of this phenomenon.

Several sources said that there are faculty and administrators on the WMC campus who married students attending the school at which they were teaching, including WMC.

Some faculty have a hard time understanding how such a relationship between students and faculty members could form.

Losch wonders why a forty year old professor would want to date an 18 year old student. "They have very few life experiences in common and the relationship probably would not be healthy or last a long time."

Dr. Robert Lemieux, a communication professor, said he is confused as to why "some professors are pursuing such a relationship knowing this is an ethical issue."

Current relationships between faculty and students may be more common than Coley thinks.

"This kind of thing happens everywhere," said Losch, "but maybe not with the same frequency at each place. I would be very surprised if it didn't happen here at least occasionally."

Losch said he thinks the memo was written "as an open recognition that this is going on somewhere."

However, Lemieux, a WMC professor of two years, disagrees. He said, "From what I have observed here I would say there is no dating going on. But at the larger universities the chances are larger because there is a greater number of students."

Lemieux hesitated from "reading beyond the issue" saying he takes the memo "at face value." He contends that the provost is just making the faculty aware of the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) code of ethics and reminding them that WMC held this workshop.

against them. (Harvard University, 1990)

I consulted the attorney who was present at the College's sexual harassment workshop about the College's liability for faculty conduct that is reported and may lead to a complaint or a law suit. I was advised that it is important to indicate that the College does not condone dating between students and faculty. At the very least it is unethical to date a student who is currently in a faculty member's class or is likely to be. In the worst case scenario, legal action could result with devastating implications.

As you can imagine, this is not an easy letter to write. As Dean of the Faculty, however, it is my duty to help increase the sensitivity of the faculty to the current climate here on the Hill and indeed throughout the country. I am sure the vast majority of our colleagues are acutely aware of the problems that may arise from certain behaviors between faculty and students. For those who have not given this issue much thought, I hope you will find this letter informative and will take time to reflect on these important issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joan Develin Coley
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

May 8, 1997
Dear Colleagues,

Several events on campus have served to focus the attention of the College community on the issue of sexual harassment. Most recently, an editorial in *The Phoenix* examined the topic in a thoughtful way. Students seem to be aware of the unacceptable nature of amorous relationships between faculty and students. On March 27, there was a college wide program on sexual harassment to which all in the community were issued an invitation. Attendance was good from administration and staff of the College, but only one or two faculty members attended.

This year increasing numbers of students have complained in the Academic Affairs Office and elsewhere on campus about student-faculty relationships that go beyond the bounds of casual friendship. Because the relationship between students and faculty members is always an unequal one by definition, faculty members full or part-time who engage in such conduct leave themselves wide open for misperception, complaints, or worse. Certainly, the climate that might have accepted such behavior in the past has changed dramatically over the past decade. It is naive to think that others in the community will not care

about such behavior and that this concern might not lead eventually to charges being filed.

The AAUP Code of Ethics states that faculty members should avoid "any exploitation of students ... for private advantage." This phrase has been used recently and successfully in law suits brought against individual faculty members even when those relationships were consensual. Many colleges and universities including institutions as diverse as the University of Iowa, Temple, and Harvard have spelled out in greater detail than has WMC of the limits of faculty-student relationships. For example:

Amorous relationships that might be appropriate under other circumstances always have inherent dangers when they occur between any teacher or officer of the University and any person for whom he or she has a professional responsibility (i.e., as teacher, advisor, evaluator, supervisor). Implicit in the idea of professionalism is the recognition by those in positions of authority that in their relationships with students or staff there is always an element of power. It is incumbent upon those with authority not to abuse, nor to seem to abuse, the power with which they are entrusted. Officers and other members of the teaching staff should be aware that any romantic involvement with their students makes them liable for formal action

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Working up a sweat with Conference Services

Students worked for the summer program that brought over 30 groups and camps to the college

BY JENNIFER VICK
Features Editor

High schoolers with the Boys State program march single file to Glar, 10-year-old football players run at the speed of light through Decker, and members of the Embroidery Guild Association thread their needles in Hill Hall classrooms.

For most students, this is a Western Maryland College rarely seen. But for several who chose to stick around this summer, it was a typical day.

Sixteen WMC students worked on campus this summer for the Conference Services program that brings to the campus dozens of groups that utilize dorms, classrooms, and playing fields, while generating additional revenue for the school between spring and fall semester. As Conference Service aides and assistants, the students coordinated and oversaw eight graduations and the visitation of more than 30 sports and music camps, and church and professional groups.

Director of Conference Services, Mary Jo Colbert, said she explains to the newly hired student workers that the job is neither a male job or female job, nor an "I" or "we" job.

"Everybody does laundry and everybody moves tables," said Colbert, who was substituted this summer by a high school biology teacher while she was on maternity leave. "It's a very physical job. You might be setting up and taking down the Forum three times a day."

Moving tables and chairs, di-

recting parking, registering and checking out residents, and inspecting dorm rooms are a few of the duties. They may drive a utility truck or the college vans, or do time manning the information desk, game room, and fitness center. "On-call" duty is a requirement also, and involves flexibility for spur of the moment problems or requests.

Flying ants was one such problem conference assistant Michelle Hamilton encountered while "on-

dents is to give them an opportunity to make money over the summer," said Colbert, who added that some students simply want to stay on campus.

Sophomore, Kate Hampson, for example, is originally from England and attends WMC on a student visa. Because of the visa, she could not work anywhere off-campus in the United States.

"The job was an opportunity to stay near friends and to see a different side of the school,"

Arthur Wisner, director of financial services. The amount yielded by the camps, individually, ranged from about \$600 to over \$70,000 - generated by the Art Monk Football camp. Wisner said the money goes into the college's general funds, or unrestricted revenue, that is not designated to any one item.

After the graduations were through, Conference Service staff had their hands full with Alumni Weekend for which they operated

said they left the most mess.

Besides the usual dirt and trash left behind from campers, oddities were often discovered by Conference Service workers. Hampson remembers one camp - with an obvious dislike for Glar - that left a pizza box, some with the contents still in it, in every dresser drawer.

She also recalls walking into a Rouzer room after a Chinese Christian group, and discovering all the furniture either stacked to the ceiling or upside down.

The job was not all work and no play for the students, however. Taking the tables off their shoulders and turning off pagers for a day, they all escaped to nearby Adventure World.

"It was really cool getting to know people I wouldn't normally have met," Hamilton said of the peers she working with and became close to.

Hamilton and Hampson bonded one afternoon while coming across Common Ground musicians playing instruments under a tree. Before they knew it, they were jamming along with them.

Hampson said, "We got to see so many diverse people; from football players, to hammered dulcimer players, to Chinese Christians."

"Everybody does laundry and everybody moves tables. It's a very physical job. You might be setting up and taking down the Forum three times a day."

-Mary Jo Colbert, Director of Conference Services

call." The pests had invaded the Garden Apartments that, at the time, were housing members of the Embroidery Guild Association. Hamilton, who is a senior, said that she received more calls and demands from the embroidery group than any other.

Hamilton lived in Whiteford with fellow assistant and senior, Amanda Rose. All six conference assistants lived in dorms, while 9 of the conference aides lived in a Pennsylvania Avenue house and one in Rouzer.

Conference assistants have slightly more responsibility over the aides in that they act as liaisons between camp directors and conference aides. Assistants receive a salary of \$230 a week while aides are paid \$190. All Conference Service workers receive free room and board.

"The main reason [the Conference Services program] hires stu-

dents is to give them an opportunity to make money over the summer," said Colbert, who added that some students simply want to stay on campus.

Through working two summers with Conference Services, Rose said her outlook on the school has changed by getting to know "the people that do the more behind the scenes stuff that students kind of forget about."

"I know some people see it as being stuck on campus all summer, but it has its benefits," Rose said. "The staff on campus is more relaxed and you have a lot of freedom."

On Memorial Day the Conference Services crew dove into work to prepare for Carroll County's high school graduations, as well as Carroll Community College's ceremony. For the following 13 weeks they operated a constant revolving door of new faces.

Through the summer Conference Services program the school grossed \$617,716, according to

a shuttle from the Comfort Inn to the campus. Later in the summer, the Comfort Inn, owned by WMC, lodged and fed the Ravens while they conducted their summer training at the college. The student workers had little, if any, interaction with the NFL team.

Football players of a smaller kind arrived for the Art Monk football camp in late June. Out of all the room inspections she did, Rose

Lights and sirens kick off Safety Day

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

If you looked out your window on Tuesday, September 9 and saw fire engines or heard a Medivac helicopter circling the campus, don't panic.

Fire engines, ambulances, and the Medivac helicopter were all a part of Western Maryland College's Public Safety Day. The event was sponsored by the Department of Campus Safety.

"It's purpose is to get students out so they know what [services] are available if they need to use them," said DOCS Supervisor Ruth Barbour who coordinated the event.

This year marked the fifth annual Public Safety Day. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gunn Plaza and the Rouzer parking lot were filled with equipment and information

about Emergency Medical Services available in the community.

Rape Crisis Intervention, The Carroll County Health Department, West City Crime Prevention, and the Lineboro Fire Company all sent representatives to help with the event. William Caudill from the Lineboro Fire Department has been involved with the program for the past three years. He thinks the day is important because it gives students a "hands-on" look at emergency medical services. "I think it's good to show the students the dangers of drunk driving," he adds.

To demonstrate these dangers, the Pleasant Valley Fire Department staged a car accident in which they used the jaws of life to rescue a trapped victim. Senior exercise science major Amanda Rose was selected to be the trapped victim. She got into the

car after it was turned on its side. Rose then watched as rescuers shattered the windshield before her eyes and used the jaws of life to remove her from the car. "It is an experience I hope I never have to experience again," Rose said.

Other highlights of the day's events included demonstrations with both drug and firearm dogs and the landing of the Medivac helicopter, Barbour's favorite part of the day.

Barbour says that DOCS added a raffle to this year's event to get more students involved. Movie tickets, t-shirts, lunch pails, and a free parking pass were all raffled during the event.

Public Safety Day is held to show WMC students what services are available to them should they ever need emergency medical assistance. "There are people here to help us," said Rose.

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Hypnosis, music, food, and sun welcome back students

Welcome Back Weekend mimics Spring Fling with outdoor activities and nightly events initiating students into the fall semester.

BY JENNIFER VICK AND NICKI KASSOLIS
Features Editors

The fall semester was ushered in this year with a party and activity-filled weekend that brought together returning and new faces on September 5 and 6.

Dubbed "Welcome Back Weekend" by its organizer, College Activities, a "Hypnosis and ESP Show" was presented Friday night by Thomas Bresadola in the Forum. The next day, a band performed and a barbecue dinner was served in Memorial Plaza, followed by a dance party that night.

Director of College Activities, Mitchell Alexander, described the weekend as a "watered down Spring Fling." Occurring the weekend before finals in May, Spring Fling is a similar weekend that was to have taken place for the first time in Memorial Plaza last



After a summer apart, upperclassmen Emily Grant, Jesse Belz, Stacey McIntyre, and Mandy Hofstetter reunite in Memorial Plaza during Welcome Back Weekend.

year but, due to rain, it took place inside instead.

"This is kind of a testing ground for Spring Fling so we can fine tune it before we get to Spring's Spring Fling," Alexander said.

Saturday's crowd in "Red Square" was small but CAPBoard Special Events chairperson, junior Meghan

Joyce, remained positive.

"I wish more people would have been here, but it's more people that showed up this year than last year," said Joyce, adding that there were a lot of people off campus that day involved in sports.

Jook, a band hailing from Silver Spring, provided music while students

played laser tag, frisbee, and feasted on ice cream, popcorn, and snowballs. Originally, a New England band, Rustic Overtones, was scheduled to perform, but they canceled at the last minute after their drummer broke his wrist.

The activities of Welcome Back Weekend culminated in an outdoor dance party Saturday. From 9 p.m. until midnight, approximately 200 people made their way to Memorial Plaza for the festivities. The event was co-sponsored by SGA and WMCRC, who provided the music from the steps of Hoover Library.

"We tried to play a little bit of everything," said WMCRC station manager Todd Hutchinson. The party was patterned after a similar event held last May during Spring Fling Weekend.

Hutchinson, a senior art history major, thinks that everyone enjoyed both the music and the atmosphere. "People hung around even after we stopped playing the music," he said.

For returning WMC students, the party was a place to get reacquainted with old friends. "It was good to talk to people I hadn't seen in months," said junior psychology major Erin Farver.

The dance also introduced first-year students to the social life at WMC. "The party was a fun way to meet new people," said Shawn Minnier, a freshman history major.

Dorms open their doors for two new RLCs

Gallup, Leytush join WMC Residence Life staff

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

There are two new faces on the Western Maryland College campus. They can be seen in their offices in Blanche and Rouzer; their doors are open and they are ready to help WMC students. They are Dina Leytush and Nicole Gallup, WMC's new Residence Life Coordinators.

"This is such a beautiful, beautiful campus," said Dina Leytush, Residence Life Coordinator for Greek Students.

In July, Leytush moved into her new office and apartment on the WMC campus. Since then, she has been learning the ins and outs of life at WMC. "Everybody's been so great. Everyone was so friendly as soon as I got here," she said.

Leytush was born in Russia. In 1981, her family immigrated to America and she was raised in Randallstown, MD.

In 1994 she graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and from there Leytush went on to get her masters in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She now fills the position that Greg Zick vacated when he joined the Peace Corps.

"Everything you can think of that goes on in McDaniel, Blanche, and ANW is my responsibility," said Leytush who is very enthusiastic about

"I would hope that some of the students consider me their friend...If I can make a difference in one student's life, it's all worth it to me."

-Dina Leytush, Residence Life Coordinator

her new job. "I love working with students and I hope the students feed off of that and get excited too."

Nicole Gallup is also enthusiastic about her new role as RLC for first-year students. Gallup replaces Makeba Clay, who now works at The Johns Hopkins University. Her responsible is to oversee students in Rouzer and Whiteford.

Originally from Albany, N.Y., Gallup attended the State University of New York at Albany where she got a bachelor's degree in English. Gallup then got a master's degree in education and is certified to teach grades 7-12.

After working in the residence life office at SUNY Albany, she said she thought "it would be a good change for me to move into the private sector and see what that's all about."

Gallup moved into her new office and apartment in Rouzer the same day the first-year students arrived on campus. "I think with first year students, they're learning their way around campus and they have a lot more 'TLC' type issues," said Gallup who is ready

to help the students with homesickness, missing their pets, and the academic adjustment to college.

Both Gallup and Leytush see themselves as resources for WMC students. "We want to be a disciplinarian, but more importantly we want to be a friend and resource for students," Gallup said.

"I would hope that some of the students consider me their friend," Leytush said. She loves her new office and its placement on the first floor of Blanche because it allows her to "get to know faces."

Leytush speaks fondly of her staff of Resident Assistants. "I love my staff. I'm really proud of them; they did a great job in training and opening the halls," she said.

What do the new RLCs hope to accomplish in their new positions? "If I can make a difference in one student's life, it's all worth it for me," Leytush said.

"My door is open if anyone needs to talk or stop in and say hi; I'm more than willing to speak to anyone," said Gallup.

Mark Your Calendars...

Westminster Fallfest

From September 25-28 is the Westminster Fallfest. For the ninth year the festivities will cover a two block area downtown with food, vendors, and music. Attend the opening night parade, participate in a scarecrow making and pie eating contest, or rove the streets with jugglers and clowns.

Maryland Wine Festival

Come out to the Carroll County Farm Museum September 20 and 21 for the Maryland Wine Festival. Nine Maryland Wineries will be on hand to showcase and sell their wines. Wine experts will also conduct educational seminars explaining the art of wine tasting. For those 21 and older, the admission is \$13. If you're under 21 you must be accompanied by an adult.

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Welcome Class of 2001 - Some tips for getting around:

Where to go, what to do around town

BY JENNIFER VICK
Features Editor

Now, as an official WMC freshman, you've endured the orientation, getting-to-know-you process. You have found a niche of friends to eat with in Glar, whether it be roommates, fellow teammates, or the back row in English 101. You've joined CAPBoard, Christian Fellowship and WMC. Or you may have left Rouzer twice in the past two weeks and gone through 12 cases of "Beast." Greek life still remains a mystery, or you have the fraternities and sororities down like the back of your hand - who lives on what floor, in what dorm, and where the eligible parties are. You also could be experiencing serious boredom with the social life on campus. If so, you may want to wander into Westminster...

Restaurants

If you're looking for good food around town, there are a bunch of places to choose from. Tully's restaurant and bar, located in the Cranberry Mall, offers reasonably priced meals in a fun atmosphere. On weekend nights a DJ or band dish up tunes, and a wandering magician may whip out a trick or two for your dinner party. If you're in the mood for wings, Tuesday nights they're 15 cents. If your underage, however, you have to be in

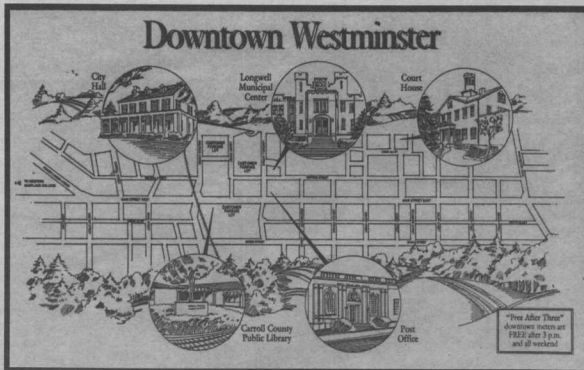
the door before 9 p.m.

A popular retreat for upperclassmen is a bar below Johansson's restaurant, located on the corner of route 27 and Main Street. Its official name is the Down Under Bar & Grill, but for everybody at WMC it's still known as Champs, a name it went by for years. If you're over 21, Thursday nights are all you can drink for \$7. If not, you can check out the chicken wings on Tuesday nights that are seven for \$1. Every other Tuesday there is also karaoke that starts at 6 p.m.

If you miss Mom's home cooking, head up the road to Baugher's restaurant. In addition to casual dining and hearty portions of country cooking, they are one of four locations in the Baltimore area that make and serve their own ice cream.

Not only is Baugher's within walking distance, but so is Harry's. Located on Main Street, it is a 1950s style restaurant for which you can chow down inexpensively on hamburgers, fries, or vegetarian options, homemade desserts, and chat with friendly servers.

If it's good Italian food your looking for to treat your significant other, head up Route 140 to Maria's restaurant - next to McDonald's. It may be a little more on the pricey side, but the pasta dishes are out of this world.



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If you get a case of the munchies at 2 a.m., the pub is closed, and you've already gone through all the Tasty Kakes mom mailed you, there is always Sheetz. The convenience store is a mile and a half up Main Street. It is open 24 hours, and Schmutznits, egg, ham, cheese, or sausage on an English muffin, are only 99 cents.

Shopping

Besides the Cranberry Mall, that has all the typical mall-type chain stores to choose from, and everyone's all-purpose store, Wal-Mart, there are the little shops lin-

ing Main Street to do your shopping.

Great prices on used books, tapes, and CD's can be found among the musty stacks of Record & Book Heaven. Collectibles and unique cards line the shelves in a small shop named Forget Me Not. Or if you're looking to get that first, second, or third tattoo, there is Little Vinnie's Tattoos. And Valentine and anniversary bouquets can be purchased at The Flower Box.

The Mission store, also on Main Street, is a used furniture and clothing store that could turn up

the perfect couch, coffee table, or lamp for your dorm room. You may not only find cool accessories to put the finishing touches on your room, you will be helping a local charity for which part of the store's profits go toward.

Movies

The closest place to catch a movie is the Cranberry Mall Cinema 6. But if you don't want to spend seven bucks to see the latest blockbusters on the big screen, you may want to wait until it comes to Blockbuster Video, located next to Taco Bell on Route 140.

Best Bets in Baltimore...

Besides being a little over 30 minutes away, Baltimore offers up not only the scenery and shopping of the Inner Harbor, but an array of things to do that appeal to just about any taste. If you don't have a car, find a friend or make friends with someone who does, and hit the road.

Literary Types

Writer and poet Edgar Allan Poe lived and was buried in Baltimore and you can visit the famous grave at the Westminster Burying Ground on Fayette and Greene Streets. Or, for three dollars, you can wander through the house in which he wrote his first horror story. For more information on Edgar Allan Poe's House call 410-378-7228.

On Charles Street, near the Washington Monument, is a fantastic bookstore called Louie's Bookstore Cafe. Not only can you thumb through new and used books while sipping cappuccino, you can listen to small ensembles play classical and folk music.

Biology Majors

Stroll along side sharks, stink rays, or sea horses at the National Aquarium that has multilevel exhibits and tanks housing aquatic life. For \$11.50 you can explore the biology and ecology of oceans, rivers and

rainforests for an afternoon. For more information call 410-576-3800.

Animal lovers may also want to check out the Baltimore Zoo that features everything from elephants to Siberian tigers, to otters and woodchucks. Admission is \$7. For more information call 410-366-5466.

Sports Fans

Located conveniently just off Interstate 95 and a "long fly ball" from Oriole Park at Camden Yards, is the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Official Baltimore Orioles Museum. Get a taste of what the baseball legend was like by studying a vast collection of memorabilia. For more information call 800-435-BABE.

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Four blocks from Little Italy, is Fell's Point. Overlooking the bay, what was once a thriving shipbuilding center, is now a neighborhood imitating the past with cobblestone streets, quaint shops and historic pubs.

If drinking and window shopping isn't your thing, then catch a play at the Fell's Point Corner Theater. The small theater features adventurous contemporary works from off-Broadway and regional sources.

Tickets are \$11 at the door on Saturday nights, and \$10 on Friday and Sunday.

Horoscopes for September:

BY HEATHER WOODS AND JESSE WATTS
Contributing Writers

Libra (9/24-10/23)

This month is great! The new faces you see on campus are all waiting to be a friend. So call someone you just met and invite them to a movie...it just might be the best thing you've done all year.

Scorpio (10/24-11/22)

This month your finances are in chaos. Keep your wallet in your pocket. The limelight will seem to find you this month as you rack up awards. Enjoy it while it lasts, but don't forget the little people.

Sagittarius (11/23-12/21)

Your temper is showing this month. Keep a lid on it or you may lose some friends. As for classes, spill your ideas, they earn lots of brownie points with the professors.

Capricorn (12/22-1/20)

Start planning your holiday getaway now. Somewhere sunny, the nearby beach always helps the winter blues. Back at school, you may find someone looking at you in class, and not the books...

Aquarius (1/21-2/19)

You're on center stage this month.

Classes will go well and a new love may enter your life. Your means of transportation may be letting you down, though. Perhaps its time to pull out the wallet and see a mechanic.

Pisces (2/20-3/20)

Don't give out free advice to those who aren't willing to listen. However, you may want to give yourself some of that wisdom as someone is demanding more time than you can give, and your friends are feeling left out. Try to maintain balance.

Aries (3/21-4/20)

You may be feeling let down by someone close to you. Just remember that you're not the only one who has needs and wants. After all, we all have to find our way in this world and sometimes it requires breaking ties with those we love. Don't dwell on it. By the end of the month all will be forgotten.

Taurus (4/21-5/21)

So your summer wasn't quite what you expected. Your job was hard and you just didn't seem to find that summer love. Enjoy the fall. Go Greek or find some cool independents. Whatever you decide, have fun and party hard!

Gemini (5/22-6/21)

Last June when you received your grades, you swore to yourself that this year you'd pay more attention to classes and not the opposite sex. Remember that now and don't let your "extracurricular" activities get in the way of the real reason you're here.

Cancer (6/22-7/23)

Life is like a box of chocolates, ya never know what you're gonna get.

Leo (7/24-8/23)

Its time to make a major choice in your life. Whether it'll be the right one is up to you. Remember that you're reactions affect others, but ultimately, you have to do what is right for you. If you give this careful consideration, you won't let anyone down.

Virgo (8/24-9/23)

The summer left you fat and lazy (but with a great tan). Now that you're back in the swing of things, you might want to try a new workout. After all, it won't be long before the holidays arrive with their goodies. Start exercising now and you won't be too embarrassed next summer when its time to wear your skinny tees.

Ravens sign new spring-training contract here at WMC

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While Seidel would not comment on the cost of these improvements or how much each organization would be paying for them, he did say that the Ravens would be paying the entire bill for the drainage system and the Bermuda grass, while all other costs would be split in some manner. According to a March 19 Hanover Sun article, "the improvements" costs are not to exceed \$300,000 and the Baltimore franchise will pick up two-thirds of the tab."

Despite the cost of improvements, Seidel insists the college will come out ahead financially, and at the same time benefit from the improvements that will be made to the facilities.

"It's not just the profit that you see, but what you're getting as a real solid benefit is a lot of improved facilities that otherwise we probably would not have been able to afford," he said.

Seidel says the college will make some of its money this year from an increase in the number of rooms the Ravens will occupy in the Comfort Inn. Last year, he says, the Ravens rented out approximately 95 percent of the rooms in the college-owned motel; this year they will occupy the entire motel.

Regarding the improved facilities Seidel commented that "almost all of them tend to be mutually beneficial. In other words, the Ravens need them, but when the Ravens aren't here the college is going to be able to make very good use of them."

Another difference between the contract signed last year and the new contract is the

way the Ravens will pay for their meals. According to Seidel, last year a flat fee was paid for the meals based on a per-person-per-meal basis. For the next five years, however, meals will be paid for using a "cost plus" method. This means that the Ravens will notify the school of what they want in terms of menu and quantity, and the school will charge them the cost of supplying this.

While most people were satisfied with the way things went last year, one flaw that upset a lot of people was the lack of space created by the number of sports camps vying for practice fields while the Ravens were at WMC. Many of these camps were forced to use Bair Stadium, which caused a lot of damage to the field used for home football games, and kept the Ravens off of it when they wanted to use it.

"They really destroyed that game field," Keating said. "It was a damn shame too, because we had six home games last year, and... that field was in worse condition at the end of the year than it had ever been in the four years that I've been here, but the best condition it had been in at the beginning of the season before they allowed the sports camps to go on it."

This could have potentially been a big problem because, according to Seidel, approximately 23 sports camps use WMC facilities each summer and are a large source of revenue for the college.

"That's why this year I insisted that if they're going to come back we were going to have to build another practice field and

try to stay off the football field," Seidel said. The Ravens will now be able to use the game field occasionally, and damage will be held to a minimum.

Due to the location of this new practice field the eighth hole of the golf course needed to be reconfigured, but Seidel says that avid golfers have no reason to worry. "I think it's going to work out real well. I think it's going to be a nice hole," he said.

On the current practice fields a drainage system is being installed to help alleviate the flooding problem that the Ravens faced last year. New grass will be planted on one of the practice fields as well.

Last year the Ravens wore down WMC's practice fields, so this year more durable Bermuda grass will be planted on one of the fields, and Seidel hopes the other one will receive Bermuda grass next year. Bermuda grass goes dormant after the first frost so rye grass seeds will also be planted to keep the grass greener, longer.

"I wish it would stay greener longer, but it is a heartier grass, so I'm pleased," said Keating.

"Bermuda grass makes a neat playing surface and it's a good looking field so I think it'll be a good addition," said Ken Nunnelee, equipment manager at WMC, who also helps take care of the athletic fields.

Nunnelee says that having the Ravens here will be a big plus for the fields. "We're excited about this coming year, by them signing a five-year deal here. We'll have better playing conditions, better fields," he said.

Keating says he is very happy with the Ravens presence at WMC. "I feel like a kid in a candy shop almost. The things that they've given us, the access that we've had to them, I can't ask for more. I'm very happy with it," he said.

He points to his admittance into the Ravens' mini-camp, even though they are usually closed to the public, as an example of this access. "I got access to them, because (Ravens Coach Ted Marchibroda) knows me, and that I might not have had otherwise."

Keating says the entire Ravens coaching staff has been cooperative in showing him and his staff new drills, techniques, and plays. He was obviously happy to hear of the five-year agreement.

"I'm pleased, I really am. I love being here. Them being here makes it more enjoyable for me. I can learn from them, professionally develop, and make friends with them," he said.

Ron Sermarini, a freshman quarterback, is also excited by the agreement. "I think it's a good thing for Western Maryland's football program," he said. "I think the Baltimore Ravens do a good job in validating our team with necessary equipment."

According to Nunnelee, the Ravens provided the Green Terror with several pairs of cleats to go along with approximately 80 pairs of gloves, 30 pairs of wrist bands, and 60 used footballs, even though that was not required by the contract. The money that the team saved on this equipment helped buy them other equipment, such as new green jerseys.

Prior to WMC's game last November at Johns Hopkins the Ravens loaned the team 48 pairs of turf shoes and allowed them to practice on their turf practice field in Owings Mills rent-free. "There's nothing in the contract, that's just them being generous," Seidel said.

The Ravens seem to be pleased with their summer home as well, and with the agreement. "Obviously we would not have entered into such a long range contract if WMC were not the place for us," said Bob Eller, the Raven's director of operations. He also said that both institutions were doing a good job of looking out for the needs and concerns of the other.

WMC President Robert Chambers is especially excited the contract, citing both the restoration of a strong football tradition at WMC, and the positive image that it gives to the college. "We're on a roll here," he commented.

Chambers says that the college almost lost out on the opportunity to host the Ravens' training camp. He says that when the Cleveland Browns' organization announced that they were moving to Baltimore, the Canadian Football League Baltimore Stallions had just previously chosen Towson University over Western Maryland as the site for their training camp, and WMC already had a full load of sports camps and other groups coming that summer. For these two reasons WMC officials figured it would not be worth the trouble to go after the Ravens. Fortunately, Chambers says, the Ravens sought out WMC, and "I got really excited," he said.

Chambers was also quoted in the March 19 Hanover Sun article as saying, "We've gotten to know each other a little bit and our growing acquaintance has led to the desire to develop a more lasting relationship. We've brought back a fine tradition to Western Maryland College."

Field hockey starts slow this season

BY CAROLYN BARNES
Editor-in-Chief

With an extremely young team, the lady Green Terror field hockey team has yet to defeat an opponent this season. Although, WMC "could be one of the surprise teams in the Conference this fall," thinks Steven Ulrich, Executive Secretary of the Centennial Conference.

This possible surprise may come from the return of a number of experienced players, although many are young. Junior Amy North, of Sykesville, MD, was an honorable

mention All-Centennial selection at forward, after scoring 8-2-18.

Senior co-captain Katie Haley, of Rockville, MD, and sophomore Kerry Wilson, of Elkton, MD, give WMC a potent frontline trio. Sophomores Shelly Dinterman, of Westminster, and Melissa Reynolds, of Arnold, MD, headline the midfield. Also, junior three-year goalie Jaime Moyer returns.

Despite the returning talent, the ladies not only have yet to win this season, they have yet to score either.

In the season opener, on September 6, Elizabethtown scored twice in the first half and once in the second to win 3-0. Following their first loss, the Terror fell to Goucher on September 9, 2-0, in a non-conference game.

Sophomore goalie Jessica Horwath, of West Friendship, MD, registered seven saves in the outing.

Saturday, September 13, the ladies hosted Swarthmore, helping them to win their 19th straight game 5-0. Horwath recorded 12 saves in the game, while Moyer had four.

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Football begins with undefeated season

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three minute mark after WMC received the opening kickoff and drove 56 yards in eight plays. His 12-yard scoring strike to junior running back Gavin DeFreitas just two minutes before halftime increased WMC's lead to 23-0.

Juniata scored its lone touchdown on a 73-yard pass from quarterback Dave Houser to wide receiver Jason Falvo with thirteen minutes left in the third quarter.

Sermarini closed out the scoring with a two-yard run to complete an 11-play, 62-yard drive

with 13 minutes remaining in the game.

Sermarini completed 21 of 31 passes for 227 yards, with the two touchdowns and no interceptions. DeFreitas topped the 100-yard mark for the second consecutive game, racking up 114 yards on a career-high 25 carries, while also grabbing four passes for 60 yards.

The Green Terror defense completely shut down the Juniata rushing game, setting a school record with minus-27 yards allowed rushing.

In 1979, Western Maryland held Moravian to minus-23 yards rushing in a 12-0 victory.

Sophomore inside linebacker Tommy Selecky, of Claymont, DE, led the WMC defensive charge with six tackle, including three sacks, and his first career interception.

WMC's 2-0 record best record this early for the first time since the '92 team won its first four games.

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DeFreitas earns honor

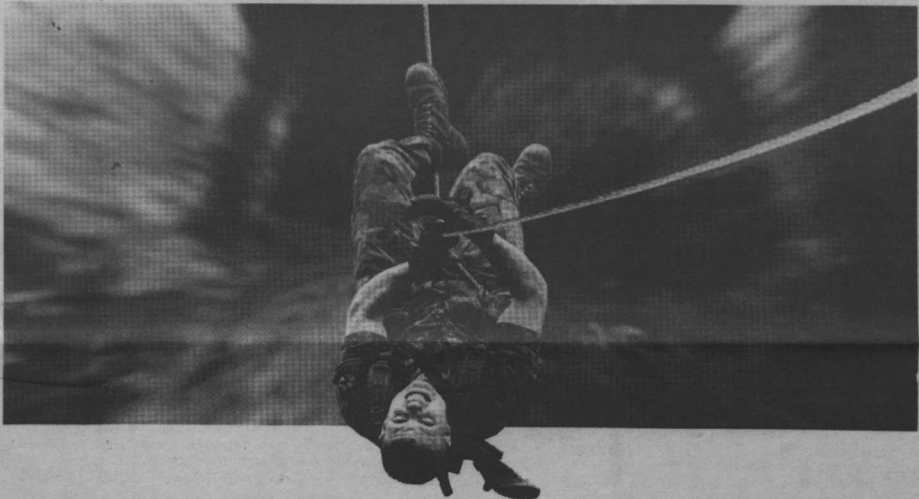
Junior DeFreitas wins offensive player of the week honor

Junior running back Gavin DeFreitas, of Seabrook, MD, was rewarded for the best day of his career with the first Centennial Conference Player of the Week honor of the year.

DeFreitas racked up 125 yards on 23 carries, both career highs, in Western Maryland's 21-17 season-opening win at Bridgewater College on Saturday, September 6. He also scored the second Green Terror touchdown on a three-yard run as part of the second 100-yard game of his career.

The 5-foot-11, 185-pound DeFreitas was Western Maryland's leading rusher in 1996, gaining 480 yards on 149 carries with four touchdowns.

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Four seasons at WMC remaining in Raven's new contract

Students, administration, and staff seem happy about agreement

BY DAN GADD
Contributing Writer

For the next four summers, at least, visitors to Western Maryland College will be able to hear the crack of helmets colliding, the groans of fatigued players trying to muster up any energy they have, and witness some of the best athletes in the United States.

The Baltimore Ravens and Western Maryland College took their relationship to the next level last spring. On March 18 the two institutions signed a five-year

agreement, keeping the Ravens' training camp in Westminster through the year 2001.

Officials at WMC are ecstatic about the deal. They feel that this agreement will give the college a positive image, and at the same time benefit them financially.

"It's a very favorable arrangement for the college. I'll say that," commented Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance at WMC, who helped put the deal together. WMC Head Football Coach Tim Keating is also excited about the deal.

"I think it's a positive reflection of Western Maryland College that they decided to be here. Had they decided to be here for one year, then left, I think that would have reflected negatively. Not only did they decide to be here again, but they decided to sign a five year contract," said Tim Keating, head football coach at WMC. Keating and his team stand to benefit maybe more than anyone else at the college from this deal.

By signing the contract both organizations agreed to several fa-

cility enhancements, according to Seidel. These improvements include: the installation of ceiling fans in three of the locker rooms and the training room; a drainage system on the practice fields to keep the fields from flooding; the addition of a wash machine and two dryers to the laundry room; a new practice field; the planting of Bermuda grass on one of the practice fields; the paving and lining of the parking lot near the water tower; and the addition of a 1,500-square-foot room to the Comfort Inn. This will allow the Ravens

to hold meetings there in the evenings, thereby opening the other meeting rooms at WMC for groups wishing to hold conferences or meetings.

"One of the biggest changes or differences is knowing that they're going to be here for four more years, the Ravens and the college were willing to make more improvements. The first year neither one of us wanted to spend a whole lot of money on facilities if they weren't coming back," said Seidel regarding the new contract.

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Football team yet to be beaten this fall; currently 2-0

Immense number of freshman players provide varying talents combined with returning experience make strong teams. The Green Terror fall '97 football team has large amounts of both.

BY CAROLYN BARNESE
Editor-in-Chief

With the amazing amount of freshman players, 45 to be exact, seven seniors, 14 juniors, and 44 returning letterwinners playing this fall, the Green Terror football team is both experienced and growing in talent.

Currently, WMC has yet to be defeated with wins against both Bridgewater and Juniata.

Quad-captains Donte Abron, of Baltimore, MD, and Bill Parks, of Lansdale, PA, both seniors, and juniors Tom Lapato, of Mount Airy, MD, and Jay Tharpe, of Churchville, MD, lead the team, while Coach Tim Keating returns for his fifth year as head coach.

In the opening game of the season on Saturday, September 6, WMC travelled to Bridgewater and returned with a 21-17 victory.

Junior Gavin DeFreitas, of Seabrook, MD, rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown as the Green Terror grabbed a quick 14-0 lead and held on for the non-conference win.

DeFreitas carried the ball 23 times, including a three-yard touchdown with 6:32 left in the first quarter which gave the Terror's their 14-0 lead. The 125 yards is a career

best for the junior running back. Because of DeFreitas's performance in the Bridgewater game he received offensive player of the week honors from the Centennial Conference.

WMC grabbed a 7-0 advantage on a 16-yard jaunt by junior Jay Tharpe just short of five minutes into the contest. The six-play, 39-yard scoring drive on the visitors' first possession was set up by a 45-yard punt return by sophomore defensive back Marvin Deal.

The Green Terror limited Bridgewater to just 13 yards in the first two quarters, but a special teams miscue enabled the Eagles to close within 14-7 late in the first half.

Freshman Brent Sandrook's 25-yard field-goal attempt with a minute left in the second quarter was blocked, and Wilber Coleman returned the loose ball 85 yards for a touchdown.

Western Maryland regained the two-touchdown lead by putting together a ten-play, 76-yard march after receiving the second-half kickoff.

Sophomore quarterback Ron Sermarini, of Toms River, NJ, connected with sophomore wide receiver Marc Alegi for a 13-yard

scoring strike with 10 minutes left in the third quarter.

Reserve quarterback Birth Osinkosky rallied Bridgewater as he completed three straight passes during a fourth-quarter drive, the final one covering 13 yards to Von Lewis for a touchdown at the eight minute mark.

The Eagles drew closer the next time they had the ball, as Michael

Padgett drilled a 47-yard field goal with five minutes remaining. Bridgewater then held Western Maryland to four downs, but a sack and three incompletions ended the comeback attempt.

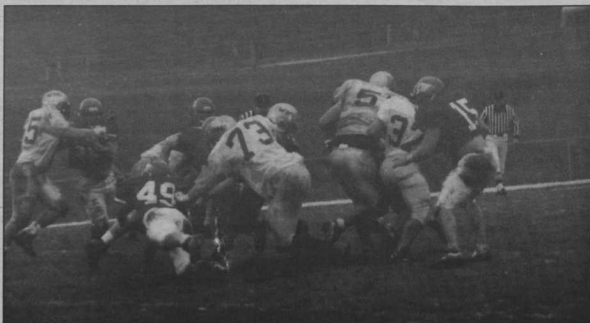
In defeating Bridgewater, the Green Terror snapped a three-year losing streak in season openers.

One week later, WMC regained at home defeating Juniata 30-8 for

their second straight victory. Quarterback Ron Sermarini threw for two touchdowns and rushed for one to lead the Terror's past Juniata 30-8 in a non-conference game.

Sermarini, a sophomore, connected with classmate Marc Alegi for a five-yard TD just before the

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JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

The Terror, above, are in a tackle situation at Scott S. Bair Stadium on the hill. Junior Jay Tharpe (5) holds strong against his opponent.

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Abducted WMC student found unharmed after 19 hour ordeal

BY KATE HAMPTON
News Editor

A commuter student was found in Ohio after being abducted from her Columbia home on Friday, September 19.

Stephanie Musick, a senior social work major, was forced at gunpoint into a red Dodge Raider. She was found just before daybreak in a department store parking lot, handcuffed to the seat belt.

Her alleged abductor, John Righter, 22, was asleep when police discovered them. Righter was pulled from the car and was arrested by police. A 9mm handgun and a knife were recovered from the vehicle.

Musick met Righter at the Sears

department store where they both worked until Righter left at the beginning of August.

Musick told *The Washington Post* that she spoke with him a few times and he decided that she was a friend.

On September 5, she filed a stalking complaint against him after he had allegedly been following her and sending her unwanted e-mail.

Police said that she thought the sightings coincidental until she saw him here on campus. Musick did not inform college safety officials of her concern over Righter, according to Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster. Neither Webster nor Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre were aware that

Musick was being stalked and only learned of it after the abduction.

Sayre said that he was "shocked and stunned" when he found out about the kidnapping. He explained that he tried to get through to Musick's mother but wasn't able to and was left feeling "helpless."

When asked whether any special action will be taken to help Musick when she returns to school, Sayre explained that if the school is informed of threatening situations that involve students, the College will do as much as the student wishes. "It's their prerogative," he said.

Webster advised any student who is being stalked to inform Campus Safety and to seek a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO).



MICHELLE HAMILTON

Using alcohol responsibly is a major issue for first-year students.

First year students voice concern over OCTAA program

BY MICHELLE HAMILTON
Senior Writer

In the midst of orientation, first year students experienced a program new to WMC, OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol), which aims to educate students on choices related to drinking. The program contained important information about alcohol use, but seminar presenters and students alike voiced concern with OCTAA's length of four hours and style of presentation.

According to Bonnie Bosley, Health Education Coordinator, OCTAA "is more than your high school program." Aimed at preventing high risk drinking and "one night problems" it teaches moderation, not just abstinence. Students also learn to determine high and low risks and their own biological predisposition to alcoholism.

OCTAA was presented to Bosley over a year ago, and she was trained in the summer of '96 as an educator and presenter. "Last February Bonnie Bosley came to me [and was] very excited," replaced Barb Horneff, Dean of First Year Students. "She asked me if there was a place for [OCTAA] in our first year program." After seeing the program and seeking the professional opinions of Phil Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, and those

involved with the Presidential Commission on Alcohol and Community Behavior, a decision to implement the program was made.

"We wanted to be number one in the state of Maryland to offer this approach," Horneff explained. With this goal, WMC applied for and was awarded a grant valued at \$18,000 which covered the costs of registration, training, and materials. Now, there is a contract and a "commitment to present OCTAA for four years" to new students, said Bosley.

The presentation of OCTAA consists of a set program which is dictated by PRI (Prevention Research Institute), the international organization that developed it. Slides, lectures, and workbooks are utilized to educate students about

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College admits largest freshman class in 130 year history

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Assistant News Editor

The Class of 2001, which brought in 504 new students, has left some upperclassmen feeling as if WMC is bursting at the seams.

The campus is not overcrowded, but could be closer to reaching its target number of students than ever before, according to Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell.

For the first time in its 130 year history, the college has opened its doors to over 500 new students, according to a Public Information release.

O'Connell said she sees the growing numbers as a positive move.

With approximately 1400 students enrolled for the Fall '97 semester, there is debate as to whether WMC has reached its capacity.

Exactly what the capacity is can be determined from two different standpoints: classroom space and dormitory space. The number of graduate students and commuters

is also a variable. There is enough classroom space to accommodate 1600 students, but residence halls begin to fill at numbers closer to 1400, according to Provost Joan Coley.

"All I can tell you is that we're not there yet," Coley said. "I don't think we've reached capacity."

The increase in enrollment is due in part to WMC having more to offer prospective students as the college modernizes every year. The renovations of Hill Hall, the Art Department, and WMC's "crowning jewel," Hoover Library are largely responsible for making the campus more appealing to incoming students, O'Connell said.

"Things are finally coming together, so we're first in students' minds," O'Connell said. The admissions process is "a whole concerted effort that's always been in place, but gets fine-tuned each year."

Associate Dean of First Year Students Barb Horneff said that although the college is more aggressively seeking out prospective students, they almost immediately

take to the concept of what WMC is all about.

"I don't feel we have to sell this class our product," Horneff said. "They've already bought it."

The admissions process wasn't drastically altered when preparing for this year, but more "targeted recruitment" was employed. Closer attention was paid to following up with students who tour the campus while making their college decision. O'Connell coordinates her work with academic departments in order to match students' admissions letters to their interests.

This system is also being used by coaches to register numerous new athletes. "They've recruited the best and brightest on the playing fields," Horneff said.

In the past, it has been the admission office's goal to recruit enough new students to replace graduating seniors, therefore keeping enrollment somewhat consistent.

In 1993, a "scholarship pull-back" was applied to see if a de-

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THE SOAPBOX

Adam Dean

Hey everybody! I know it is about time to begin getting serious, but right now I don't feel like it. So compromise, what should we write about today? I know! I know! Let's talk about television. Why television? Well, why the heck not? Many people watch television. As a matter of fact, I would bet almost all of you do. That sweet, alluring mind-candy sucks all of us in when we are supposed to be doing other things. It calls to us. "Come, come. Watch me. Don't worry about your homework, you have time to do it later. Come, I will entertain you. I can make you laugh. I can show you pictures of explosions and half naked people. Come, watch."

Now, whenever my television starts talking to me, my first inclination is to do an Elvis Presley and shoot the screen. Unfortunately, I always seem to have left my .45 automatic in my other pants. But, luckily three shots of Old Grandad always seem to have the same effect. Then I sit down and watch.

So what do I watch? Lots of stuff. I usually try to give new shows a chance, but to be honest most TV today just sucks. Take for example the new show on ABC, "Dharma and Greg." Please! My first reaction to this program was to say to myself, "Thank God the hippie era died out long ago." But then I thought to myself, what if it didn't die out for everybody? What if on some corner of the globe (like California?) it didn't die out completely? Are there still people trapped in another time, unable and unwilling to live with the modern world, sort of a hippie-amish? The hamish, perhaps? What can be done

for these poor hamish souls? What? What did you say? Nooo, that is a bad idea. Yes, I know it works for stray dogs and cats but you can't do that with people. And besides, the ACLU would be all over you like a Vice President on a Buddhist Nun's pocketbook.

So back to "Dharma." I guess I just didn't get this show. The first episode didn't make any sense. These two people meet each other and then about ten minutes later they are married. What gives here? It probably would have been better just to begin the whole series with them together and just forget about all this stuff.

I guess I'm just not a sitcom kind of guy. I mean, they are nice every once and a while, but not every night of the week. And, anyway, laughing is overrated. I personally prefer being pissed off. There is nothing to get your blood circulating in the morning like a nice, steaming bowl of hatred for your fellow man. We need more TV shows about people who don't like each other. Take "Friends" (off the air, please) for instance. I wouldn't want to be "Friends" with any of these people. They all are too self-centered and sniveling to be tolerable for more than a few minutes. I want there to be a serious fight over something on this show (maybe over who most needs to get a life?) which winds up with them all hating each other. Then they could launch a spin off, "Enemies." They all try to ruin each other's lives by spreading rumors and hiring hitmen. Now that would

be a show to watch.

How about an all new "Hogan's Heroes?" I really have problems with any show that's main purpose seems to be to show the "lighter side" of Nazism. I don't see why they don't go the whole way and make people really angry. They could make the "Heroes" be the poor Nazi prison guards forced to deal with unruly American prisoners whose behavior causes them deep emotional pain and prevents them from fulfilling their own personal goals (promotion, world domination, massacre of ethnic minorities, a pair of spiffy new jackboots, etc.) Heck, this might even be a good soap opera.

I also like the news and news magazines. They always let you know what to be angry about. I mean, how would most of us know that there was a crime epidemic without some talking noggin blathering it to us every single night? I guess people would just think those bullets were from careless deer hunters or something. I do feel that news is important and needs to be covered, but do the journalists always have to assume their audience doesn't know anything? I guess so. Maybe they are right.

So let me ask you guys what kind of shows do you like? Is there anything good out there? If so, prove it to me. You have got my e-mail address. Use it.

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Pride diminished by poor anthem recording

Carolyn Barnes

I have been in attendance at both of the home football games this season, and first and foremost, I would like to congratulate the Terrors for their outstanding playing performance and sportsmanship in the first four games of the season.

It always produces a deeper feeling of pride in your school when the football team, or any other sports team for that matter,

But, especially during the first home game of the season, my feeling of pride was diminished, if not replaced by embarrassment, from the extremely poor quality of either the tape recording of the Anthem, or the sound system on which it was played. The song was barely audible and mostly filled with static.

games?

Doing this would provide many benefits to both the performer and the school, and also be the least costly solution.

First, the music program at WMC is wonderful and includes many extremely talented performers. For one or several of them to volunteer would give them

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wins a game. But, our football team did not just win one game, they've won four, and haven't lost any. Talk about feeling proud.

Both home games this season have brought with them a nostalgic atmosphere as well as gorgeous weather, but there is one specific suggestion that I would like to make to improve this.

Like I stated, I have great pride in my school in general, but my pride increases every time the National Anthem is played at the start of any game. The whole crowd becomes silent as they salute the flag as well as to support the game about to be played.

Now, there are several suggestions that I would like to make to resolve this problem.

First, and I believe, most reasonably, if the tape recording of the song is poor, make another tape. This seems obvious though, so I believe that the tape may not be the problem.

This leaves the stadium's sound system. I am not in any way suggesting that we invest money into a new or improved sound system.

What I would like to ask, though, is why can't the college find some volunteer singers and/or musicians who could perform the anthem at the start of our

an opportunity to showcase their talents as well as the school's music program. The college choir(s) performance would also serve this purpose.

Also, this may draw more fans to the game. A live performance may bring individuals who would not come just for the sport's enjoyment, but for the entertainment.

Lastly, to hear a fellow student perform my country's national anthem on behalf of my school would give me an additional reason to be proud.

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Blonde Presidential hopeful declares war on bad drivers

Morrison

I will run for president but I will not actually become president. I suppose I could show a little more confidence but the truth is I just don't want to win; I only want to be in the race.

This idea may sound slightly insane, but once the reader learns of the great things I will do for my country, I will be highly revered for my demeragement.

The ingenious act that I will always be known for will not be winning the presidential election, more importantly, I will be known as the blonde who ensured that everyone in America knows just what the left lane is actually for.

How many times have you been driving to Pennsylvania to see Aunt Flo, only to spend most of the trip stuck behind some jerk who thinks that it's fine and dandy to drive in any lane at any of speed? Many times, I'm sure.

And, consequently, how many times during that trip did

you find yourself wishing you had Aunt Flo's bull-horn right there in the car with you so you could shout out the window, "The left lane is for passing you *@#!@#!"? Many times, I'm sure.

Now that I've identified all of Americas' number one pet peeve, let's get to the good part: the solution.

How many times have you been driving to Pennsylvania to see Aunt Flo, only to spend most of the trip stuck behind some jerk who thinks that it's fine and dandy to drive in any lane at any of speed? Many times, I'm sure."

I've taken it upon myself to save all humanity (don't bother getting off the couch); I will run for president.

My campaign fund-raisers will spend all their time soliciting funds from reasonable citizens (Democrats) who own cars.

With the funds, I will write my campaign slogan on millions of bumper stickers, but-

tons, billboards, buses, t-shirts, boxer shorts, and balloons. My campaign slogan? "THE LEFT LANE IS FOR PASSING ONLY (Morrison for pres.)."

In the process of gaining voters, I will have my slogan plastered everywhere and anywhere I can get away with it; which is just how drivers everywhere will finally get the

message.

Now, I must explain that there are exceptions to the "left lane is for passing" rule.

For example, if the driver of a new Porsche is in a hurry, he shouldn't ever get out of the left lane because chances are that not a whole lot of other cars are racing at over a hundred miles per hour speeds in either lane.

Of course, if that same driver is on a deserted highway he might as well drive in the right lane so as to not form a bad habit.

I will deal with other issues, of course, like pollution, banning the NRA, and death to poachers, etc, but I'm not going to get obsessed; after all, I have absolutely no interest in

dollars on nothing but the education of drivers everywhere, which is really something.

And maybe somewhere in a dark, smoky pool hall on Bakers Town Road, in Toledo, Ohio, some drunk insurance salesman will whisper to his best friend, Ernie, "Gosh that Morrison character was a fool!"

And maybe my poverty will force me to spend the rest of my long life wearing the same pair of size two jeans.

The glory I will feel when I throw away my old bull-horn once and for all, and the time I will save getting to Aunt Flo's will make my struggle well worth it.

More importantly, my Limosine driver, Chuck, will thank me for it.

Ellisa Morrison Benjamin is a sophomore Western Maryland student

Reporting crime is everyone's duty

Megan Martin

Crime is a major problem in today's society. People are always talking about how bad crime is, how it's getting worse, and how much they would like to stop it or lower the its rate. Many crimes, however, go unreported every day.

Many people are afraid to report crimes that are committed against them.

This fear is understandable because not many people want to talk to a stranger about how violated they feel.

That's exactly what a crime does; it violates a person's sense of security and self. Those are some weighty things to be discussing with police officers, lawyers, judges, and juries — people who are, in many cases, complete strangers.

That sense of violation one feels after being a victim of a crime soon turns to fear. Many people become afraid that their attacker will return to do more harm if they tell the police.

Despite these fears, people who are victims of crime need to overcome them and go to the police. In most cases, this benefits everyone in the community, including the victim.

Reporting a crime as soon as possible after it occurs enables the police to use the evidence trail while it is still fresh and intact. With the evidence and

story of the victim, the police will be able to, hopefully, come up with a suspect quickly.

Then, the police will be able to make an arrest before the offender can cover his tracks or get too far away.

All of this will lead to a quicker trial and possibly even a conviction. In the end, the community as a whole will be much safer with the offender behind bars.

Of course, that is an ideal situation, so to speak. Many situations do not work out that way, especially if the victim does not know the attacker.

In this case, the police will have a harder time coming up with a suspect and making an arrest. In the meantime, however, the story can be made public knowledge at the victim's discretion.

Public knowledge can help people be more aware of the dangers they face with a criminal on the loose. For this reason, people in the community will take more precautions and, hopefully, will be safer.

Another benefit would be that someone might recognize certain details of the attack or suspect and will be able to help the police find the offender. Also, such a report could encourage other victims to come

out and report their experiences.

Witnesses also can report a crime. It is in the best interest for all not to turn a blind eye. This action will not only help the victim, but it will help the community be a safer place in which to live, work, and play.

Catching a criminal prevents someone else from being a victim of the same offender.

It is a person's moral obligation to overcome his or her fear and sense of violation to report crime. This boosts both the victim's sense of security and well-being as well as those of the community.

To give some statistics: at least 50% of female students have been subjected to some form of sexual assault, up to a quarter of all college women report being forced to engage in sexual intercourse at least once. One suggestion for avoidance of assault is to go out in small groups. According to the WMC pamphlet *Don't Face It Alone*, 57% of all sexual assaults happen on a date and 80-90% of sexual offenders personally knew their victims.

The pamphlet also reveals that 55% of all sexual assaults involve the use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol by either the offender or the victim; another reason why women should be

careful around alcohol and drugs.

If you are the victim of a crime, here are some numbers that can help you:

- Campus Safety x202
- Smith House x243
- Student Health Services x700
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services of Carroll County 857-7322
- Westminster City Police 848-4646
- Carroll County Emergency Room 857-6700
- Maryland State Police 848-3111

You can also contact the Resident Assistant or Residence Life Professional for your floor or dorm building and any member of the Campus Safety staff.

Just remember, to be the victim of a crime, any crime, does not mean you are at fault or were asking for it. The crime was committed by someone else, and they need to be brought to justice and the attention of the community. One should not withhold valuable information from police or other enforcement agencies.

Megan Martin is a freshman communications major.



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Effects of large freshman class felt all over campus

With Glar lines reaching as far as the bookstore and an available computer harder to find than a Tickle Me Elmo doll was last Christmas, WMC students are feeling the effects of the biggest freshman class in the school's history.

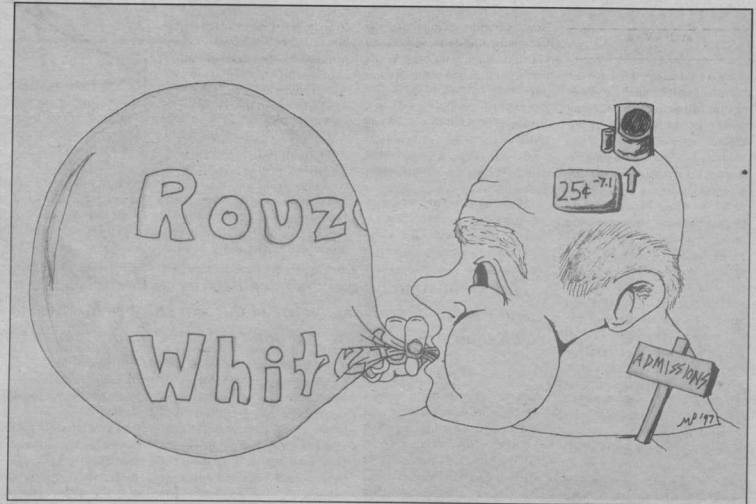
In spite of Provost Joan Coley's comment that she doesn't "think we've reached capacity," the *Phoenix* staff certainly disagrees.

When double rooms are being made into triples and twenty-three freshman English Composition and Reading sections are needed, it seems to us that the college is over-crowded.

One issue that does not yet seem to have been raised is how this class will be accommodated as their college career progresses.

Both men and women have been forced to live in a cramped environment. Adjusting to college life is hard enough, but such close quarters must make it even more difficult to learn to live with strangers.

Aside from the relationship difficulties, lack of space has more practical concerns. Two small closets provide hardly enough space for two residents, let alone three. It is impossible to fit a third closet in these rooms; certainly this means that they are not suitable for a third occupant.



Another practical problem is the shortage of electrical outlets. Freshmen are causing a definite fire hazard as they are forced to create a chain of linked power supplies in order to accommodate their appliances.

One issue that does not yet seem to have been raised is how this class will be accommodated as their college career progresses. What will happen when they are allowed to have cars on campus? Parking is tight at the

moment; it is hard to imagine what it will be like a year from now. Although the Harrison House lot is due to be expanded, the new science building will eliminate so many spaces that it will hardly be felt.

What will happen when the freshmen move into upper-class housing? Will doubles be converted to triples in McDaniel, ANW, and Blanche as well? If the college intends to continue admitting such large freshman classes, a new residence hall will soon be needed.

Greek floors are already filled to capacity. In some cases, members of the organizations have been unable to take advantage of their housing due to lack of space. Larger

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freshman classes mean that sororities and fraternities will only get bigger. Future Greeks deserve the same housing opportunities as their predecessors.

As the freshman class has grown so drastically, we're forced to wonder if the college is lowering its admission standards. If this is the case, in a few years' time, a degree from Western Maryland College will not be worth what it is today.

If these assumptions are true, the *Phoenix* feels that the administration is doing the students an injustice. By opening its doors to such an inflated number of new students without the facilities to handle them, the college is denying everyone the opportunity to make the most of their time at WMC.

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Gill Gym restored to former glory

BY JEN VICK
Features Editor

On a cold winter day last year, students, faculty, and the community watched in horror as Gill Gymnasium burned for hours, enveloped in flames.

In late February, revamping began on what was left of the facility that approximately 200 firefighters from 15 companies fought to save.

Now, only nine months after the five-alarm fire destroyed the 59-year-old building on New Year's Eve, reconstruction is almost complete.

Gill's entire athletic area was consumed by the fire, and athletic and military science offices suffered from smoke damage. The cost of rebuilding reaches about \$1.7 million and is being handled by Henry H. Lewis Contractors

Inc., the renovators of Hoover Library. The entire expense is compensated by the building's insurance coverage of \$2 million.

According to Ethan Seidel, Vice President of Administration and Finance, building and design of Gill took place simultaneously and allowed for its athletic area to be reopened for use in midsummer.

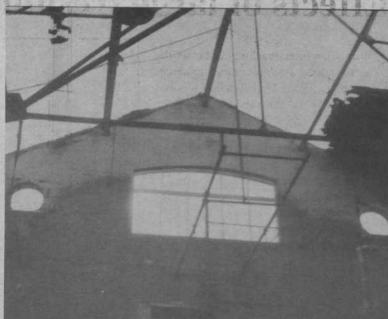
"With all the summer conference sports teams and the Baltimore Ravens coming to practice, we had to have access to Old Gill by July," Seidel said.

The inside of the "new old gym," as it has come to be known on campus, glows brightly with green, rubberized, all-purpose flooring and freshly painted white walls. These walls were determined to be structurally sound after the conflagration, but the windows have been bricked over. In the basement, a new 100-seat meeting room was constructed. Seidel said the room will be used as a classroom and meeting room for large sports teams, such as the football team.

Before the fire, Gill was famous for its wooden floor, said to be the finest on the East Coast. But its fame turned to tragedy as the fire fed on it.

"Once the floor caught, the flames went all the way through the roof," said Seidel. "The heat bent the steel beams."

Now reconstructed to be fire preventive, Gill's floor is a concrete slab below the rubberized surfacing, and a sprinkler system has been installed in the basement. The wall between the gym and the offices was made into a fire wall with the elimination of the window that previously existed there and helped to



NATHAN BIRDSALL

The fire left old Gill Gym a shell of its former self.

feed the fire into the offices from the athletic area, Seidel said.

Smoke and fire damage in the adjoining and newer Physical Education Learning Center has also been repaired, along with additional improvements. A new wooden floor covers one of PELC's three playing courts, while the other two are being resurfaced with the green multipurpose flooring, scheduled to be completed by Fall break.

Fire officials have suspended their investigation into the cause of the fire, but did rule out criminal activity. The origin of the fire was found to be in the northeast corner of the basement.

Physical education classes have resumed in Gill and athletic teams, intramural sports, and ROTC no longer have to vie for space in PELC. For Maj. Karen Doyle, commander of WMC's ROTC Battalion, this has come as a relief.

"Everybody pulled together and made things work," she said. "One important thing you learn when

something like this happens is that you can be flexible."

The ROTC uses Gill for various activities, classes, and storage. The fire destroyed all of their equipment which was stored in the basement. But Doyle says almost everything has been replaced and was covered by Army insurance. She added, however, that Gill's new surfacing isn't quite as accommodating for ROTC's purposes.

"Now with the new surfacing, it's not something we want to walk on with boots," Doyle said.

As a result, drill and ceremony practice has become tedious, and some Thursday labs have had to relocate to the Forum.

Although minor inconveniences may continue to exist in Gill Center, they shrink in comparison to the Gill that stood blackened and gaping in January.

"What could have been a real disaster," Seidel said, "actually ended up with a positive outcome."



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Less than a year after it was ravaged by fire, reconstruction on Gill Gym is almost complete.

OCTAA gets thumbs-down from first-year students

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topics ranging from biological risks of alcohol to how advertisers seduce the public into drinking. According to Paul Oakes, first year student and business administration major, the presentation, with its limited interaction with students, proved to be "very monotonous."

Students' opinions of OCTAA sharply contrasted with their reaction to the other alcohol presentation, speaker Mike Green. "He was amazing," said first year student Maryellen Rogan. Green's presentation "was better because he had experiences to go along with what he was saying." Oakes agreed that "he was great because he knew how to relate to us."

While the same excitement was not generated from OCTAA, steps have been taken to remedy this. Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, presenter of OCTAA and Academic Coordinator of the First Year Seminar, said presenters met to evaluate the program on September 15. Many agreed that OCTAA was "too repetitive, too long, and too condescending" to students. Horneff added that "there were groups that

were offended" with the presentation as they already abstained. They are developing ways to build upon what students found positive, such as incorporating more interaction and discussion.

Student Orientators faced the difficult task of motivating their orientees to attend OCTAA. Aaron Corbett, junior political science major, used added incentives to persuade his students to attend. "I took them out to lunch and brought left over cake," he said. "I thought the breaks were a good time to see how it was going."

"I brought them pizza at lunchtime," echoed Student Orientor Mark Ruby who employed a technique similar to Corbett's.

Adrienne Nemeth, Student Orientor and business/economics major, faced different challenges with her group. As the only S.O. from WMC Budapest, she oriented many of the new Hungarian students. In Budapest, "drinking is an accepted part of social life," she said, and a seminar on how to drink responsibly was an unique concept. "I had to give them a different perspective," Nemeth said. "I told

them to go because it is interesting to see what people perceive about drinking here [in the U.S.]."

Presenters also used various techniques to spice up the program. Jane Sharpe and Linda Garber, two presenters, used a beach ball to reinforce ideas. "C.A.'s (classroom assistants) and S.O.'s participation and encouragement made our attendance successful," they added.

Bosley described how presenter Karen Doyle "wore different hats and shot candy into the audience" to add humor to the program.

Despite the effort of some presenters, some S.O.'s still had complaints from their groups. Tameka Collins, second year S.O. took grumbles from her group with a chuckle when one said, "You left me in Hell." Collins reported that "even though this is information they need, I feel I betrayed their trust because they depend on me to make orientation fun."

While the presentation of the program was criticized, the material was new to many. "I learned which influences you more, biology or environment," said first year student math major Ina Jenkins.

Trigger levels and tolerance were also discussed.

The program would be better if it was presented "an hour at a time" Jenkins said. The concentrated material was just "too much."

This concern was critically evaluated by the teaching staff of OCTAA. According to Bendel-Simso, OCTAA is "already supposed to be tied to the first year seminar" and the last segment is to be taught in the first year seminar classroom.

"The hope now is to have two hours during Orientation and another four during the first year seminar in one hour blocks," Bendel-Simso said.

However, "the logistics now are difficult in implementing" this and nothing has yet been decided. She added that "OCTAA has to be tied to something" to make it meaningful.

Currently, statistics on the effectiveness of OCTAA are not available. However, some students jokingly suggested it may deter drinking inadvertently since attending OCTAA is one of the sanctions for violating campus alcohol policies.

Rogan quipped, "I don't want to get caught drinking because then I'll have to take OCTAA again."

According to Horneff, "the purpose is not to make a dry campus," but rather to provide choices. The message OCTAA was to send was "we can have fun without alcohol," she said. This was reinforced during orientation with the lock-in at the Four Seasons Sports Complex, dance parties, and other alcohol-free activities.

Bosley explained that OCTAA "education is only one piece of prevention" on campus. There is a need for "school policies to reflect" the message the program sends. She identified alcohol-free activity grants sponsored by Residence Life as a positive step in this direction.

Recognizing some of the rough spots of OCTAA during its first run through, Horneff sincerely wants "suggestions in all aspects of orientation. Orientation now is about modifying and making change" to an already successful program.

"We must do OCTAA for four years," Horneff said, "and we're looking into ways to make it more interesting and to present it better."



JESSIE BELZ

Members of ASAP learn to work together for a common purpose on a recent retreat.

ASAP wins national award

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

Nationally recognized ASAP (Aids Support, Awareness and Prevention) recently unveiled its flag to the campus at the group's flag-presentation ceremony outside Daniel MacLea Hall.

According to the organization's current President Shannon Tinney, the flag represents "a way of showing school spirit and making the group more visible to the campus."

The flag, displaying the group's name in black letters and the AIDS awareness red ribbon symbol in the center, hangs from a window in Daniel MacLea Hall where the organization has a suite.

Tinney said that Emily Grant's father made and donated the flag. Grant, a senior, is one of ASAP's founding members.

Recently, the Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network awarded ASAP a national award for Most Outstanding in the "Hope Needs Help" category for the best year-round programming in 1997.

This award includes two complimentary registrations at the 1997 Bacchus and Gamma General Assembly which takes place November 13-15 in St. Louis, MO.

In addition, ASAP received \$500 for transportation and hotel accommodations for two people, according to Tinney.

Ginger Parke, a member of ASAP, and Bonnie Bosley, the group's advisor, will go to the conference.

At the conference, Parke and Bosley will attend sessions on alcoholism, sexual assault, HIV, and peer education. Parke said that after the conference she will receive her certification as a peer educator.

In addition, Parke will participate in a theater workshop at the conference to gain new ideas for the skits that ASAP performs during its programs.

Bosley was positive about ASAP's

growth and impact since its founding in Fall 1994. She mentioned that after one year the organization won the Griswald-Zepp Award in recognition of its service. In addition, she said WMC has given the group a suite and funding because "the college recognizes the members are sincere in what they are doing."

During the flag-presentation ceremony, Liz Valuet, one ASAP's founding members, said that the organization has grown from a small group of students practicing skits in Whiteford Hall's laundry room to a widely-recognized campus organization.

Valuet further explained that ASAP now provides AIDS education programming on campus and throughout the state.

Earlier this semester, ASAP held an overnight retreat at nearby Camp Hashawha. According to Tinney, the group planned this year's events, and the occasion gave old and new members the opportunity to work together.

In December, ASAP plans to host four sections of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt to observe World AIDS Day, December 1. The sections will be on display in Ensor Lounge.

Since this year's theme is "Children Living in a World with AIDS," Tinney explained that other campus groups that work with children have been invited to participate in this program. The STAY students' children will provide artwork for the display, and Sense of Pride's children will write about the impact of AIDS. In addition, a children's choir will perform on campus.

Bosley said that off-campus organizations such as the Carroll County Arts Council, Carroll County Health Department, and the AIDS Alliance will participate.

Tinney mentioned that ASAP plans to add the organization to the college's web-page sometime this year. She said, "Other colleges can see what we're doing and give us feedback. This will provide a means for exchanging ideas between campuses."

WMC student reports sexual assault on campus

Victim requests that no further action be taken

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

A WMC student has reported being sexually assaulted on campus.

The attack took place on September 12, but no details as to the nature of the assault have been released.

The victim has requested that the College cease investigating and has declined to report the matter to the police.

In accordance with the victim's wishes, no further action has been taken. Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster explained that when someone has been sexually assaulted, it is important to restore the victim's sense of control and not go against their wishes.

Speaking in general terms about the issue of sexual assault, he said, "We don't browbeat rape victims; if you do so you kind of rape them again."

Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre issued a memo and a phone mail message last week to clarify rumors about the attack which have been circulating the campus. Sayre said that they were sent out to make people understand "that we were not oblivious to the whole thing."

He explained that "it is important to communicate hard information when we can, to

help people deal with rumors."

He also stated that it is a federal law to inform the community of any reports of federal crimes. He feels that it is "important for students to be apprised of anything that could jeopardize their safety."

Both Webster and Sayre feel that, in general, Western Maryland College is a safe place to be. "I'm convinced that this is a safer campus than most," said Webster.

"I think this is a very, very safe campus," Sayre acquiesced. However, he added that nowhere in the world is one hundred percent safe: "There are always risks. It is our job as a community to make sure that the environment is as safe as possible."

One step that they are taking towards this goal is an examination of the lighting around campus.

One evening last week, members of the Administration, Campus Safety, Maintenance, Physical Plant, and 5 students made a walking tour of the campus to see which areas most need new lighting.

According to Sayre, areas examined include the alley behind the Pennsylvania Avenue houses, the ANW parking lot, the path from Harrison House to the main campus, and the pathway between Forlines and Elderdice.

Sex, religion, and society in Ridington Lecture

Sex in the headlines is an attention grabber. Always will be.

But that titillating fascination isn't something just the current generation or even folks of the 20th century can claim.

It goes way back, according to Mary Beth Norton, a researcher who will discuss "Sex, Religion and Society in Early Maryland," at Western Maryland College's 7th Annual Ridington Lecture on October 7, at 8 p.m., in McDaniel Lounge.

Of course, in those days the mere mention of sexual impropriety, especially adultery, was big news and big trouble for those involved, Dr. Norton said.

Her lecture will focus on a high profile case from the 1600's in which a man was

charged with adultery after divorcing his first wife. The Catholic Church, she noted, had not recognized the end of his first marriage and brought serious charges when he remarried.

A renowned educator and historian, Dr. Norton is currently studying gender and society in early America from 1670-1750.

The research is a follow-up to her 1996 book, "Founding Mothers & Fathers: Gendered Power and the Forming of American Society" which tracks changes from the time of English settlement until 1670.

Dr. Norton earned a bachelor's degree with high distinction and high honors from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

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Triple rooms created to accommodate large freshman class



Space is tight in the newly-created triples, where wall-to-wall furniture doesn't give new students much room.

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Assistant News Editor

Under pressure to accommodate the unexpectedly large Class of 2001, the College was forced to convert 40 double-occupancy rooms into triples at the beginning of this year.

The triple rooms were split between Rouzer and Whiteford Halls. According to Director of Residence Life Scott Kane, it is his goal to break down all the triples by the end of the fall semester. A total of

"We don't want to make a habit out of turning double rooms into triples."

Scott Kane

21 converted triples remain at this point.

Because enrollment numbers generally drop at the beginning of the semester due to freshman no-shows and students deciding not to live on campus, the rest of the population is usually given an opportunity to "spread out," Kane said. This has been the case this year as well.

Except for honors students who may reside in Daniel MacLea, first-year students have no choice other than to occupy Rouzer and Whiteford Halls.

Although upperclassmen live in these buildings as well, only freshmen were put into the newly-made triples. According to Kane, the housing arrangement was planned depending on when students made their deposits.

A discount of \$147 was given to all students occupying tripled double-occupancy rooms.

When deciding which rooms would be converted into triples, Kane said the doubles were evaluated to choose the most spacious ones. For example, the rooms at the ends of Rouzer halls are approximately five feet longer, and more

suited to hold three people, Kane explained.

"We're lucky our rooms are big enough that they can become triples and not be overcrowded," said Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell.

Kane, as well as O'Connell, pointed out that although it's possible, this isn't the optimum housing situation. "We don't want to make a habit out of turning double rooms into triples," Kane said.

Freshman Susan Pence was more than a little surprised when she found out she'd be sharing her Whiteford double with two other people. "When I got the form in the mail saying I'd have two roommates, I assumed the room would be bigger," Pence said.

The arrangement is working out for Pence and her roommates under the circumstances, but it's not easy. With three desks, three dressers, two bunked beds and a loft bed, the room is packed. They also had to figure out how the three women would share two closets.

A shortage of electrical outlets is one of Pence's greater concerns. With one electrical power strip plugged into another, "I'm worried

"I really like my roommates, but I need my space."

Susan Pence

about starting a fire," she said.

When she's able to participate in the room draw process for next year, Pence said she definitely wants to live in a double room with just one other person.

"I really like my roommates, but I need my space," Pence said.

If the WMC population continues to rise, there is a possibility that a new residence hall might be built. According to Kane, the college is only beginning to look into whether this might be necessary in the future.

Who are all these people?

No. of new students: 504

No. of transfers: 67

Age range: 16-47

Percentage of women: 56.2

No. of different states: 19

No. of international students: 36

Most pop. name: Jennifer

Most pop. male name: Michael

WMC enrollment nears capacity

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crease in financial aid would affect how many prospective students chose WMC. As a result, enrollment was at its lowest in ten years with just 333 students, according to O'Connell. This was the only year scholarship money was withheld.

When considering just the freshman class, this year's enrollment is a 14% increase over the Class of 2000, which consisted of 441 students.

"People are feeling crowded, but it's all in comparison to what you're used to from when your class came in," O'Connell said.

The size of the freshman class must also be considered in relation to WMC's retention rate, which is currently around 60% over four

years, according to O'Connell. This means that of the total number of students who begin their college career at WMC, only 60% of them complete their education here.

With this in mind, it can be said that the campus population might decrease slightly as the year progresses. As this happens, students can spread out more in residence halls and other crowded areas.

O'Connell said she has received feedback from students withdrawing from WMC. The college's relatively small population is often a factor in their leaving. She hopes that the increase will appeal to those who want a larger student body.

Campus Safety Blotter

•On 9/12 at 1:40 a.m. at DoCS a student complains of illness, but declines DoCS assistance.

•On 9/13 at 12:34 a.m. in Blanche Ward a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/13 at 12:37 a.m. in Blanche Ward a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/13 at 10:29 p.m. in McDaniel a student was documented for failing to leave a building during a fire alarm.

•On 9/13 at 10:31 p.m. in McDaniel a student was documented for failing to leave a building during a fire alarm.

•On 9/13 at 10:51 p.m. in ANW a visitor was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/14 at 12:47 a.m. in ANW lot two visitors were documented for a fist fight.

•On 9/14 at 1:27 a.m. in Rouzer a DoCS emergency medical technician (EMT) treats a student. In addition to medical problems, the student was documented for alcohol poisoning. The student was transported to Carroll County General Hospital (CCGH) by ambulance.

•On 9/14 at 1:40 a.m. in Whiteford a DoCS EMT treats a student. The student was transported to CCGH by ambulance.

•On 9/14 at 7:25 p.m. in Penna Ave. houses DoCS EMT met a student complaining of medical problems. The student declines assistance. At 10:13 p.m. that same day that student requested transport to CCGH.

•On 9/15 at 12:38 a.m. in Whiteford an RA reported getting harassing phone calls.

•On 9/16 at 8:19 a.m. in Baker Memorial Chapel an injured student was treated by DoCS paramedic. The student declined any additional services.

•On 9/16 at 5:22 p.m. in Englar Dining Hall DoCS EMT and DoCS paramedic treat an employee with medical problems. The employee was transported by ambulance to CCGH.

•On 9/16 at 8:45 p.m. at DoCS

a student reports that 5 days earlier she was sexually assaulted. The student declines to participate in an investigation by DoCS or Westminster police.

•On 9/18 at 12:03 a.m. in Rouzer two students were documented for alcohol violations.

•On 9/18 at 8:38 p.m. in Rouzer lot an employee reported vandalism to his auto.

•On 9/19 at 1:00 a.m. in Rouzer lot a student was documented for public urination and an alcohol violation.

•On 9/19 at 1:02 a.m. in Rouzer hall a student was documented for disorderly conduct.

•On 9/19 at 6:55 a.m. in the grounds shop lot an employee reports theft of an auto battery from a college auto.

•On 9/20 at 11:27 p.m. in ANW a student is documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/20 at 11:35 p.m. in ANW lot a student and visitor are documented for alcohol violations.

•On 9/20 at 11:35 p.m. in ANW a non student is documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/20 at 11:43 p.m. in ANW a student is documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/21 at 12:48 a.m. in Whiteford a student reports being harassed by phone. The caller is a student who is documented for conduct violations.

•On 9/21 at 12:58 a.m. in ANW a student is documented for alcohol and conduct violations.

•On 9/21 at 1:52 a.m. in ANW DoCS officers respond to a call for a large disturbance with several assaults in progress.

Once arrived, officers were able to identify parties involved and witnesses and document the incident.

•On 9/21 at 2:19 a.m. outside of ANW DoCS and Westminster Police documented a nonstudent's complaint of assault by a student.

•On 9/21 at 2:34 a.m. outside of ANW DoCS is documenting the above incident when in the presence of the campus police officer one student assaults another student. The student offender is taken into custody, and later released. Charges both on campus and in district court are filed.

•On 9/21 at 3:45 p.m. in ANW a student reports possible unauthorized entry to her room.

On 9/21 at 8:01 p.m. in PELC DoCS treats and transports a student with a broken finger to CCGH.

•On 9/22 at 8:31 a.m. at DoCS a student is documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/22 at 11:15 p.m. in Penna Ave. houses a student reports being harassed by phone.



Science building construction yet to begin

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

Construction for the new science building has not yet started although it was due to begin in August.

Many students had hoped that the wheels would be set in motion by the time they returned this fall. Sophomore biology major Mike Blundin said, "I was hoping to come to school this semester and see some progress. I'm disappointed to see no construction."

Vice-President of Administration and Finance, Dr. Ethan Seidel, said that construction on the building itself is about a month behind schedule. However, he explained that the first necessary step toward construction has been taken. Work crews are currently reconfiguring the steam lines near McDaniel Hall for the construction of the new building.

Henry H. Lewis Contractors, Inc. will manage the project. This company recently handled the reconstruction of Gill Gymnasium. Seidel commented that the company's involvement in this project had no effect on the delay with the new science building's construction.

Dr. Brian Wladkowski, assistant professor of chemistry, explained that the chemistry department applied for a grant to obtain computers and equipment for the new building.

As a result, the architects had to produce some last minute modifications in case the department obtains these materials.

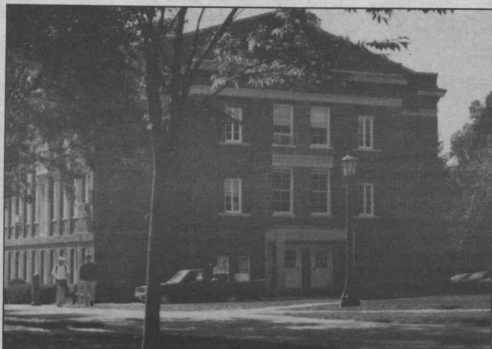
Seidel said that various permits had to be obtained before construction could begin.

He added that Lewis sent out bids for subcontracting in August. The bids recently returned. Seidel explained that Lewis is now analyzing the bids.

Should the bids match the project's budget, then construction will begin, according to Seidel. If the figures are not within a reasonable distance from the budget, Seidel said that modifications will be necessary. He will not know how the bids and the budget balance for a few more weeks.

Construction is scheduled to take 18 months. Had it started on time, Seidel said that work would have been completed in February 1999.

Wladkowski said he expected delays and for the building to be completed beyond the target date.



MORE than a month after it was slated to begin, construction on Lewis Hall of Science has still not started.

Dr. Richard Smith, professor of chemistry, said that most professors in the department are now engaged in teaching their classes. He said, "I realize that the administration is moving as quickly as it can to put the building up."

Dr. Louise Paquin, professor of biology, said she has been "realistic" about the recent delays. In addition, she finds there is only a "mild frustration" among herself and her colleagues over this recent delay.

Wladkowski mentioned he was "encouraged by the recent progress made." He explained that the administration has taken faculty input about the project into account and the faculty and administration are working well together.

Both Paquin and Wladkowski recalled that they remember discussion about this project back in the 1980's.

Paquin commented that she expects to start teaching in the new science building in Fall 1999. She said, "I feel good to say to the first-year students for the first time that they will use the new building before graduation."

Seidel said that he now expects construction to be finished in Spring 1999.

Seidel, Wladkowski, and Smith mentioned there is speculation about a septic tank possibly on or near the new science building's location. All three stressed that this is only speculation.

According to Smith, no one really knows

exactly where this tank is and what it contains. Smith mentioned that the tank may have been removed during the construction of Lewis Hall of Science in 1965.

Smith further explained that considering the past practices of waste disposal before regulation he would expect to find waste chemicals in the tank.

Wladkowski mentioned that these chemicals could pose a possible hazard.

Seidel said that if the work crews find any tank, the school would have it properly removed. He stressed that this removal would not cause any major delay.

Seidel said the trees on the building's construction site will be removed. He further explained the school plans to replant more trees than were removed. A landscape architect will determine the type and placement of the trees.

Seidel said that construction will not block access to the college's entrance at Alumni Hall. He explained that drivers will be able to drive up to the front of McDaniel Hall and turn around.

Regarding the loss of parking behind Lewis Recitation Hall, Seidel said the college plans to enlarge the lot behind Harrison House and later the lot behind Albert Norman Ward Hall.

This new building, which will contain biology and chemistry labs, reflects a trend around college campuses, according to Seidel. He said that many schools built facilities 30 to 40 years ago and now need to renovate these buildings or build new ones.

Liz Valuet, president of the Maryland Student Legislature, said "To have the support [the SGA] gave us was very helpful."

That organization plans to use the money to host a state-wide conference this year.

"We gave every organization what we believe... they absolutely need, and then some."

Matt Gribbin, SGA Treasurer

Valuet said. However, the SGA funding will only cover about one-third of the cost.

The SGA allocated money depending upon how much the group's events will ben-

WMC Theatre presents:

The WMC community can now enjoy a trip to the magical Land of Narnia without having to climb into an old piece of furniture to get there.

All of the necessary travel plans have been booked by Theatre on the Hill and Frederick's The Fun Company which have teamed up again to bring C.S. Lewis' classic, "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" to the WMC stage October 10, 11 and 12.

The production, featuring all of Narnia's favorite characters such as Aslan the great lion, Father Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, the Centaur, and even the evil white witch, details the adventures of children who did make their trip to Narnia through the wardrobe.

"We are delighted to be able to team again with The Fun Company so soon," said Ira Domser, associate professor of theatre arts and producer of Theatre on the Hill, a professional company in residence at WMC which has mounted several shows each year since 1982. "Our 1997 summer co-production of 'Winnie the Pooh' was our most successful family show to date and this should prove every bit as enjoyable."

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

Courtesy of Public Information

Honor and conduct board

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Thursday, September 4, 1997, involving four students charged with violating the college's policy on controlled substances/drugs. All four students were found responsible of violating the policy to varying degrees. Two students were fined \$150 and \$300 respectively and required to complete three hours of community service. A third student was suspended from campus housing and restricted from entering any residence halls through graduation, fined \$150 and placed on disciplinary probation with the possibility of expulsion for any future violation of college policy. The fourth student was suspended from the College for the Fall 1997 semester, fined \$150, required to have an evaluation for drug use and placed on disciplinary probation with the possibility of expulsion for any future violation of college policy.

erit the entire campus.

"We evaluated each organization on how they presented themselves as an organization for the campus and then we discussed the strength of programming," said Gribbin. "We tried to keep it fair between all organizations."

Last year 28 groups were allocated \$10,000. The allocation process was tougher, said Gribbin, as there were a dozen more groups requesting funds but only a minimal increase in the amount available.

The College Budget Committee, the group that gives the SGA its funding, plans to give more money next year, said Dean Philip Sayre, a committee member.

"We can't give people everything they want but we should try to support organizations as much as possible," he explained.

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SGA allocates money to campus groups

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

The Student Government Assembly allocated \$11,500 to 40 different campus clubs and organizations at the Open Forum meeting on September 23.

"I think we did it fairly for each organization," said Matt Gribbin, SGA treasurer. "We gave every organization what we believe, through our meetings with them, they absolutely need, and then some."

Because more than \$37,000 was requested, the SGA's decisions left many students with less than they asked for.

"I wish we had gotten more money, but I realize they had a lot of organizations and a limited amount of money," said Amanda Hofstetter, president of Phi Mu sorority.

60 Seconds

How do you feel about living in a double room as a triple?



"At first I really didn't like it, but now we're like a family and we know each other's territory."

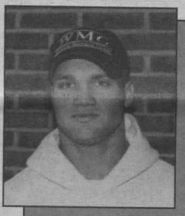
Jaime Falcone
Undecided

"There's three of us but if one of us is gone you still have someone to talk to. If we get too claustrophobic we go next door."

Jennifer Haines
Physical Education and Exercise Science

"It's a disadvantage because we're cramped together. It's hot up here [on the fourth floor]."

Bryan Miller
Undecided



"I love my roommates. I think if you hate your roommates or if they smell that's real bad."

Regina Pearman
Undecided

"They don't give you any comfortable chairs."

Andrew Allen, Biology

"When I walked in on the first day it was horrible. I had to bunk all the beds and rearrange the furniture."

Colin Quay
Physical Education



Second wave of WMC-Budapest

The second class of Budapest students arrive on the Hill, larger and more diverse

RICH SIMMONS
Staff Writer

A part of Western Maryland College exists 4,547 miles away in a building that once housed a Communist education department. Outside the Danube flows through bustling Budapest, Hungary, and inside the "campus" of WMC-Budapest.

WMC-Budapest is a collaborative venture with the Hungary-based College-International Budapest. The first class of WMC-bound students was inducted just a few years ago, and they arrived on campus for the first time last year. Now, the second wave of students from the Budapest campus has arrived with a crescendo of international flair.

WMC-Budapest's first class of 18 consisted mostly of Hungarian transfer students. This year's crop of 24 juniors contains students from Finland, Nigeria, Cyprus, Mexico, Russia, Australia, and even one American from Ohio.

Toochukwu Okorie, or "Toky" to his friends, is in the class of juniors that is the most globally representative class Western Maryland has ever seen. Okorie, whose nickname means "Praise God" in his native tongue, hails from Lagos, Nigeria. He is the first African student to transfer from the Budapest program, a fact for which he is quite proud.

An easy-going guy who fills the position of forward for the Green

Terror men's soccer team, Okorie is thrilled with having transferred to Western Maryland.

"Here, I have a computer," Okorie said. "The facilities are so much better here than in Budapest."

He voiced opinions similar to those of other Budapest students, who say that while city life isn't the same as it was in Budapest, "the Hill" has much to offer in other ways.

For example, they said the social-life is far better, with so many activities surrounding the main campus.

Jorge Del Villar, another junior from Budapest, says WMC-Budapest is the best single option of universities in Central Europe. Del Villar, a Business and Economics major, as are many of the students from Budapest, has already become actively involved in campus life. He is the co-founder of the hispano-latino alliance.

Although Del Villar arrived last year, he is in the same class standing as the others arriving this year. A native of Mexico City, Mexico, his mother is the Mexican Ambassador to Hungary.

Craig Nagy, originally of Ohio, has also come from the Budapest program. Older than many of the other transfer students, Nagy learned of the WMC-Budapest program while overseas in the Air Force. His wife is currently studying medicine in Budapest.

Bela Tisoczki is the first graduate student to come from the

Budapest program. Tisoczki, along with Nagy, discussed some of the problems students in the Budapest program experience upon arrival at Western Maryland.

Both agree, that for many of the Budapest students, American customs may seem absolutely bizarre. For example, the way Americans greet even casual acquaintances is far more open than most Europeans are used to. For Hungarian students especially, this poses immediate cultural distancing from Americans. Bela said Americans might find the Hungarians standoffish.

"It is how we are. Maybe living under communist rule for so long may have made us this way, though not consciously," Bela explained. "There are always differences of this sort, with each culture believing themselves to be the 'right' one."

In a country that was, until recent years, a bastion of communism, the old-world of Budapest has become one of the fastest growing economic communities in Central Europe.

With the lifting of Communist rule, opportunities have arisen for the newest generation of Hungarian youth.

With efforts by President Robert Chambers and Provost Joan Develin Coley, Western Maryland has become the premium option for bright students looking for a chance to enroll at college in the United States.

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WMC students urged to "get a life" - after college

Remember freshman year?

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So how do you get an orientation for the REAL world after you

get out of here? Who can give you the inside story of what it's like? How do you learn what you need to do to get a job and live on your own?

On Tuesday, October 14, WMC Career Services will offer *Life After College*, an innovative program designed to help students get ready for life after graduation. Alumni and employer presenters will share inside tips on interviewing, resume writing, adjusting to the "real world", and more.

From 9 am until 5 pm, this interactive program will include a

resume lab, practice interviews, stimulating discussions, and hands-on demonstrations.

Juniors and seniors can return early from fall break for this free program, but registration is limited.

To sign up, call the WMC Career Office at ext. 243 or stop by Smith House for details no later than October 1.

Courtesy of WMC Career Services
For information, contact Karen Nell Arnie, Director
ext. 243

Letter from abroad: G'Day from Down Under

G'Day WMC.

Hello from the Land Down Under! I hope everyone has had a good start to the beginning of fall semester and that things are going well.

Things down here in the southern hemisphere are a lot different. I started classes July 21 at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music at Griffith University in Brisbane. So far, classes are going pretty well. It is about week seven now, and only three more weeks until Spring Holiday.

The plane trip takes about 23 hours between connections and the 16 hour flight over the Pacific Ocean. It wasn't too bad, except just about every flight had the same meal, and each showed "The Saint" as the movie. Trust me, don't rent it!

Classes are run a little differently here. Each class has a one-two hour lecture and some have a two hour tutorial as well. Most of the assignments are done independently outside of classes and tutorials. When you register for classes, then you go to find out what time they are, and you can forget about the MWF, TTH system.

There are all kinds of things to do at the "con," including being in the choir and other groups and participating in Opera Queensland. Right now, "AIDA" is in town and many of the students, including myself, are playing extras in the production. It's a



Between studying and sight-seeing, Jimmy Reddan found time to take this picture of a kangaroo. These animals are among the many exotic sights he will see while studying in Australia.

lot of fun to do and I have met a lot of interesting people so far.

There is always plenty to do in the city. The big thing is to go to the koala sanctuary and hold a koala and pet or feed some kangaroos. Public transportation is great and pretty cheap, just make sure you remember to drive on the left side and try not to get

into a "dent." Also, you can take a ferry ride down the Brisbane River, see a show at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex, or just browse around on the Queen Street Mall. City Hall is also a great place to tour if you want to know about the history of Brisbane. Or you can always just get a couple of friends and go have a Barbie over the South Bank of the river.

Night life in the city and on campus is a whole other story. The drinking age is 18, so anyone and everyone is out and about. There is some kind of club or bar on every corner, but don't get too "pissed off" or they won't let you drive home. Thursday nights are "Uni-nights" in town and spirits (including beer) are \$1. Make sure you ask for a "pot," and not a glass or you will get a whole pitcher. If you want to go out to eat, don't plan anything else. An average meal takes about 4 to 5 hours, but the plus side to that is in Australia, you don't have to tip.

As far as other things go, Australia is still a little behind in the movie circuit and other multi-media things. "Men in Black" opens here in October. News takes about two days

to get here from the USA.

Australian culture is very different than back home. Things are a lot more laid back here. Australians have their own type of slang and word endings as well. Almost everything gets shortened and -ie or -y added to the end. Also, you have to make sure to remember that chips are french fries and crisps are potato chips. If you ask for fries, no one will know what you are talking about.

So far, traveling has been fun. I have taken a couple of trips to Surfer's Paradise and the Gold Coast Beaches, as well as the Sunshine Coast and Cairns up into the Daintree Rainforest up north. All of the places have been great and the natives are very friendly.

However, you have to be careful where you go in the rainforests because of the crocodiles in the rivers. Also, at the beach, only swim between the green flags. Even though there is no real chance of it, shark attacks do happen.

Many of the parks have Aboriginal sites along the way. A couple that I have been to had some cave art and tribal dances that you can watch.

Later, I will be going to Kangaroo Island in the South and to Tasmania, Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth. Then it is over to New Zealand for a brief stop in Fiji before I return. Things should get pretty interesting along the way.

Well, that's it so far from my journey down under. There will be a lot more to tell you when I return in January. Hope everyone has a great fall semester (it's just turning into summer here)! I will see everyone when I get back. I miss everyone and please keep in touch!

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Few WMC students take advantage of Study Abroad

BY SHEA HENYON
Contributing Writer

According to a 1996 survey of 11 colleges conducted by WMC's Director of Study Abroad, Dr. Martine Motard-Noar, WMC has the lowest number of students a year studying abroad, with little hope for improvement.

"WMC's numbers are pathetic," says Motard-Noar. The question remains: why aren't more WMC students studying abroad?

Motard-Noar says the main reason WMC's numbers are so low is that WMC financial aid does not transfer to the school abroad.

In order for students to study abroad they have to go through another college or a center because WMC does not have an established study abroad program.

Instead, WMC is affiliated with commonly used programs such as Beaver College and the American Institute for

Foreign Study.

The affiliate is the "middle man" who is responsible for coordinating everything from the flight to the classes a students takes at the school overseas.

When a college such as Beaver or Gettysburg has its own programs, studying abroad becomes cheaper for the student; therefore, more students are interested.

This is what Motard-Noar describes as the "vicious cycle." If more students were interested, then WMC could implement programs, and it would become possible for financial aid and scholarships to transfer, which would allow WMC to control costs and keep from losing money.

Dr. Tom Deveny, professor of foreign language, points to other reasons why schools, such as Gettysburg, have more students going abroad. Gettysburg has a two-year foreign language requirement

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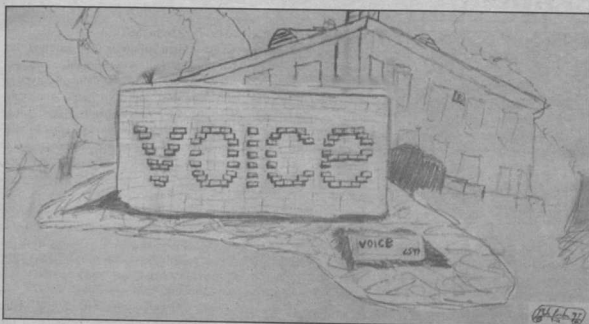


Blue Jean Day

Allies has designated October 9 as Blue Jean Day. Anyone who wishes to show support for gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights should wear blue jeans. The purpose of this day is to increase awareness and to show support for the diversity of sexual orientations on campus.

In addition, "safe zones" will be provided from this day forward for students and faculty who wish to demonstrate their sexual orientation or show their support for others demonstrating their sexual preference. Anyone can come to the Safe Zones, and should feel free to discuss any problems that they may be experiencing, whether or not the problems are sex-related. Safe Zone stickers will be available to anyone who wishes to designate their dorm room, office, or other private area as a Safe Zone.

Voicing a message, 6 feet tall, 18 feet long, 1 foot thick



Chester Stacy, a 1997 graduate of WMC, created the first permanent student sculpture on campus as part of his final honors program project. Entitled, the Voice Wall, it is located next to the Admissions office. Junior Mike Puskar produced the graphic representation of Stacy's wall.

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Chester Stacy wanted to create something unusual for his final honors project last year.

Neither a research paper nor an artistic performance - the usual vehicles - would do.

Instead, the graphic arts major chose to build a red brick wall.

It's a sculpture, really, an expanse of 1,512 bricks next to the admissions office.

Stacy, who graduated in May, calls his work the Voice Wall.

"I wanted to do something that would be a highly noticed and interactive public piece," said Stacy, 22, a Garrett County native who was enrolled in Western Maryland's honors program.

His brick wall is 6 feet tall, 18 feet long and 1 foot thick. On one side of the structure, 75 bricks jut out five-eighths of an inch to spell V-O-I-C-E.

The wall, Stacy explained, loosely represents society. He chose to use bricks as a symbol of mankind.

"If some bricks wish to change society, they need to organize as a

voice," he said. "They are strong links to the past but will be a message to the future as well. This wall will be here hopefully forever."

Stacy considered building a blank wall with a bucket of paint nearby. Passersby would have been welcome to paint whatever they wanted on the wall.

He changed his mind when he became fearful that "insincere" people might do something destructive.

Art professor, Wasyl Palijczuk, was Stacy's supervisor. He said the wall is the first permanent student sculpture on campus. Other art pieces on campus include a donated sculpture and a fountain.

Typically, students in the honors program write a research paper or create an artistic performance, said Nancy Palmer, honors program director. A final honors project is a requirement for graduation.

Stacy began his wall in October. He designed it with the help of engineers Russell Cook of Bel Air and Tom Ward of Severna Park.

He received permission for the project from the college administration in March.

"It fit in aesthetically into the campus and sent a message that is

consistent with our liberal arts mission," said Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance. Stacy poured the concrete foundation in April. Then he was delayed because he had difficulty scheduling a contractor.

Finally, Stacy was able to hire Custom Masonry Inc. of Westminster. He began working with a three-member crew July 28 and finished the wall in three days.

The project cost about \$5,000, including labor and materials, most of which was donated. L & L Brick Supply of Lutherville provided 1,600 bricks and Lehigh Cement Co. of Union Bridge paid for the concrete.

A pathway will be paved near the wall to connect it with the rest of campus.

Stacy, who currently lives in Westminster, plans to dedicate the wall this semester.

He isn't concerned about vandals. If someone were to paint graffiti on the wall, Stacy said, "I would almost have to say, 'Thank you,' because they are reacting [to the wall]."

"But I won't put a can of paint next to it," he added.

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Student artwork brightens blank walls in McDaniel Hall

BY SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

Bored by blank space? Dismayed by the dismal barrenness of the walls in many of the campus buildings? Well, McDaniel Hall is revolutionizing the problem.

In the ground floor common room of McDaniel are hanging three new paintings done by WMC students Jessica Boehman, Mike Cummings, and Deon Wansel.

The paintings were hung in an effort to make renovated buildings on campus look less "bare

and cold," according to Dean of Student Affairs, Philip Sayre.

He commissioned the project last fall and the paintings were framed and hung over the summer. Response has been so positive that Sayre would like to replicate the project in Hill Hall and perhaps other buildings on campus.

When Sayre first had the idea to decorate McDaniel with student artwork, he contacted art professor, Wasyl Palijczuk, for a list of several talented art students.

Finally, Boehman, Cummings,

and Wansel were chosen to do the paintings, which are organized around the theme of scenes on campus.

The students were not paid for their artwork, but received reimbursement for supplies they used.

Boehman, a junior graphic design major, explains that she got the inspiration for her acrylic painting, "The Eclipse," from her experience of seeing a lunar eclipse as a freshman.

She remembered the feeling of community spirit present among the students who went outside to watch it. She decided to depict the scene in her painting, which portrays a group of students gathered in Red Square watching the eclipse.

Boehman also felt the subject of the lunar eclipse would draw more attention to the picture. All of the students depicted are her friends, who now consider themselves to be "immortalized" on canvas.

Boehman is enthusiastic about Sayre's plan to beautify the campus with student work because "Art students in college need every bit of help that they can get," and it is better than hiring "outside artists," she said.

Cummings, a senior art and art history major, did his watercolor and colored pencil painting of the small courtyard next to Hoover



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Senior Mike Cummings depicted the courtyard next to Hoover Library in his water color and colored pencil painting now hanging in McDaniel.

Library as a "homage to Wasyl" Palijczuk. The art professor constructed the stone fountain, named the Benson Fountain, located there that is known casually around campus as the "Peeing Rock." Cummings actually did the untitled painting for an art class last year and merely touched it up for McDaniel.

Cummings is also enthusiastic about Sayre's plan, and would love to see other buildings decorated as well. He hopes to come back years from now and still see his painting and be thrilled.

Deon Wansel, who has gradu-

ated and was unavailable for comment in this article, painted a picture of the Ward Arch.

"Heck, yeah," was Palijczuk's response to whether the project should be continued. "Anytime you can use student talent, that's to the benefit of the student and the school," Palijczuk said of his belief that student artwork is needed all over, especially in the dorms and in the dining hall.

Dean Sayre said he wants to hear student opinions on the three paintings and is keeping his eyes and ears open for future works from talented student artists.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

As a freshman, junior Jessica Boehman, witnessed a lunar eclipse in Red Square. It inspired the theme of her painting hanging in McDaniel

Tony Kirschner brings new twist to Communication Department

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

Right now the office located in the basement of Winslow 103 looks pretty bleak. But soon, the office will be equipped with a huge TV and VCR. These are essential for Western Maryland College's new Assistant Professor of Communication, Tony Kirschner.

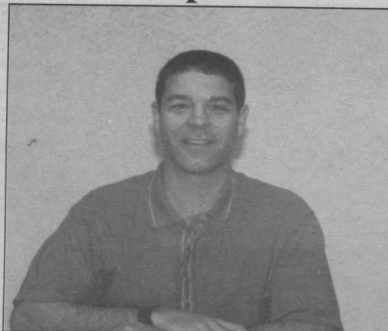
Specializing in courses about popular culture, including rock and roll, television, and film, Kirschner promises to bring a new perspective to the WMC communication department.

"Both my parents are professors, and I liked the combination of security, freedom, and the ability to make a difference," said Kirschner about his reasons for becoming a professor.

Kirschner was born in Chicago, Ill., but spent most of his childhood in Vancouver, British Columbia. He returned to Chicago, specifically DePaul University, for his undergraduate studies. Kirschner got a degree in political science and then entered the working world as a "head hunter," recruiting prospective employees for corporations.

From the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Kirschner got a master's degree in cultural studies in communication. He was then "plucked fresh out of school" to become WMC's new professor of communication.

Many factors influenced Kirschner's decision to teach at WMC. "The first and main thing was the small school size and qual-



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Tony Kirschner settles into his new office and new position as Assistant Professor of Communication.

ity of the classrooms," he said. Kirschner also jumped at the opportunity to live on the East Coast. "I've never been here before and I enjoy it," he said. Kirschner is also enjoying his first semester at WMC. "Every person I run into has been extremely competent and helpful; it makes a new person feel a little less in the dark," he said. His courses this semester include two sections of an entry level communication course about mass communication, media, and society. He is also teaching a 300 level communication course entitled Media Power, Discourse, and Cultural Analysis.

Next semester, Kirschner will teach a 300 level communication

course in Popular Culture, which will examine mass media, industry, and society.

Kirschner is an avid music fan. He will divide his time at WMC between teaching and helping to advise WMCR, the campus radio station. Kirschner feels the station "seems to be running pretty well already." In the future, he hopes to use his connections to create internships for WMCR staff members at record labels. Kirschner also wants to "bring more bands into the school through the radio station."

As for his own taste in music, Kirschner names Beck, The Meat Puppets, and Luscious Jackson as his favorite groups.

Few students study abroad

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which often attracts students with a strong language background coming out of high school, according to Deveny.

Ironically, WMC recently lowered the language requirement to one semester. Since language is an integral part of studying abroad, is WMC denying students this opportunity by not requiring them to learn a language?

Adrian Thomas, a senior, psychology major has never traveled abroad. She chose not to study abroad partially due to expenses but mainly because she wanted to stay close to her family and maintain her connections to the area.

Administrative support, or

to experience life in another culture.

Many students on campus have had life-altering experiences due to living in another country.

Vicky Carromba had a positive experience when she traveled abroad to Seville, Spain last year. Carromba, a 1997 graduate, spent time working as a study abroad assistant at WMC.

She thinks that, "People don't want to leave their friends and parents. They are scared of leaving what's comfortable."

She agrees that there is a need for more information nights where all students are invited to attend a question-

"People don't want to leave their friends and parents. They are scared of leaving what's comfortable."

Vicky Carromba, 1997 graduate

the lack thereof, is also a concern. Provost Joan Coley remarked on how the study abroad program rates in terms of importance.

"Things we require have priority but this doesn't diminish the importance by saying it's low priority. The study abroad program is important but not critical," she said.

It still remains puzzling why more students aren't choosing

and-answer period and where those who have traveled abroad relate their experiences.

The forum study abroad fair is another way to try and get students interested. Motard-Noar says there is always enormous attendance but once students learn they can't take their aid or scholarship, "It's like taking a kid in the candy store and telling them they don't even have a penny to buy candy," said Motard-Noar.

Carromba also discussed why she thinks more females study abroad. She claims that females in general are more open to this type of thing. In her group of 70 students who traveled to Seville only 10 were males.

This semester seems to be different in that the males are well-represented. Mackenzie Cummings and Meghan Gross are currently studying in France; Jimmy Reddan is in Australia; Henry Streaker is in Austria; Josh Elin is embarking on a European historical tour, and an anonymous student and Stan Mansky are in London.

The bottom-line is that, "sleeping, eating and absorbing a foreign language is so much greater than the classroom experience. Studying abroad provides tremendous personal growth," said Deveny.

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Men's and women's soccer fairing about .500 this season

BY CAROLYN D. BARNES
Sports Editor

Neither the men's nor women's soccer teams have shown any signs of an extremely good or bad fall season, but both teams definitely have the potential to be conference contenders.

For the men, junior midfielder Art Crouse, of Westminster, returns from last year where he led the team in scoring. Sophomore Ryan Bowles, of Hampstead, joins Crouse in strong scoring. Junior Duane Campbell, from Santa Cruz, Trinidad, will help at forward, while senior co-captain Costas Hadjipalis, of Nicosia, Cyprus, heads the defense. Sophomore Justin Weiner returns with some experience as goalkeeper.

In the men's season opener, they played a tough non-conference game against St. Mary's College, but lost in the first sudden-death overtime period 1-0.

Just four days later, on September 10, the men bounced back to defeat Goucher College 3-1. Junior forward Dan Strine and junior midfielder Martin Oswiecimka, of Westminster, netted respective goals during a three-minute span of the first half to lead WMC past host Goucher in a non-conference match. Senior co-captain and midfielder Christian Abildso added a late insurance goal for the Green Terror, accounting for the final margin. Weiner, goalkeeper, registered 12 saves for WMC. Crouse and freshman Dave McConky, forward/midfielder, of Hanover, NH, each made an assist.

The men played Catholic on September 17, but after a power-

ful effort in a non-conference game, had their second 1-0 loss in overtime.

On September 20, the Terror played Haverford College, a game which was both teams' CC opener. Bowles scored his first season goal with 12:56 left in regulation, though the first goal for WMC was made by Strine. The game ended with a 2-2 tie in overtime.

Frostburg State University shut the Terror out on September 23 with a score of 6-0. Despite this loss, WMC came back on September 27 with a 3-1 victory over Swarthmore College. WMC received its lead courtesy of freshman Darren Wolf, who scored his first two collegiate goals. The third goal was made by senior Jeff Soltz.

As for the women, they came into the fall season having been the only team in the Centennial Conference (CC) to defeat Johns Hopkins last season, yet they fell short of serious contention for the title. Despite this upset, they may have the most potent forward line in the conference this season.

Returning are three All-Centennial Conference forwards: senior first-teamer Erin Murphy, of Linwood, MD; senior Erin Kelly, of Deer Park, NY, a second-teamer; and junior Natalie Hannibal, of Sykesville, MD, also a second-teamer. Kelly and Hannibal return after scoring 28 goals combined last season. Murphy alone had 16 tallies, including a Conference-record of 14 in CC games.

Senior Christine Kalobius, of Sicklerville, NJ, leads in midfield, while goalkeeper Julie Backof, of Westminster, posted an 88.3 save-percentage in '96.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

In a recent home game against Frostburg State University on September 23, WMC gave up six goals. Despite the shutout, the team currently holds a 3-3-1 record overall.

The team only has three freshman, but these new players will learn much from the tremendous amount of experience the team carries. Along with Backof and Murphy, senior back Niki Grandimo, of Clementon, NJ, and senior midfielder Lynnae Stoehr, of Mission Viejo, CA captain the team.

The ladies' first game against Shippensburg, was played on September 5 in the first round of the Elizabethtown College Blue Jay Invitational. Sophomore forward Beth Blasi, of Columbia, MD, made her debut performance by scoring the game-winning goal, giving the Terror their first winning game at 2-1.

Blasi, a transfer from West Virginia, broke a 1-1 tie off assists from Stoehr and Murphy, with 31 minutes left in the second half. Senior forward Judi Remnitz, of Needham, MA, scored the first Terror goal with an assist from Hannibal. Backof registered 13 saves in this outing.

Saturday, the second day of the Invitational put WMC against Elizabethtown where the Blue Jays shut out the Terror 3-0. Backof made eight saves in the game.

The Terror came back strong on September 18, against Goucher College. Blasi scored two goals, and Erin Kelly lent two assists to help WMC to a non-conference win of 4-1.

Kelly assisted Blasi to her first goal in the final minutes of the first half. After a Goucher goal, Erin Murphy broke the tie and put WMC back in the lead.

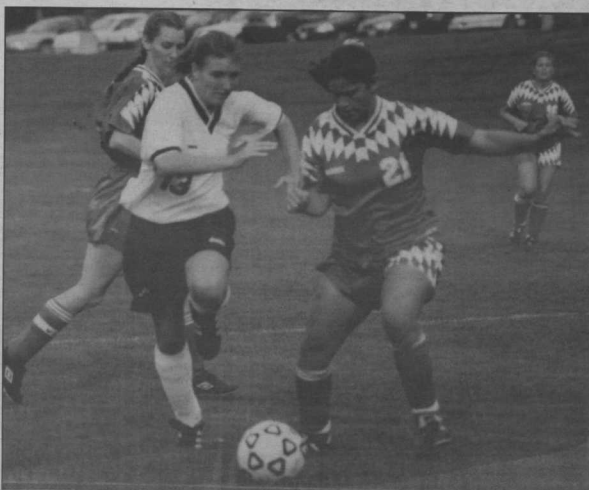
Judi Remnitz widened the

Terror's lead to 3-1 with 31:40 remaining. Blasi then netting the final goal.

Just two days later, WMC proved victorious once again, winning 2-0 over Franklin and Marshall College in a CC game. Twelve minutes into the game, Blasi scored her fourth goal of the season with an assist from Remnitz.

Remnitz then scored her fourth goal of the season, which was to be the winning goal of the game, midway through the first half. Backof aided the Terror's triumph with 15 saves.

September 24 brought WMC a loss of 4-2 against the University of Notre Dame. The Lady Terrors, however, did not let this loss get them down, for, on September 27, they defeated Swarthmore 5-1. Blasi, freshman Marci Short, and Murphy each scored, the latter of whom made an assist on Kalobius's goal just 68 seconds later. Hannibal also scored.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Junior forward Natalie Hannibal fights to drive the ball towards the opponents goal in a recent home outing. The women are currently 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the Centennial Conference

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Sophomore named Defensive Player of the Week

WMC sophomore Tommy Selecky of Claymont, Delaware, has been selected the Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week for the games of September 13.

Selecky made six solo tackles, including three quarterback sacks for 24 yards in losses, as Western Maryland routed Juniata 30-8 in a non-conference home game.

The five foot-11, 220-pound inside linebacker also grabbed his first career interception and returned it 17 yards.

WMC's defense set a school record by holding Juniata to minus-27 yards rushing, surpassing the minus-23 total the Green Terror held Moravian in 1979.

The victory lifted Western Maryland to its first 2-0 start since the 1992 team won its first four games.

Selecky has a team-high of five sacks after the first two contests and is tied for the lead in total tackles with twelve and sacks for a loss with six.

He moved to inside linebacker this year after making 62 tackles at the nose guard position as a freshman in 1996.

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Senior setter Shadrick during final season

By NIKKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

Carrie Shadrick has spiked and served her way through high school and college and hopes to continue long after graduation.

One of two seniors on Western Maryland College's volleyball team, Shadrick is both a starter and a setter.

"A setter is kind of like the quarterback on the football team," Shadrick said. "I set up all the plays."

This year's volleyball team is "not as great as we'd like to be," according to Shadrick. Their record so far is 6-8.

"We're a real good, strong team, but we haven't clicked yet," she said. Confident that they will reach their potential soon, she is looking forward to when the team will peak. Despite their disappointments, in their first match, the women beat Messiah, which they haven't done in at least two years. They were also able to beat Johns Hopkins during a tournament, although WMC lost during the regular season game to them.

The volleyball team this year consists of two seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and nine freshman. Shadrick describes her teammates as more team-oriented and having the strength, height, and personalities to win this year. Last year, the team had only nine or ten players.

A 21-year-old from Ellicott City, Shad-

rick has always enjoyed sports and admits that her family is very active. She played for Centennial High School for four years. Her team won the state championship title for three of the four years, and during her junior year, they were also ranked nationally.

Because of her outstanding volleyball career, Shadrick was recruited to WMC by coach Carole Malloy, who Shadrick describes as "very easygoing and caring about the players."

Adjusting to college life was difficult at first. The women practice at least two hours each day six days a week. That schedule, combined with the traveling involved in competitive sports, left Shadrick with little time for homework. "I learned to study on the bus," she said, smiling.

Since preseason begins on August 19, the volleyball team also moves in to their dorms earlier than other students. The regular season begins on September 2 and goes through November 1. If the women make it to regionals and nationals, the season will last through November. The team has never made it to regionals in Shadrick's three years at WMC.

A middle school physical education teacher encouraged Shadrick to join volleyball. "I like the competitiveness, being on a team, and winning," she said. Shadrick has also ran cross-country for many years and

enjoys swimming, tennis, and racquetball.

Admitting that she doesn't like school, Shadrick is looking forward to her impending graduation from WMC. Her degree will be in physical education exercise science, with four minors relating to physical education. She is interested in a graduate assistant position in the athletic department at a graduate school, in North or South Carolina. Her biggest dream is to become a volleyball coach at the collegiate level. She would also like to open her own fitness center after majoring in business in graduate school.

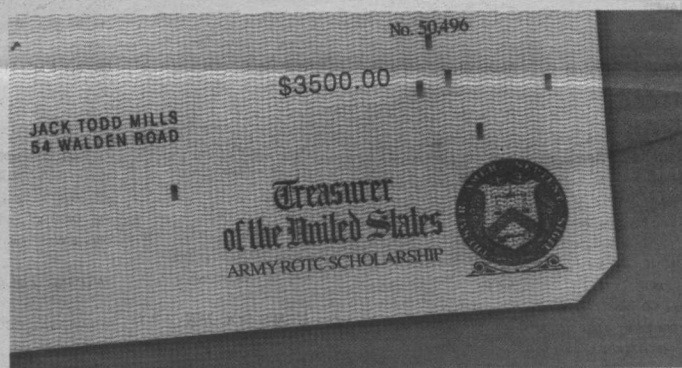
Football team remains undefeated

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streak of 100-yard performances to four. Tharpe added 33 yards on 10 attempts, while Sermarini completed 13 of 21 passes for 194 yards with two interceptions.

The Green Terror defense entered the game tied for ninth in NCAA Division III in rushing defense, allowing only 47 yards per game, and held Ursinus to that exact total. Sophomore Kory Stauffer connected on 12 of 30 passes for 113 yards, but was picked off three times.

Western Maryland is now 4-0 for the first time since 1992. Their next game will be played at Muhlenberg on October 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m.



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The Green Terror Scoreboard

FIELD HOCKEY (2-6)

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

OVERALL

Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts

Amy North - Jr - 4 - 3 - 11
Katie Haley - Sr - 4 - 1 - 9
Marjorie Hargrave - Sr - 2 - 2 - 6
Melissa Reynolds - So - 1 - 0 - 2
Kerry Wilson - So - 1 - 0 - 2

CONFERENCE

Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts

Amy North - Jr - 3 - 1 - 7
Katie Haley - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2
Marjorie Hargrave - Sr - 0 - 2 - 2
Melissa Reynolds - So - 1 - 0 - 2
Kerry Wilson - So - 1 - 0 - 2

GOALTENDING

OVERALL

Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.

Jessica Horwath - So - 48 - 13 - .787
Jaime Moyer - Jr - 26 - 7 - .788
Nicole Horn - Fr - 18 - 5 - .783

CONFERENCE

Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.

Jessica Horwath - So - 32 - 9 - .780
Jaime Moyer - Jr - 13 - 2 - .867
Nicole Horn - Fr - 6 - 3 - .667

UPCOMING GAMES

Date - Team - Time

*Denotes CC game

O4 - at Bryn Mawr* - 1:00 p.m.
O7 - JOHNS HOPKINS* - 4:00 p.m.
O16-FROSTBURG STATE-3:30p.m.
O18 - at Villa Julie - 1:00 p.m.
O21 - at Gettysburg* - 3:30 p.m.
O28 - DICKINSON* - 3:00 p.m.
N1 - at Washington* - 1:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL (4-0)

GAME RESULTS

Team - Score - Winner

Bridgewater - 21-17-WMC
Juniata - 30-8 - WMC
Gettysburg - 55-7 - WMC
Ursinus - 20-10 - WMC

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player-Plays- Rush- Pass - Ttl

Ron Sermarini-126-(25)-689-664
Gavin DeFreitas - 111-497-0-497
Jay Tharpe - 45 - 166 - 0 - 166

RUSHING

Player- Att-Gain- Loss-Net-Avg-TD

Gavin DeFreitas-111-518-21-497-4.5-3
Jay Tharpe-45 -174-8-166-3.7-4-16
Mike O'Dell - 10-26-0-26-2.6-0-7
Donte Abron - 1-23-0-23-23.0-0-23

SCORING

Player- TD-PAT- 2Pt-FG-DPAT-Tot.

Jay Tharpe-5 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 32
Gavin DeFreitas-4 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 24
Brent Sandrock - 0 - 9 - 0 - 3 - 0 - 18
Trey Rash - 2 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 14
Marc Alegi - 2 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 12

PASSING

Player- Cmp-Att- Pct.-Yds-TD-Int.

Joe Rineer - 1 - 2 - 50.0 - 6 - 1 - 0
Ron Sermarini-58 - 93-62.4-689-7-2

RECEIVING

Player- No.-Yds-Avg -TD - Long

Gavin DeFreitas-4 - 13 - 148-11.4-1-34
Tim Herb - 9 - 199 - 13.2 - 0 - 49
Marc Alegi - 7 - 66 - 9.4 - 2 - 15
Ryan Smith - 7 - 64 - 9.1 - 0 - 15
Jay Tharpe-7 - 37 - 5.3 - 1 - 10

PUNTING

Player- No.-Yds-Avg -Net-Blk-Long

Bob Spruill-10-416-41.6-64-34.7-0- 52
Steve Wilcox-9-327-36.3-27.4-0- 64

KICKING

Player- XPM-XPA-FGM-FGA-Pts

Brent Sandrock - 9 - 13 - 3 - 5 - 33 - 18

KICK RETURNS

Player- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long

Donte Abron - 1 - 29 - 29.0 - 0 - 29
Marvin Deal - 6 - 135 - 22.5 - 0 - 29
Mike O'Dell - 3 - 58 - 19.3 - 0 - 25

PUNT RETURNS

Player- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long

Marvin Deal - 16 - 246 - 15.4 - 0 - 45
Jeff Groff - 1 - 8 - 8.0 - 0 - 8

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long

Anthony Burgos - 2 - 48 - 24.0 - 0 - 37
Derrick Gwyn - 1 - 20 - 20.0 - 0 - 20
Tommy Selecky - 1 - 17 - 0 - 0 - 17
Kevin Brown - 2 - 26 - 13.0 - 0 - 26

TACKLES

Player- Solo-Ass-Tot- Loss-Yds

Tommy Selecky - 12 - 16 - 28 - 7 - 43
Joey Garrison - 11 - 17 - 28 - 2 - 2
Tom Lapato - 9 - 13 - 22 - 4 - 7
Kevin Kramer - 7 - 11 - 18 - 10 - 46
Aaron Bartolain - 4 - 10 - 14 - 3 - 25
Bill Parks - 2 - 12 - 14 - 0 - 0
Zach Galemore - 5 - 7 - 12 - 2 - 8

SACKS

Player - No. - Yards

Tommy Selecky - 5 - 0 - 36
Kevin Kramer - 6 - 0 - 33
Justin Lavis - 2 - 5 - 22
Aaron Bartolain - 1 - 5 - 17
Mike Tice - 1 - 0 - 10

FUMBLES

Player - Forced - Rec.

Kevin Kramer - 1 - 1
Mike Tice - 1 - 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Date - Team - Time

O4 - at Muhlenberg - 1:00
O18 - at Dickinson - 1:00
O25 - F & M - 1:00
N1 - SALISBURY STATE - 1:00
N8 - at Swarthmore - 1:00
N15 - JOHNS HOPKINS - 1:00

MEN'S SOCCER (2-3-1)

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

OVERALL

Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts

Darren Wolf - Fr - 2 - 0 - 4
Ryan Bowles - So - 1 - 1 - 3
Martin Oswiecimka - Jr - 1 - 1 - 3
Jeff Soltz - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2
Dan Strine - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
Christiaan Abildso - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2
Jason Wattenschaidt - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
Steve Como - Jr - 0 - 1 - 1
Dan D'Agostino - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1
Scott Edwards - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1
Art Crouse - Jr - 0 - 1 - 1
Dave McConky - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1

CONFERENCE

Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts

Darren Wolf - Fr - 2 - 0 - 4
Ryan Bowles - So - 1 - 1 - 3

Jeff Soltz - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2

Dan Strine - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2

Martin Oswiecimka - Jr - 0 - 1 - 1

Steve Como - Jr - 0 - 1 - 1

Dan D'Agostino - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1

Scott Edwards - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1

GOALTENDING

OVERALL

Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.

Mark Rohme - Sr - 56 - 7 - .889
Justin Wiener - So - 21 - 5 - .808

CONFERENCE

Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.

Mark Rohme - Sr - 19 - 3 - .864

UPCOMING GAMES

Date - Team - Time

*Denotes CC game

O4 - at F & M* - 11:00
O11 - at Beaver - 1:00
O14 - at Villa Julie - 4:00
O18 - MUHLENBERG* - 1:00
O25 - at Johns Hopkins* - 7:00
O29 - GETTYSBURG* - 2:30
N1 - at Ursinus* - 2:00
N5 - DICKINSON* - 2:00
N9 - at Washington* - 1:30

WOMEN'S SOCCER (4-2)

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

OVERALL

Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts

Beth Blasi - So - 6 - 1 - 13
Judi Remnitz - Sr - 3 - 1 - 7
Erin Murphy - Gr - 2 - 1 - 5
Erin Kelly - Sr - 0 - 5 - 5
Lynnae Stoehr - Sr - 1 - 2 - 4
Marc Short - Fr - 1 - 1 - 3
Natalie Hannibal - Jr - 1 - 1 - 3
Christine Kalobius - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2
Meaghan Giorno - So - 0 - 1 - 1

CONFERENCE

Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts

Beth Blasi - So - 2 - 1 - 5
Judi Remnitz - Sr - 1 - 1 - 3
Erin Murphy - Gr - 1 - 1 - 3
Marc Short - Fr - 1 - 1 - 3
Natalie Hannibal - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
Christine Kalobius - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2
Lynnae Stoehr - Jr - 0 - 1 - 1

Meaghan Giorno - So - 0 - 1 - 1

GOALTENDING

OVERALL

Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.

Julie Backof - Sr - 43 - 9 - .827
Becca Lyter - Fr - 3 - 1 - .750

CONFERENCE

Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.

Julie Backof - Sr - 13 - 1 - .929

UPCOMING GAMES

Date - Team - Time

*Denotes CC game

O4 - at Haverford* - 12:00
O8 - at Gettysburg* - 4:00
O11 - at Catholic - 11:00
O14 - JOHNS HOPKINS* - 4:00
O18 - at Ursinus* - 1:00
O20 - at Shenandoah - 4:00
O25 - BRYN MAWR* - 11:00
O28 - at Dickinson* - 3:00
N1 - MUHLENBERG* - 11:00

VOLLEYBALL (7-8)

KILLS

Player- Cl- No Kills

Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 108
Lori Noel - Jr - 102
Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 94
Brianna Bray - Fr - 61

HITTING PERCENTAGE

Player - Cl - Percentage

Courtney Krasowski - Fr - 1.000
Steph Bell - Fr - .750
Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - .301

SOLO BLOCKS

Player - Cl - No. Blocks

Brianna Bray - Fr - 27
Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 18
Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 14

SET ASSISTIS

Player - Cl - No. Set Assists

Carnie Shadrick - Sr - 377
Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 25

All statistics are as of
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Profile on senior volleyball setter Carrie Shadrick

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Terror field hockey slowly improving

BY SHAWN SPRAGUE
Staff Writer

The WMC field hockey team is chocked full of enthusiasm, and is looking forward to the second half of the fall season. There is a lot of new talent, and the team has the potential to become competitive.

This season, 12 of the team's 26 players are freshmen. Throughout the first half of this season, they have both learned and enjoyed the sport. The bonds that the freshmen have developed over the course of this season will carry the team through the next four years, and be a foundation for future success. "Once the team clicks, we will be unstoppable," exclaims freshman Ashley Mechan.

Upperclassmen also play an important role on this year's team. Captains Katie Haley and Marge Hargrave lead the offensive attack,

and Melissa Reynolds helps fortify the defense. Juniors Amy North and Kerry Wilson are crucial to the Terror's fast-break style offense.

1991 WMC alumnus Tracey Folio, in her third year as head coach, is quite optimistic of her team's potential. Though the team has a 2-5 record, she stresses that it has been dominant in most of the games. "We need to work on staying strong in the second half," she said. Coach Folio also said that the team has a lot of camaraderie, and that "every minute has been memorable."

Although the team started slowly, they have been gradually improving.

On September 16 they played extremely competitively against Notre Dame. WMC fell 3-4 this game, but lost in overtime.

Unable to hold a 3-0 halftime lead, they came up empty-handed in the last half of the game. This

dropped the Terror's to 0-4 for the season.

Two days later, the team won their first game against York by a score of 3-2.

Senior Marjorie Hargrave scored twice in the first half, these goals were sandwiched between Katie Haley's team-leading third of the year as the Lady Terror led 3-0 at halftime.

This win snapped a five-game losing streak dating back to the final game of the 1996 season.

Following their first victory, the team came back to lose to F&M on September 23.

Senior Katie Haley put WMC in front with the only goal of the first half, only to have F&M return to score four in the second.

The Terror also fell to Muhlenberg by a score of 3-1 just four days later.

The ladies were scored on by three separate Muhlenberg players,



JOSE (JUBA) SQUEIRA

Junior Amy North, currently the leading scorer for the team, successfully maintains possession of the ball. Although starting slow, the season seems to be improving for the Lady Terrors.

Carol Caine, Andrea Cook, and Kim Brady.

Junior Amy North had WMC's only goal in the second half, tying her for the team lead with four.

With so much fresh talent on the team this season, it will be interesting to see what happens in the upcoming games and seasons on the Hill.

Terror football remains unbeaten; currently 4-0 overall

BY JESSICA VERMILLION
Staff Writer

Western Maryland defeated Gettysburg 55-7 on the road Saturday, September 20. Junior running back Gavin DeFreitas and sophomore quarterback Ron Serماريني led the Terror to victory.

DeFreitas rushed for 152 yards and two touchdowns. Serماريني completed 17 of 27 passes for 214 yards, continuing his 62 percent completion record from last year. The Terror scored first off a 33 yard field goal by freshman Brent Sandrock with 6:32 left in the first quarter. Two plays later the Terror regained possession with sophomore defensive back Anthony Burgos' interception and 37 yard return.

Holding Gettysburg to just 15 yards in the first quarter, WMC entered the second quarter leading 3-0. WMC scored first, two and a half minutes into the second quarter. Sandrock kicked a 26 yard field goal to put the Terror up 6-0.

The Terror defense continued to harass the Bullets' offensive line. Sophomore linebacker

Tommy Selecky caused Bullets' running back Helwig to fumble. Burgos recovered the ball for no gain.

WMC drove 73 yards, and scored their first touchdown of the game in two minutes and 37 seconds. DeFreitas ran five yards for the touchdown on his twelfth carry of the afternoon. The lead was now 12-0.

On the Bullets' third down of their second possession of the second quarter, junior defensive lineman Mike Tice sacked quarterback Fugaro, who fumbled the ball. Freshman defensive lineman Kevin Kramer recovered the ball for no gain.

Serماريني and DeFreitas gained 11 yards as DeFreitas scored his second touchdown, giving WMC an 18-0 lead.

The Terror opted for the two point conversion, and Serماريني completed a pass to senior wide receiver Trey Rush to make it 20-0.

The Bullets managed to rush for two yards before senior defensive back Kevin Brown intercepted a Fugaro pass and was tackled.

On his seventeenth carry, DeFreitas fumbled the ball, and the Bullets recovered it. Gettysburg took the opportunity to drive for 86 yards and a touchdown, putting the Bullets on the scoreboard 20-7, the score at halftime.

Gettysburg started the second half but two and a half minutes into it had to punt on fourth down and 18 yards to go. On their next possession the Terror would not score, but DeFreitas rushed for 24 yards.

Again WMC's defense forced the Bullets to punt, this time on fourth down and 11 yards to go.

The Terror drove 25 yards, and Serماريني completed a touchdown pass to junior running back Jay Tharpe. Serماريني connected with Tharpe again for the two point conversion. The Terror led 28-7.

Gettysburg punted again on fourth and five. Freshman tight-end Jeff Groff blocked Runsey's punt. Four plays and 26 yards later the Terror scored off a Serماريني completion to Rash.

Sandrock's kick for the extra point was good and WMC led 35-7 going into the fourth quarter.

Four minutes and 21 seconds into the fourth quarter the Terrors had driven 59 yards and Serماريني completed a pass to senior wide receiver Donte Abron. Sandrock failed to convert the extra point making the score 41-7.

Two plays into the Bullets' possession Brown intercepted Flaherty's pass and returned it for 26 yards. Thirty seconds later junior quarterback Justin Sheridan snuck one yard for a touchdown.

WMC terrorized Bullets quarterback Flaherty as he fumbled twice in one possession. Tice recovered the second fumble for no gain.

Freshman quarter back Joe Rineer finished the game. The Terror's 18 yard ended with a Rineer completion to freshman wide receiver Mike Starke. Sandrock's field goal was good bringing the score to 55-7.

Each team had another unsuccessful possession after the Terror's last touchdown.

In all the Terror made three interceptions, forced five fumbles, and sacked the quarterback six

times. DeFreitas' total of 32 carries and 152 yards marked his personal best.

For their fourth victory, WMC defeated Ursinus College 20-10 on Saturday, September 27 in Scott S. Bair Stadium.

Jay Tharpe ran for two touchdowns and WMC limited Ursinus to 160 total yards.

Tharpe, a junior fullback, capped a seven-play, 33-yard drive with an eight-yard TD run to give WMC a 14-0 lead with 4:17 left in the second quarter. His second TD carry from seven yards out pushed the Green Terror advantage to 20-7 at the 8:55 mark of the third quarter.

WMC opened the scoring with 12:16 left in the second quarter, as sophomore quarterback Ron Serماريني found senior wide receiver Trey Rash behind the Ursinus secondary for a 53-yard touchdown bomb.

Junior running back Gavin DeFreitas led all rushers with 106 yards on 31 carries, extending his

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JOSE LUBA SIQUEIRA

The construction site is fenced off as workers start on the new building.

Construction finally begins on new science building

BY JENNIFER SACKS
Staff Writer

The new science building is on its way. The area behind Lewis Recitation Hall is fenced off. Work crews have removed the trees and statues from between Lewis and Winslow Hall. However, questions are already being asked as to whether the new building will be able to accommodate the ever-growing science departments.

Biology and biotechnical fields show some of the greatest prospec-

tive for increase in the years to come.

The new science building will be an added attraction to prospective students. Chemistry professor Dr. Brian Wladkowski said that the new building will "have an impact on the shift away from the humanities towards the sciences. The science building may attract students who are on the fence about studying science."

With more science majors, the

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Campus Safety apprehends suspect in bookstore theft

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Assistant News Editor

The theft of more than \$1500 worth of computer software packages from the WMC Bookstore on September 29 has led to one arrest and an investigation into a string of possibly linked robberies of college bookstores.

Erick A. Johnson, who has no relation to the College, has been released on personal recognizance until his trial in early January. He was charged with felony theft and fourth-degree burglary, or entering a dwelling or business with the intent to commit theft, according to Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster.

Approximately \$780 in software was recovered from Erick Johnson's backpack, and another alleged perpetrator escaped with an equal amount of merchandise, Webster said.

WMC Bookstore Manager Thor Johnson (no relation to the suspect) said that on the day of the robbery, a cashier but no manager or assistant manager was present when Erick Johnson and another man entered the store.

When Assistant Manager Kyle Meloche returned, he said he found one of the men in the back of the store, "stuffing boxes of computer software into his backpack."

Campus Safety pursued the two men, along with a third accomplice who was waiting by the Information Desk, through Decker Center and out to the front of Hill Hall, Webster said. There Webster caught Johnson, and discovered that he had four boxes of Microsoft Office 97 Standard Edition software in his possession.

Reports on the Barnes and Noble Internet site, as well as the Campus Police Intelligence Network, show that this theft is not an isolated incident. According to Webster, reports about a group that has been stealing software from various college bookstores are circulating on these networks.

The web site gives general descriptions of the alleged perpetrators. "I think you could say that they matched," Webster said of Johnson and his accomplices.

The individual arrested at WMC has allegedly been identified for a theft that occurred earlier the same day at Hood College in

Frederick. Campus Safety is helping to set up a photo lineup in Frederick County to officially identify the suspect, Webster said.

George Washington University, Catholic University, and the University of Delaware have also reported similar crimes.

Recently computer software has been specifically targeted for theft, because of its high resale value on the street. Specially packaged college merchandise is considered particularly valuable, Thor Johnson said.

To ensure security, the bookstore's new policy is to have two staff members in the store at all times. Also, computer software is now being displayed behind the counter.

Johnson stressed that the role of students keeping their backpacks at the front of the store will be "absolutely, positively" enforced from now on.

"We get a lot of back talk about this rule, but hopefully the students will understand," he said.

The WMC Bookstore is the sixth college store in which Thor Johnson has worked. Compared to his previous experiences, Johnson said crime has been low until this incident, which is the first theft he has witnessed that involved assailants outside the student body.

Although Johnson attributes the low crime rate at the bookstore to the College's rural setting, he said that this occurrence proves that "WMC is not immune" to such crimes.

Party ends with student taken to the hospital

The clubroom party in Blanche Ward Hall ended eventfully early Sunday morning when three Westminster Police Cruisers, one Fire Rescue Vehicle, and one ambulance responded to an incident of substance abuse.

According to Campus Safety Director Mike Webster, a student was taken to the hospital. Webster said that "alcohol may have been involved." The student was subsequently released.

An eyewitness reported that a mob of 70-100 students gathered to watch the incident.

No further information is currently available.

Revenue exceeds budget by \$1.6m

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

Although many complaints have been voiced about the size of the freshman class, the large intake of new students has also brought benefits. This class of around 500 students is one of the main causes for a gross revenue surplus of \$1.6 million.

According to Erhan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, the budget committee met to decide how the additional revenue should be spent.

The committee meets in January each year to decide the college's budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins on July 1st. The com-

mittee, which is made up of both faculty members and administrators, allocates the money to be spent in the next year.

This year the actual amount of money raised from tuition, room, and board, far exceeded expectations, leaving \$1.6 million in excess revenue. Seidel commented that this is a great contrast from the early 1990's when the college didn't have enough money to spend and had to cut back its budget. "It's a lot richer now to be able to sit down and set priorities and allocate funds," he said.

Thirty-three percent of this extra money was spent on additional financial aid, explained committee member Ira Domser. This left the

committee with around \$1 million to allocate to various causes.

Domser explained that at the beginning of the fiscal year every department sends its requests for funding to the committee. He said that typically the requests greatly exceed the college's budget. The budget committee must then decide how to allocate the money.

Items that are not included in the original budget are reconsidered when the revenue exceeds expectations and additional funding is available, as was the case this year.

The unexpected size of the

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THE SOAPBOX

Adam Dean

Chelsea Clinton would probably like to be treated as just a normal college aged young woman. I am sure that, like most of her peers, Ms. Clinton likes to hang out with her friends, go to see movies and shows and engage in other common social activities.

But Ms. Clinton is not like other young women in that she is the daughter of the President of the United States.

Being the daughter of the President brings with it certain responsibilities and restrictions. Ms. Clinton had to have her dorm room specially modified and the windows replaced with bullet proof glass to protect her from would-be assassins. Likewise, Secret Service agents now are prowling the Stanford campus to protect Ms. Clinton from any possible harm.

True, these agents are trying to "blend in" but how successful does anyone think they really will be? And what person would want to share a class with Ms. Clinton when they know one of the "students" there is an armed federal agent? And of course there is the professional media. I am sure the Stanford campus is even now crawling with reporters hoping to be in the right place at the right time to cover Chelsea Clinton related story.

All of this unusual activity can't help but be disruptive to the majority of people who live and work on that campus. Unfortun-

nately, when one columnist for the *Stanford Daily* newspaper submitted a column that mentioned this he was dismissed from his position.

Columnist Jesse Oxfeld wrote a column for the September 26 issue of the *Stanford Daily* that contained a section which mentioned the arrival of the First Family at Stanford. In the opinion of the *Daily's* Editor-in-Chief Carolyn Sleeth this mention of Ms. Clinton violated a policy that paper established which said they would not cover Chelsea Clinton unless she does something newsworthy.

I would like to question how anything Ms. Clinton does could not be seen as newsworthy. As the daughter of the President she is a well known public figure.

Certainly her arrival and that of the Commander-in-Chief had to be an important, newsworthy event. Not mention the fact that her mere presence on any campus would be at least partially disruptive to the entire community.

I do not wish to attack or offend Ms. Clinton whom I am certain is a delightful young lady.

But the fact remains that things will never again be the same for the majority of Stanford students. Any unusual event that effects a large number of residents in any community should be con-

sidered to be newsworthy. For a school newspaper to just ignore the largest story to occur on it's campus in years is kind blowing. To punish an opinion writer for expressing a legitimate opinion about this enormous story is incredible.

Fortunately, we here at the *Phoenix* have never had to deal with an issue of this magnitude. Western Maryland is a small college and has not attracted the attention of society's elite that a Stanford or a Harvard would.

But I would like to think that the *Phoenix* would handle a controversial situation more fairly. Of course Ms. Clinton is entitled to her education and she deserves to be as free from media harassment as any public figure can hope to be.

But because Ms. Clinton is a public figure, her attending any college is bound to have consequences for everyone on that campus. For a newspaper to ignore this would be a dereliction of duty to the readership of the worst kind.

Like I said before, I think the *Phoenix* would handle a situation like this better than the *Stanford Daily* did. But I hope we never have to find out.

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The Perfect Body?

Maggie Kimura

Society's standard for the "perfect body" is very prevalent in our society. We worship at the altar of plastic surgery, and feast at the trough of the health food store.

We spend huge amounts of money trying to look like the next Calvin Klein model/ heroin addict, and get depressed when we do not shape up to the societal standard.

This standard has caused many young men and women to develop eating disorders, and destroy their lives to be "perfect" in body. While losing weight and looking ones best should be everyone's goal, it should be more realistic than the standard that society sets.

Let's look at the benefits of being thin, the main goal of the majority of people. Being skinny is preferable to being fat. It makes shopping in the young miss section a reality instead of looking longingly at it while having to shop at the "hefty and full" section.

Shedding those pounds makes you more appealing to members of the opposite sex. Instead of having them think "that person looks like the second reincarnation of the Titanic," they think, "gee that person looks beautiful. I wonder if he/she will go out with me?"

Another benefit is health. Doctors have linked obesity with heart disease and other ailments that can be controlled by diet and exercise. By losing those extra pounds,

people have a better chance of enjoying a healthier life, than if they are obese.

Losing weight is admirable and should be supported. However, this outlook is not shared by the media or the movies. For them, the emaciated look is in. Unless someone goes on a starva-

"Anorexia and bulimia are two common eating disorders that both young and old succumb to when trying to lose weight. They see both as quick and easy ways to lose weight, while what they are actually doing is destroying their bodies..."

tion diet, they aren't going to look like the models they see or the movies stars they watch. People get this odd feeling that they should be super thin, not realizing that while they are doing this, they are destroying their health.

Anorexia and bulimia are two common eating disorders that both young and old succumb to when trying

to lose weight. They see them as quick and easy ways to lose weight, while what they are actually doing is destroying their bodies by starving themselves or by vomiting up what they have eaten. They are depriving their body of the materials it needs to survive.

While many celebrities have admitted they have had either bulimia or anorexia and have gotten treatment, others have died because they wanted to be super thin.

One such celebrity was Karen Carpenter. She was the lead singer for the Carpenters, a soft rock group. While still young, she died from a heart attack brought on by anorexia.

Society places unrealistic demands on people, and leads them to feel guilty about their bodies. This guilt causes people to try and lose weight in order to meet this unrealistic standard, because by doing so (or so people think) they will be happy and feel wonderful. This isn't true.

By following this unrealistic standard, people are setting themselves up for failure because this is exactly what it is: an unrealistic standard which most people will never meet.

People should make realistic standards, not follow the unrealistic societal standard, in order to feel wonderful.

Maggie Kimura is a junior history major.



Englar Dining Hall: Garbage, Not Gourmet!

Jenifer Sirkis

Englar Dining Hall is supposed to be a place where students can enjoy high-quality, decent-tasting meals at Western Maryland College. Unfortunately, the dining hall falls short when meeting these expectations.

Students find that Glar food lacks taste and variety, and that the cooking and cleanliness procedures are less than desirable.

Students are very displeased with Glar, and changes need to be implemented now before their dissatisfaction becomes worse.

On any given day during lunch, students will find grilled cheese sandwiches, french fries, salads, deli meats, hamburgers, pizza, and hot dogs.

The problem is that the same food is served every lunch period, every single day.

Students find that they get sick and tired of being forced to eat the same variety of foods day after day.

How many hot dogs or slices of pizza that are lacking in taste can one person eat before it becomes monotonous?

The dining hall needs to add more entrees and provide a variety of choices each day of the week.

In addition, another recom-

mendation that students have is that they should not be restricted to eat in only the dining hall.

Many other colleges and universities have options where student's meal plans are calcu-

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lated into flex dollars where students can go to any one of a variety of food concessions or restaurants to eat.

Students at Western Maryland should be allowed to substitute their dining hall meals for food at the Pub and Grille, where the food is much more desirable.

In addition, other food venues should be added. This would give the students more choices and a better variety of food.

To its credit, the dining hall staff holds food committee meetings every so often during the course of the semester.

However, some students feel that the dining hall formed this committee mainly to appease

the students.

Students also feel that their opinions, when voiced, are not heard.

Since the first week of school no changes in the menu have been made except that chicken sandwiches have been added to the daily dinner menu.

Moreover, questionable cooking and cleaning procedures make students wonder about the quality of the food they eat.

One student reports that several "winged" insects can be seen flying on and around the food.

The dining hall staff insists that the kitchen and surrounding facilities are sprayed for insects on a regular basis.

"Students have also complained about finding human hairs and other foreign objects in their food."

They also stated that if this matter had been brought to their attention, the old food would have been removed and new food brought out.

I have often seen these in-

sects flying around the dining hall, but I have never seen this fly-infested food replaced.

Students have also complained about finding human hairs and other foreign objects in their food.

If this is the case, the staff of the dining hall needs to be more conscientious in preparing and serving the food.

The dining hall services at Western Maryland College are definitely not satisfying the college community.

In making efforts to improve their services, the dining hall needs to obtain the opinions of the students and heed them.

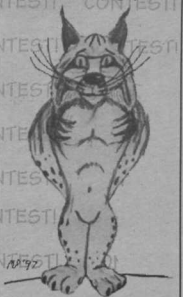
The food committee meetings must be held on a regular basis each week, and the opinions of the students, who are forced to eat their every meal at Glar, need to be taken into consideration.

In addition, cleanliness needs to be maintained. During meals, the food should be regularly inspected for insects, and workers need to carefully prepare the food.

If these conditions are improved, I feel that students will be satisfied with their dining experiences at Glar.

Jenifer Sirkis is a freshman Western Maryland student

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Feeling at Home at Western Maryland College

Megan Martin

While trying to think of a suitable topic for the Homecoming edition of The Phoenix, I decided to write about a subject I have spent a lot of time talking about recently. Being a freshman, the topic would logically be why I chose to attend Western Maryland College.

So, why did I choose Western Maryland College? I am asked this question quite often, especially when I am at home in South Jersey. After answering the usual questions about attending col-

lege, experience of living away from home.

Money was certainly an issue in selecting a college, but I really only considered schools I knew I could afford. This left me able to concentrate on the qualities of the different colleges, not their price tags.

Feeling "at home" was the biggest concern I had during my college search. All the colleges I looked at had equally wonderful reputations, and I was able to picture myself attending almost all the

After my first visit, which happened to be in the pouring rain, Western Maryland became one of my top three choices. I thought the campus was wonderful, and the people I met were very friendly.

I came back to visit only one other time, and I was hooked. All during the months between the times I came for visits, I had been reading up on the college. I had also been talking with alumni who had only good things to say.

"home," I think we all need to reflect on the places that feel like home to us. Why shouldn't you be in a place that feels like home?

For the most part, Western Maryland is our home. It is our home in the sense that most of us live here, play here, and work here.

I know it is a bit crowded at the moment, that classes are tough, and finals are not all that far down the road. We all have to make the best of things, ex-

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lege in the mountains of beautiful western Maryland, I am always asked, "Why Western Maryland?"

First, people want to know why I did not go to a school where I would be paying a fraction of the amount of tuition I am paying here each year. "You could have saved money, been closer to home, and bought yourself a car with the money you are spending at Western Maryland," they often reason.

Although having a car would be nice, it is not a big priority at the moment, and I did not really want to be all that close to home. This has nothing to do with my parents, I just want the college

campuses I visited. Western Maryland College, however, was different.

Western Maryland is a college with everything I have always wanted. It is a small school, and I have always wanted to attend a college where all my professors would know my name. It is definitely better than being a number in a class of thousands. In terms of distance, Western Maryland is just far enough away from home without being too far away. The classes here are really good, and the school's reputation is excellent, even if people are confused about the location. There are also classes here that I could not get at any other small school.

The real hook for me was stepping onto campus on Accepted Students Day, yet another rainy day, and being hit with the feeling that I was "at home." There are no other words to describe the feeling. I decided to attend Western Maryland before leaving that afternoon.

When you think about it, Homecoming is all about coming home. It is a perfect time to reflect on why we are students here. It does not really matter to everyone on campus why I chose to attend this college. I wrote this more to encourage a reflection upon your choices.

Since Homecoming is all about

actly as if we were really at home. Certainly, I hope everyone is happy with their choices, and if you are not, I encourage you to rethink them.

Over the last two months, I have seen Western Maryland College become my home away from home. This is a college where I can be myself and learn to think honestly and openly. There is a place here for everyone; I know I have found my niche. I really cannot imagine myself anywhere else at this moment, except maybe in bed.

Megan Martin is a freshman communications major.

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"Blue Jeans Day" Tactic a False Show of Support

Adam Dean

Last week Allies, Western Maryland College's Gay and Lesbian student organization had what it called "Blue Jeans Day." "Blue Jeans Day" was supposed to be a day where everyone who supported the gay and lesbian agenda would wear blue jeans to show their support. In order to protect myself and the *Phoenix* in this era of political correctness and ortho-

"Blue Jeans Day" is not an ethical one on a college campus. Think about this for a minute. Other than the t-shirt, what article of clothing is more a part of the every day wardrobe of the average college student than blue jeans? I would guess that most members of the college community own two or more pairs of blue jeans. And yet there is an organization on this cam-

occasion. Nor did I see any posters hung up around campus announcing it. Since I am sure that the average reader doesn't pay as detailed attention to the paper as those who help make it, (and I didn't notice the ad until the second time I read the paper) it doesn't take much imagination to see how a significant portion of the campus could remain unaware of "Blue

Square on October 9, pass it around and say, "Look, all these people support my agenda. They must, they are wearing blue jeans on Blue Jeans Day."

It is too easy to co-opt someone else's image this way when the visible sign of support is something as common as blue jeans. I could just as easily declare tomorrow to be "socks day" and claim that if you sup-

port "blank" you should wear socks. That doesn't mean that everybody who wears socks supports my agenda. But it would be a simple for me to use widespread sock wearing on "sock day" to create a false impression of public support.

Why couldn't Allies choose some other way to have people express their support? Maybe wear a ribbon or an arm band of some type? Or how about "wear your clothes inside-out day?" Or perhaps "wear a base-

out having to this type of tactic.

Allies did take one interesting step that week. The establishment and distribution of "Safe Zone" stickers, the concept of an area on campus where students can feel safe to discuss all issues openly is a great idea. But even this wasn't made known to many people. I have to ask, why?

Adam Dean is a senior political science major

"Why couldn't Allies choose some other way to have people express their support? Maybe wear a ribbon or an armband of some type? Or how about 'wear your clothes inside-out day?' Or perhaps 'wear a baseball cap sideways day?' There were plenty of options to pick from. But they chose one that could easily be misunderstood..."

doxy I want to state it is the opinion of this writer that any organization's attempt to gather the public into a genuine show of support for its goals is not only perfectly acceptable behavior but is admirable. The ability of political organizations to mobilize the public on all types of issues is fundamental to a properly functioning democratic republic. The problem with "Blue Jeans Day" is one of ethics.

I submit that the tactic of

pus that is saying to show support for its agenda students should wear what they normally would wear anyway on a specified day? This is not only ridiculous, it is misleading.

It is certain that many members of the WMC community never even heard of "Blue Jeans Day." Of course, a small advertisement was run inside the *Phoenix*. But that is the only notice I ever received of it. I never received a phone message telling me about this

Jeans Day."

This tactic is misleading because it creates the image of much more support for a specific issue than is really there. Of all the people who wore blue jeans on October 9, how many of them were wearing them as a symbol of their support of gay rights versus those who just needed a clean pair of pants?

All a dishonest activist would have to do would be to take a picture of all the people wearing blue jeans in Red

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Smoker's Habits Annoy Nonsmoking Student

Laura Kelley

As I step outside of my residence hall on a clear fall morning, I can't help but notice the chirping birds and falling leaves and when I take a deep breath the hazy cloud of smoke that lingers outside the doors fills my lungs. I don't have a prob-

lem with smoking. If a person wants to blacken his lungs and shorten his life, that is fine with me. I do, however, have a problem with where smokers fulfill their habit.

The smokers should have more courtesy for others and smoke where they are out of everyone's way. The official college policy for a smoke-free environment in the Student Guide and Datebook declares that "all public areas of the college are designated as nonsmoking..." This rule doesn't say only indoor public areas. Public areas include highly traveled walkways and doorways. I have

encountered this problem in front of my dormitory, where smokers sit on the stoop against the building.

This predicament also occurs outside the bottom level of Decker College Center where smokers line the sidewalk blow-

through.

The second part of the school policy states that smoking is allowed in the "residence hall rooms where both occupants permit smoking and where the room door is closed."

This policy might actually

for other people and their needs.

And what about smoking as a fire hazard? Students on campus are not allowed to have halogen lamps because of the fire risk, but students are free to smoke as much as they want.

The college needs to at least stand by their policy of nonsmoking in public areas.

The college is to blame as much as the smokers themselves. The bottom line is courtesy. Just because the smokers are out-

"There is only one substance-free floor in Whiteford and even there smoking is a problem. Residents and even their visitors have no concerns for other people and their needs. And what about smoking as a fire hazard? Students on campus are not allowed to have halogen lamps because of fire risk, but students are free to smoke as much as they want."

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ing smoke onto unsuspecting students.

Since Maryland law prohibits smoking in indoor areas, I suppose the smokers figure one step outside the door is enough.

But it is not. People on campus are still at risk for hazards caused by second hand smoke. In a more open area like Red Square, smoking in a particular section is quite popular.

Separating themselves from other people is good, but large amounts of cigarette butts lie on the ground or in the grass.

It's nice that they regard the feelings of other people, but smokers need to have more respect for nature and those people coming to sit there after

work if the doors to the rooms were airtight. Cracks between the door and the floor as well as around the framing enables smoke to filter into the hall way.

Even with this rule, people sit outside their doors and smoke because they don't want their belongings to smell, but it's okay if everyone else has to suffer.

It's a wonderful feeling to walk up three flights of stairs, then be taken aback by the stench.

There is only one substance-free floor in Whiteford and even on that floor smoking is a problem, depending on which door you go in. Residents and even their visitors have no concern

Does that make sense?

Smoking is choice that is up to the individual. But it is a choice which should not affect anyone else.

If the smoker needs a cigarette, smoking in a less populated walkway or facing the other direction so the smoke isn't blown toward those walking past would be appreciated.

As far as the residence halls are concerned, I think Residence Life should put all smokers together on one floor or even in one dormitory.

An all smoking dorm would keep us away from dangerous second hand smoke and allow the smokers to puff away to their heart's content.

side or behind their doors doesn't mean they aren't affecting anyone. Everyone has the right to choose what they wish. If one feels the need to smoke they should keep it to themselves and not bother those around them.

Smoking is a dangerous, addictive habit. It's danger is not limited to just the user but also to those around him. Smokers need to realize this and steps need to be taken to protect those around them from the deadly side effects this perilous pastime.

Laura Kelley advertising manager at the *Phoenix* and freshman

Jewish Student Union donates food given up for Yom Kippur to local soup kitchen

BY MICHELLE HAMILTON
Senior Writer

While many students packed their bags and headed for a home cooked meal for Fall Break, Jewish students at WMC began their traditional fasting for Yom Kippur with an additional twist. The meals they forfeited for the holiday were collected for a food drive for the needy.

The Jewish Student Union organized efforts with the cooperation of Englar Dining Hall to donate the meals to a Westminster soup kitchen, explained Allison Silverblatt, senior biology major.

"In place of what we would have eaten," bagged lunches were prepared and donated from the students' meal plans, Silverblatt said. "Glar was very nice to make up the meals." There were nineteen participants and "everyone we called responded," resulting in 56 meals, she added.

Yom Kippur is a day of atonement in the Jewish faith, and it is the "only day of the year when you can pray for yourself," said Silverblatt. Fasting is not part of the atonement, but it is done because food is believed to distract from the prayers and focus of the day. It is in this spirit that Jewish people go food and drink from sundown to sundown once a year.

"I thought it was a good idea," explained Heather Corto, junior sociology major and JSU member. "I wasn't eating and someone who normally doesn't [eat], got to," she said.

While feeding on Yom Kippur isn't officially part of the Jewish holiday, many synagogues donate to local soup kitchens during this time. Stacy Dobres, sophomore



NATHAN BIRDSALL

JSU member Renata Vesnovsky prepares for the food drive. The students collected the food they would have eaten in Glar and donated it to a Westminster soup kitchen.

psychology major, explained that her former synagogue would have "drives around the holiday times." Silverblatt and Corto also said that their synagogues at home participate in some sort of food donation.

The JSU is a fairly new organization to WMC, as it's been in existence for only 3-4 years. Although only 22 people are active in the JSU, "the numbers have increased" from a year ago, said Renata Vesnovsky, a sophomore biology major.

The group sponsors many activities on campus. It rang in the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah, in early October with a celebra-

tion of the traditional apples and honey in Ensor Lounge. Apples are round like the year and honey is sweet, and together they symbolize the anticipation of a prosperous year. Vesnovsky explained that Rosh Hashanah is a major event for the group, but Passover Dinner is still the largest event the group sponsors.

While the food drive was a new event for the JSU, it is one they "plan on continuing," Vesnovsky asserted. The drive "gives food to people who ordinarily don't have it," Dobres said. "I'd like to see it done in the future."

Compact discs now being sold at Bookstore

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Assistant News Editor

The new selection of compact discs being sold in the WMC Bookstore are proving to be music to students' ears.

Twenty CDs were sold within the first three hours that the bookstore opened on October 1, according to Bookstore Manager Thor Johnson. He said the response has been "outstanding."

The selection of music, which includes titles by everyone from Mariah Carey to Radiohead to Pavement, comes to WMC as part of Barnes and Noble Bookstores.

Over the past few years the bookstore had attempted to sell older, "bargain bin" CDs with much less success.

The new discs cost from 50 cents to \$1.00 more than they would in average retail stores, according to Johnson, with prices ranging from approximately \$11 to \$16.

"It's the same thing you can get in the mall, without the drive," Johnson said.

CDs are chosen for the bookstore based on charts, so the bestselling titles from a variety of different genres of music are being sold.

Due to lack of space, there are no plans to expand and include a larger selection of music, but every two weeks new titles are added and the most popular ones are restocked.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

A WMC student browses the new CD section.

Shuttle to run to Owings Mills Metro Station

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

A shuttle bus service to and from the Owings Mills metro station is to be offered to the college community on Saturdays.

Dean Philip Sayre is using \$2,000 of budget committee funding to provide the transportation because he "keeps hearing that people want it."

The college is leasing a 7-person Enterprise van which will make trips every other hour between noon to midnight. The shuttle will run on even hours. Trips should start on November 1 and will leave from the door in Rouzer Hall near Campus Safety.

After the funding runs out, it will depend on the popularity of the service as to whether Sayre will continue to request money to offer the transportation. But it is certain that he will make the service available during part of the spring semester.

"I believe it is one of those things that takes a little while to catch on," said Sayre. "So I don't want to make a judgment too quickly on its use."

A similar program was offered more than five years ago, according to Sayre. That one had "hardly any use." Nevertheless, he decided to try it again.

"Just because something did not work years ago doesn't mean it won't possibly work now," said Sayre.

Husband and wife art exhibition displayed in Peterson Hall Gallery

Cynthia Baush and Rennie Blalock are husband and wife and they each like to express the link between life and death through art. But they do it in very different ways.

While she uses canvas, he chooses bone, fur, shells and other objects found in nature.

Their work is being featured together in an exhibit at Western Maryland College which began Sunday, Oct. 19, in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall.

Baush's drawings, large scale pastel nudes in symbolic narratives, focus on the interconnectedness of all life and especially speaks to issues of eroticism, birth and death.

Blalock's found object assemblages are inspired by African art, specifically the animal bone ritual pieces constructed by Masai tribes of Kenya and Tanzania.

The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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Wenner-Wingate lecturer digs into the subject of gardens

Today's garden holds lots of tomatoes, squash and cucumbers. For early Americans, the garden was much larger and was a place for entertainment, sport or even political argument.

Instead of a pumpkin patch, gentlemen and ladies volleyed shuttlecocks and news of the day in their gardens, according to Barbara Wells Sarudy, Executive Director of the Maryland Humanities Council, who is currently researching the uses of American gardens during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

She will present her findings at Western Maryland College's 1997 Wenner-Wingate Memorial Lecture on the History of Literature and Sport on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m., in McDaniel Lounge.

Her particular interest is in the use of the garden as a setting for social and political activities, as well as symbols of thought and belief.

The lecture, "Sports and Other Festivities in the 18th Century Gardens of the Chesapeake," is free and open to the public.

Ms. Sarudy, the Council's ex-

ecutive director since 1992, also is president of the Coalition for Maryland History and Culture, Inc., an organization representing the humanities council, as well as the Maryland State Archives, Maryland Historical Society, Preservation Maryland, and the Maryland Division of Historical and Cultural Programs.

Before moving to Maryland in 1981, she directed a North Carolina agency providing inpatient and outpatient care for emotionally disturbed children and their families, and juvenile offenders.

The lecture series, which started in 1990, was created through a bequest from Evelyn Wingate Wenner who died in 1989. Dr. Wenner, a WMC English professor from 1931 to 1967, wanted to memorialize her late husband, C. Malcolm Wenner Jr., and her late brother W. Wilson Wingate. Mr. Wenner, a retired railroad official, was extremely supportive of WMC students and his wife's research on literature. Mr. Wingate, a 1918 graduate of the College, was a distinguished Baltimore sportswriter in the 1920's and 1930's and is even credited with coining the Green Terror nickname for the WMC athletic teams when he used it in a story about the football squad.

Courtesy of Public Information



Sodexo has been serving food in Glar since 1987 when it bought out Seiler's. Now the company has merged with the Marriott Corporation.

Sodexo food service merges with Marriott

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

Sodexo, WMC's provider of dining services, recently merged with Marriott's food service division. According to Account Operations Manager Mary Roloff, Pierre Bellon, the French founder of Sodexo, has reached his goal of making the company the largest food service contractor in the world.

Roloff explained that the company now has over 4,800 clients and 100,000 employees in North America.

Despite its size, Roloff stressed that "Sodexo is still the same company and still is the same people." Roloff said that the merger should cause "no major changes" in the existing dining services. She explained that Sodexo will have access to more resources that will strengthen the company's marketing and products.

For instance, Roloff said that promotions like "Beach Night" will improve with more diverse food and the possibility of better prizes.

Roloff does expect that Marriott and Sodexo will "take the best of both worlds and implement them." She explained that Sodexo will most likely adopt Marriott's computer program for recipe food production control.

The program computes recipes based upon the products Marriott purchases and the number of people Marriott plans to serve. The recipe contains a breakdown of an entree's caloric and nutritional con-

tent. Roloff mentioned that Sodexo has a similar computer program, but Marriott's is more efficient.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, voiced a concern about the merger. He explained that the union between Sodexo and Marriott will offer employees a greater chance of moving within the company. He commented that the college has a "good rapport with [Sodexo's] current management team." The management team and employees are accessible to students and work well with the college's administration, said Seidel.

Roloff agreed with Seidel. She commented that the merger offers the management and staff more opportunities for growth and advancement. She further explained that the college and Sodexo have the same goal of serving the students and that she is always interested in student feedback about the food program. "We see the program everyday. Something new and fresh from students is helpful," Roloff said.

According to Seidel, Western Maryland provided its own dining services until 1980 when the college sought outside management and contracted with Marriott. After a few years, the college then contracted with Seiler's which Sodexo bought in 1987.

Seidel said that the food service contracting industry is very competitive and that several companies contact the college every year seeking contracts.



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Campus Safety Blotter

•On 9/27 at 1:17 a.m. in Blanche Ward a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/27 at 1:20 a.m. in Blanche Ward a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 9/27 at 10:58 a.m. in Engler Dining Hall a DoCS emergency medical technician (EMT) treats an employee.

•On 9/28 at 1:05 a.m. in Blanche Ward a student reported damage to his door.

•On 9/28 at 11:30 p.m. in McDaniel a student reports being harassed by phone.

•On 9/29 at 2:30 p.m. in Decker two nonaffiliated persons steal software from the bookstore. Campus police arrest one individual (Erick Johnson) for felony theft (over \$300.00) and fourth degree burglary and recover approx. \$750.00 of software.

•On 9/30 at 10:00 a.m. at DoCS a DoCS EMT treats an employee.

•On 10/1 at 12:05 a.m. in Rouser students were documented for prescriptions of conduct.

•On 10/1 at 11:00 p.m. in Rouser student reports destruction of property.

•On 10/3 at 11:43 p.m. exterior of Baker Chapel retrieved a multi-liter container of alcohol.

•On 10/4 at 12:50 a.m. in Blanche Ward a student was docu-

mented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/4 at 12:53 a.m. in Rouser DoCS discovered a discharged fire extinguisher.

•On 10/4 at 10:00 a.m. in Daniel McLea DoCS responds to a call for an injured student. The student was transported to CCGH.

•On 10/4 at 4:18 p.m. at DoCS student complaining of pain, assistance provided.



•On 10/5 at 1:15 a.m. in Red Square a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/5 at 5:03 p.m. at practice fields a DoCS EMT treats an injured student.

•On 10/5 at 4:28 p.m. at DoCS a DoCS EMT treats an injured student.

•On 10/6 at 12:11 a.m. at DoCS student complaining of pain, but declines DoCS assistance.

•On 10/6 at 6:25 a.m. in PELC DoCS paramedic assists employees and transported them to CCGH.

•On 10/7 at 11:45 p.m. in Whiteford EMT assists and treats student. The student was transported by ambulance to CCGH.

•On 10/8 at 7:10 a.m. in PA houses a student reports harassment by phenomail.

•On 10/9 at 1:54 p.m. in Gill lot a student reports items stolen from his auto.

•On 10/10 at 3:11 p.m. in Whiteford lot a student reports items stolen from his auto.

•On 10/11 at 1:40 a.m. in McDaniel DoCS documents a student for noise violations.

•On 10/14 at 8:00 a.m. in Hill an employee reports vandalism to furnishings.

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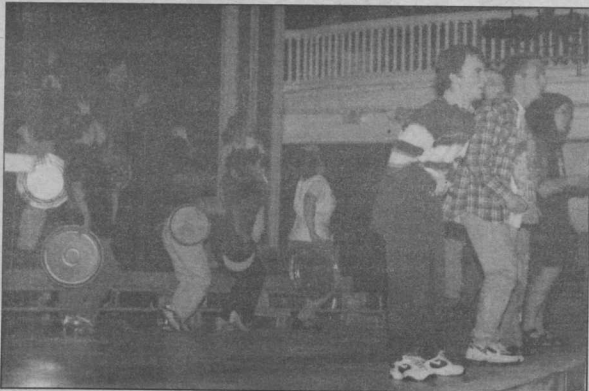
•On 10/16 at 12:14 a.m. in Whiteford DoCS treats a student with burns.

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WMC Theatre presents Cabaret



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

With only a few weeks left until opening night, the cast of Cabaret sings and dances its way through rehearsal.

BY SHAWN SPRAQUE
Staff Writer

WMC theatre will take audiences back to 1930's Berlin this November with its production of the musical Cabaret.

At this time, economic depression is taking hold of Germany. The general attitude has gone from unity and tranquility to anger and hopelessness. Seeing this political and emotional imbalance, the Nazi regime realizes its opportunity and successfully attempts to gain power.

Most of the action of the musical takes place at the Kit Kat Club. Berliners come to the club to get away from the harsh world outside, and see lively singing and dancing.

Megan Townsend plays Sally, the lead performer at the club. Sally

falls in love with Cliff (Mark Resch), an American from Pennsylvania. Ed Millener performs the part of Schultz, a Jewish store owner in his fifties. Schneider (Kim Hill) is Cliff's landlady as well as Schultz's lover.

The play is directed by Elizabeth van den Berg, who has directed two prior plays at WMC. The cast has great things to say about the upcoming performance. "Cabaret is the first realistic musical I've done," said Milliner, a senior. He also stated that the play "requires acting, singing, and dancing," a lot for one performer to master.

"Music and acting are my two favorite things in this world, and this play gives me the opportunity to bring them together," Townsend explained.

The musical production of Cabaret was written by Jon van Druten, and is based on the stories of Christopher Isherwood. It was first performed in 1966, and recently revived in the late eighties.

The actors, director, and stage crew of WMC theatre have been diligently rehearsing for well over a month in preparation for opening night. They, as are many members of the WMC community, are eagerly waiting for the production of Cabaret to begin.

The musical will be performed in Alumni Hall on November 14, 15, 16 and then again on November 20, 21 and 22. There will also be a post-show of songs and skits on Saturday, November 15, directly following the show.

has gone towards early retirement benefits for faculty members. According to Seidel, this amount of \$154,000 is canceled out in the long run by the savings made from the lower salary of the younger, less experienced faculty member who would replace the retiree. This investment benefits both the faculty and the college, Seidel explained. Faculty members are rewarded for

order to make some double rooms into triples.

Part of the money was spent on utilities, electric and gas bills. The committee did not originally budget enough to cover these expenses, as they underestimated the amount that rates would rise. Therefore this expense of \$177,000 was covered by the extra money.

\$60,000 was allocated for a tu-

Housing is another area which received much of the additional money. The committee put \$223,000 towards accommodating the new students.

ition exchange program. A number of colleges participate in this scheme which allows the child of an employee of one college to go to one of the other schools in the group at a reduced rate. Seidel pointed out that although it sounds like a lot of money, this amount only covers the fees of about four students.

Another portion of the money

their long years of service, and their replacements bring new, fresh ideas to the college.

Many smaller amounts of money were also allocated. The additional revenue bought, among other things: Hill Hall furniture, curtains for Big Baker Chapel, a big-screen television, and bicycles for Campus Safety. The money also paid for new equipment for vari-

Blue Jeans Day heightens awareness of gay issues

BY KATE HAMPTON
News Editor

Blue jeans are the uniform of most college students. For reasons of comfort, practicality and style they are probably the most common item of clothing on campus. However, on Thursday, October 10, it meant something more to wear these pants. This day was designated "Blue Jeans Day" by gay and lesbian support groups. Students were asked to wear blue jeans to show their support for gay rights.

Dr. Tim Baylor, the co-advisor for Allies, the gay and lesbian group on campus, explained that the intention of the day was "to raise the issue of gay and lesbian rights on campus because as a minority group their issues and concerns are often overlooked."

Some students criticized the choice of blue jeans as too common a piece of clothing to make

agreed that it was under-publicized. He said that there wasn't enough organization around the issue for people to know about it. Allies was supposed to have a table set up in Decker Center on the day but it didn't happen.

Another activity that Allies has been involved in recently is the setting up of "safe zones" around the campus. Stickers have been made available to put up in offices and rooms around campus to allocate these places as zones.

Baylor explained that the purpose of the sticker is twofold. Firstly it "sends a message to gay, lesbian and bisexual students that this person is someone you can go to where you can be sure that you will not receive outright condemnation." The other function of the sticker is to make a statement against discrimination. The sticker "lets people know that you don't support their preju-

...By consciously making the choice not to wear blue jeans, "their prejudice is made manifest."

Tim Baylor

a statement. Sophomore Emily Murphy said that it was a "nice idea but they should have chosen something more noticeable, a colored shirt or something."

Dr. Baylor explained that wearing something unusual or odd would identify supporters but would not make people face their prejudices. He said that a lot of students feel that there is not much discrimination on campus but by consciously making the choice not to wear blue jeans "their prejudice is made manifest."

The purpose of Blue Jeans Day was "to get people to think about the issue [of gay rights], not to give a false impression of the level of support," he said. However, he further explained that a lot of people were not prepared to be associated with gay rights. "They chose to make a statement by not wearing blue jeans" he said.

One of the problems with the event was that many students were not made aware of what the day was about or even that the event was taking place. Baylor

dices," Baylor said.

Safe zone stickers are available from the College Activities Office.

Allies is an organization which offers a "safe and supportive environment for gay, lesbian and bisexual students and faculty," according to Baylor. They try to maintain some level of confidentiality, as there are some students who are not ready to "come out" to the campus. As Baylor explained, these are often the students who need the most support so it is important that the are able to maintain their anonymity.

Other students who are "out" are able to use the group as a medium to raise awareness of gay rights and to educate the campus. Through Allies they are able to confront the stereotypes that people have. Baylor explained that it is important that people do "come out" because unless homosexuals are willing to be out, "people will define who they are, often in a very, very negative way."

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ous departments, and made it possible for buildings to be painted. The registrar's office was renovated at a cost of \$10,000, something that has been on the list for a long time, said Seidel.

Increased access to the computer labs was another issue resolved with the money. \$12,000 was put towards paying lab aides and to buying more supplies so the labs can stay open for longer

hours. Another benefit to the college will be a shuttle service to Owings Mills metro which is being paid for out of these funds.

Seidel said that a lot of the things that the money was spent on were onetime expenses. Next year, however, there will be a lot of expenses involved with the new science building which will take up a great part of any additional revenue.

First year students exposed to horrors of Holocaust

BY JENNIFER SIRKIS
Contributing Writer

Members of Dr. Esa's freshman seminar course were recently exposed to the horrors of the Nazi regime when they visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The seminar course, "From the Holocaust to German Unification," chronicles German history from the Holocaust to the present day.

The visit to the museum, which opened in 1993, enabled the freshmen to gain an understanding of what happened during this dark period of history.

This understanding was acquired through examining the various artifacts, movies, and personal accounts that are shown in the exhibits throughout the museum.

The story of the Holocaust is told in a permanent exhibition that covers three floors. The exhibition continues with the systematic elimination of the Jewish people and of other groups deemed inferior by the Nazis.

Visitors are introduced to the horrors of the ghettos, work camps, and death camps where millions of people were put to death. The exhibition concludes with the liberation of the camps, resistance movements, and the stories of the survivors.

Many students had overwhelming feelings about their visit to the museum. Sonia Pant felt that her visit was very disturbing, saying that "the museum was very dark and cold. It was very disturbing to see the exhibition where they showed the medical experiments that were done on innocent victims. They [the Jews] were innocent people who did not deserve this cruel treatment."

During the Holocaust, the Nazis experimented on their victims. For example, they injected seawater into the bloodstreams to test what would happen to German pilots who crashed their planes into the water. These tests were cruel and painful.

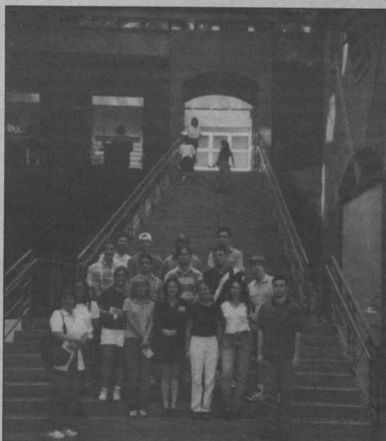
First year student Libby Liu was also disturbed by what she saw. "It

makes me wonder how people could be so cruel as to treat people like that," she said.

The atmosphere of the museum was very dark and somber. One exhibition displayed hundreds of shoes that belonged to the victims. "The shoes gave off a terrible, horrible odor," Liu added. "It made me feel like I was there, in the camps, being ordered to remove my clothing and place it in one of the piles where prisoners had to put their belongings once they got to the concentration camps."

The last part of the exhibition was the Hall of Remembrance, a memorial to all those who perished in the Holocaust. Candles burn throughout the day to remember the victims. Every visitor has the opportunity to light a candle in memory of them.

The trip to the Holocaust Museum was a large success. Students were given the opportunity to see firsthand how the Jewish people and other groups were put to death, and how such an atrocity as the Holocaust occurred.



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Students pause for a snapshot on the museum staircase, designed to represent the railroad which transported Holocaust victims to the camps.

Environmental effects of construction

The following memo was sent via e-mail to the college community from Vice President of Administration and Finance Ethan Seidel.

A justified concern associated with any major construction project is the environmental impact. I want to share with the campus community the steps being taken to counteract any damage resulting from the construction of the new laboratory building for Biology and Chemistry.

A total of thirty-two trees in the vicinity of the Lewis parking lot and Winslow Hall have been removed to accommodate this project. Three-fourths of these were evergreens (mostly pines). We were able to relocate two zelkova trees from this area to the front of "Big Baker" Chapel.

We will replace the thirty-two trees that were lost with forty-nine new trees on site. These consist of five cypress, four honey locust, three white pine, two Korean firs, three spruce, eighteen Yoshino cherry, six Kousa dogwood, one magnolia, six Kwanzan cherry, and one holly.

In addition, as part of the reforestation associated with any construction project of this magnitude, the College will be adding 131 trees to the forested area maintained in perpetuity at the College owned "Singleton-Matthews" farm.

Whenever it becomes necessary to remove trees because of damage, illness, or construction, it is the College's policy to more than replace them in kind.

Construction on science building begins

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new building may not provide space to accommodate them. "You can never have enough room," agreed Dr. Louise Paquin, head of the biology department. However, any amount of room is better than the present conditions where a single lab may be used by three different sections.

Other departments have concerns with the building. Though space is available for the chemistry department, physics is left out. This is not a surprise, as physics is one of the smallest majors on campus. In the past, it has had an average of three to four majors. At one time the administration thought of cutting the major. The field is now showing an upswing with five to six students majoring in the field.

Few people are aware that the physics department will not have space in the new building. As Dr. David Guerra, a physics professor, stated, "People think we're included but we aren't. It's meant to be a lab building for the chemistry and biology students." The strength of the physics department, he said, has always been that due to the small number of majors, it has been able to focus on the students. The department views its small size as something positive. Guerra explained that Physics faces the exclusion of the department from the new building as a fact, not as an insult.

The new building will affect all those housed in Lewis. Some movement should be expected by everyone, but it is too early to say exactly what changes will occur.

Task force reexamines reunions

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

During homecoming weekend, seven classes from Western Maryland College will be celebrating their reunions, visiting their old college campus, meeting current students, and catching up with old roommates and friends.

Despite the large turnout at the game, attendance and fund raising at class reunions have been in decline, especially among young alumni. The problem prompted a recommendation at the Board of Trustees meeting last April to design a task force to revamp reunions at WMC. So, 22 people began meeting to create a new and exciting reunion program.

"The idea was that a task force would be formed, meet for a year, and bring a proposal back to the April '98 meeting [of the Board of Trustees]," said Laura Russell, associate director for reunion programs and one of the staff to the task force. "We feel it's important to look at what we're doing and give it a thorough review to see if it fits the best interest of alumni and the college."

Because administration wanted representation from the reunion classes, 1940 through 1990, they chose two active alumni from each decade to serve on the task force.

"We made a conscious effort to choose people from different decades," Russell said. Members have strong differing opinions on what is best for reunions and also different experiences with reunions.

Members range from Robert Beglin who has already celebrated

his fiftieth class reunion to Brandy Mulhern who has yet to celebrate one.

After two meetings, members decided to focus on two issues: redesigning the reunions to appeal to more alumni and increasing the portion reunion classes give to the annual fund.

After comparing WMC to colleges that are similar, administrators discovered they were not raising as much money as these institutions. The college would like reunions to give three to five times as much as they currently give, according to Russell. Their goal is to raise 1.25 million dollars.

"We want to emphasize the need to give back to the college," Christine Royer, alumni chair, said.

"The task force promises to come up with a number of creative ways to strengthen and improve the reunion program," said Richard Seaman, vice president for institutional advancement and also one of the staff to the task force.

Class reunions are held during the weekend of homecoming and during alumni weekend in the spring. The task force will look at whether the college should have one alumni weekend for all reunions as other colleges do.

But with ten classes coming back for reunions, will WMC and Westminster be able to handle the extra people?

"It may come down to not having the facilities to do that," Russell said.

The task force is meeting with catering companies, hotel management, and campus organizers to determine whether the college and town can welcome all of the alumni.

Another challenge the task force faces is finding activities to interest all of the alumni, from the ones celebrating their fifth reunion to those celebrating their fiftieth.

Most classes plan their own special events. The task force wants to make reunions all-inclusive events, Royer said.

Another option members will look at is having cluster reunions, designed by Dartmouth College. These reunions invite alumni who attended the college at the same time, but may not have been in the same class. Several alumni have already requested this option.

Any recommendations the task force makes will probably not affect reunions until 1999, according to Seaman.

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O'Connell made dean of admissions



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O'Connell's responsibilities now include recruitment and admissions for WMC Budapest.

Martha O'Connell of Westminster recently was named dean of admissions at Western Maryland College, said College president Robert H. Chambers.

O'Connell came to WMC in 1990. Since then she has served as associate director and director of the college's admissions program. Her expanded responsibilities will now include recruitment and admission for WMC-Europe, the only U.S. college in Budapest, Hungary.

"It is a privilege to be able to further reward Marty for her continuing outstanding efforts in the admissions office," Dr. Chambers said. "Marty and her staff have worked hard to make sure that all good students know about Western Maryland and its quality programs."

This year the College admitted its larg-

est new student class is up nearly 14 percent from 1996 even though last year's entering class of 443 was the largest in 10 years, according to Dr. Chambers.

O'Connell is an active member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling at the national and regional levels.

She also serves on the College's Administrative Council, the Admissions Standards and Retention Committee, and the Long Range Plan Committee of the WMC Board of Trustees.

Before coming to Western Maryland, O'Connell held college admissions positions at Rutgers University, Monmouth University, Thomas Edison State College, and Middlesex County College. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Rutgers University.

F. Y. I.

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Courtesy of WMC In brief

Baby-sitters Needed: The Office of Reunion Programs is in search of students who would be willing to provide baby-sitting services during the evening of Homecoming, October 25, 1997. If you are available and interested, please call Nancy Cornell at x254. She will put your name and phone number on a list to be provided to alumni, who will be responsible for contacting you.

Study Abroad: Students interested in studying abroad this Jan Term should contact Dr. Martine Motard-Noar (BMC 114, x467). WMC has affiliated programs in France, Germany, Spain, and Mexico. Credits and grades transfer.

Student Drivers Needed: To drive a college van on Saturdays to the Owings Mills Metro station. Must be 21 years old, dependable, and have a good driving record. \$7 per hour! Please call Nancy Huber at x765 if interested.

Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in being trained to prepare relatively simple income tax returns for the WMC community and surrounding areas, and earn internship credits while being trained, please contact Susan Milstein in the Business-Economics department at x456. Training will take place in late January and early February, and returns will be prepared during tax season 1998.

Blood Drive: To be held on Tuesday, October 28, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the Forum. The goal is to collect 90 units of blood.

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Where will you be and what will you be doing 100 days after graduation?

BY JESSE WATTS
Photographer/Staff Writer



"I hope to be in graduate school at either Yale or Georgetown."
Brian Bourne '99
Political Science/Art History/History

"I hope to God I'll be teaching."

Gail Taylor '98
Psychology/Education

"I will be coaching gymnastics and hopefully have a job as a director at the YMCA."

Heather O'Brien '98
Exercise Science/Physical Education



"I hope to be writing for a magazine or newspaper in entertainment and/or editorials."

John Jenkins '99
Communication

"I hope I'm dead."

Todd Hutchison '98

"I'd like to be at Johns Hopkins getting my chemistry degree."
Cecy Sanchez '98
Biology



Homecoming: Past and Present

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

"Comes now WMC, to the fore, humbly but proudly, with her splendid new athletic field - finest and most up-to-date in this part of the country."

It was 1921. Western Maryland College had a new reason to be proud. According to the 1922 Aloha, the college yearbook, the college had a new athletic field, Hoffa Field, with a "14-foot quarter mile Running Track, and a hundred yard Straightaway, a 200-foot Grandstand."

During the 1922 football season, the second home game at the new Hoffa Field was "attended by alumni and friends from Baltimore, Washington, and other nearby cities," according to the Aloha.

The first time an actual homecoming game is mentioned is during the 1924 football season. "The Home-Coming game was with St. John's College, our ancient rival and was played before the largest crowd that has ever attended a football fracas on College Hill." Of course, WMC won 13 to 0.

The First time an actual homecoming game is mentioned is during the 1924 football season... Of course, WMC won 13 to 0.

And that was the beginning of homecoming at WMC, at least according to the story told through the volumes of the Aloha.

But what does homecoming mean now, 73 years later? And how would it be defined for the freshman class, who may only know about their high school homecomings?

"It's a weekend when there's going to be a lot of people here," said freshman, Anne Butler. She did say that homecoming has some meaning for her because her sister met her future husband at her college homecoming.

Although through the year's homecoming at WMC has had many different traditions, the focus has always been on alumni coming home to their college.

"It's a time for alumni to come back and celebrate their ties to the college," said Laura Russell, associate director for reunion programs.

Barb Horneff, associate dean for first-year students, cites "reconnecting with family ties" as the most important aspect of homecoming to her. She was a student at WMC in the 1960's and remembers dressing for homecoming in a green plaid skirt, knee socks, a turtleneck, and sweater. But it's "the warmth, the electricity of family being around" that is the true meaning of

homecoming. Horneff, "the campus mother," looks forward to seeing her children coming back.

"My time as a student was short. [Homecoming] means more now," Horneff said.

Homecoming seems to be one of those times people just don't forget. Frank (Bud) Brown of the class of 1937 still remembers being the drum major during his homecoming in 1934. Some alumni may not have memories of

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Barb Horneff

homecoming, though. There was at least one time in WMC history when homecoming was not celebrated. Donna Sellman, director of alumni affairs, remembers that during her senior year, in 1944, there was no homecoming because the men were fighting in World War II, so there was no football season. This continued through 1945 and possibly 1946, because the next mention of homecoming in the yearbook is in 1947.

Alumni activities surround homecoming day with 300 to 400 alumni coming back for the reunions during that weekend. Russell begins working six to nine months prior to the event with different class committees. Beginning on homecoming day is the picnic on Harrison House lawn. Most classes plan a Saturday night party and some celebrate all weekend long. The only event the college sponsors is the wine and cheese festival at President Chamber's house for the class celebrating their 25th reunion, which is the class of 1972 this year.

Some classes, such as the class of 1992, plan happy hours at the places around town where they hung out as students. Russell is among the alumni celebrating their 10th class reunion this year who will be having a reunion dinner at the WMC dining porch.

Homecoming wasn't always the time for class reunions. There are rumors that the class of 1967 had their five year reunion during homecoming of 1972 because they were more interested in coming back for homecoming instead of alumni weekend. They brought their picnic lunches to Hoffa Field and the rest is, well, history.

The other focus of homecoming is the football game. In the afternoon, thousands of people crowd around Scott S. Blair stadium to watch the Green Terrors in action. Sororities and fraternities tailgate around the game. Many people gather in the same area each year, hoping to see friends and faculty they remember from their college days. It's also an opportunity for students and alumni to meet. Stu-

dents can often learn about what WMC was like and alumni can learn how college life is now. Many of the older alumni are curious about coed dorms. They want to know what that's like," Russell said.

Homecoming has always been held in October or November and includes a parade in the morning up Main Street. The parade displays floats made generally by Greek and student organizations and is led by the ROTC flag unit. Floats used to be much grander with many more students participating, according to Russell.

Among half-time activities is the "100 days" photo of the class that has graduated the previous spring. Every year members of the class assemble around the caboose to celebrate their first "100 days" out of college. One of the members of this class, Bill Dupont, plans on returning for his "first official homecoming" as an alumni. While he frequently sees many of his former classmates around town, Dupont said it will be "nice to see friends who live out of town."

Many students also stated that seeing old friends is an important part of homecoming. "I get to see all of my friends I haven't seen for a whole year. It's a good time," Kittie DeLuca, a sophomore, said.

One of the "lost traditions" of homecoming was the dance for students on homecoming night. According to Dr. Samuel Case, who was a student at WMC from 1959 until 1963, the homecoming dance was one of the four major dances a year put on by one of the fraternities. Held in Gill gym, it was one of the only times the curfew was extended for girls, until 1:00 am.

Dr. James Lightner of the class

The homecoming game...was played before the largest crowd that has ever attended a football fracas on College Hill."

Aloha, 1924

of 1958 also remembers the dance. Besides marching in the parade as a band member, he also helped with lighting at the dance.

"The homecoming court used to be strictly women," Lightner said. The queen would present a bouquet of mums to the president's wife during half time and the president would crown the queen at the dance. "It's much different now, more oriented around alumni," Lightner said.

In the 1925 Aloha, the writer describes the first homecoming as "resplendent with thrills from start to finish." Maybe that's the one tradition and meaning that will never change.

Homecoming History at WMC...



For 73 years, homecoming has been a tradition at Western Maryland College. Today, the weekend consists of alumni, friends, and family coming together to share old memories and make new ones. Following the parade on Saturday, tailgate parties converge around Scott S. Bair Stadium to watch the football game. Fifty years ago, when many of the college's faculty were students at WMC, the tradition of homecoming was similar, except there was a dance held Saturday night at which the Homecoming Queen was crowned by the president of the college. Left: This picture of homecoming, in 1950, shows hundreds of cars surrounding the football field where the college band is playing and the all-female homecoming court is being presented. The former Old Main stands in the background. Lower left: WMC's cheerleaders show their school spirit in the homecoming parade (1950's or 1960's). Below: The Green Terror tailgates with students Doris Tuckwood, Les Werner, and Marilyn Coombs in 1954.



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Greek Speak - a Homecoming message

Greek organizations on campus have been working together to improve and increase Greek Life at Western Maryland. Already this semester, Greeks have concluded a successful Rush period and welcomed a new Greek advisor to campus, Betsy Chimock. Individual organizations have participated in a variety of community service and social activities. All of the fraternities and sororities would like to welcome their alumni back to the Hill!

Inter-Greek Council (IGC)

After a successful fund raising effort during Greek Week last Spring, the Inter-Greek Council was able to donate over \$200 to the Carroll County Food for Sunday Program. IGC is looking forward to similar efforts from the Greek Community this fall.

Additionally, The Inter-Greek Council would like to welcome all students and alumni to their Forum Party this Saturday, October 25th, at 9PM. There will be a live band, dancing and refreshments provided. Hope to see you all there!

Phi Sigma Sigma

Phi Sigma Sigma is anxiously awaiting Homecoming and the return of their alum-

nae. This semester brings five new members to the sorority. There names are Julie Edwards, Erika Herron, Nicole Interior, Tanna Mulehorn, and Janelle Milam. Everyone is very excited for the upcoming festivities. The weekend includes many activities for all. On Friday, many have made plans to get together and catch up on old times. On Saturday, most plan to attend the parade in which Phi Sigma Sigma will contribute. The parade ends and then the football game begins, with plenty of tailgating. After the game, there is a wine and cheese being held on behalf of our alumnae in our clubroom. As always, we will end the evening with an all-campus clubroom party.

Phi Mu

The sisters of Phi Mu are happy to announce that plans are under way for this year's Homecoming celebration. Phi Mu has already arranged to have a tent set up for concessions and will be entering a float in the annual Homecoming parade to display our pride in our chapter's history. In addition, we are very happy to have the five members of our Fall '97 pledge class with us to help organize this event. And, our alumnae have been invited to join us on this fun-filled

weekend and we are very excited to know that many are planning to return.

Alpha Nu Omega

The Sisters of Alpha Nu Omega have been active in a variety of community service activities, from Adopt-A-Highway to Operation Smile. We have also dedicated a lot of time to redecorating our clubroom. After a fun Rush period, we are pleased to welcome five new members to the sorority: Dena Morgan, Lea Nichols, Kristi Simon, Jessica Seidel, and Suzanne Weatherby.

The Sisters and the Fall Pledge Class are preparing to participate in the Homecoming Parade and are excited to see our alumnae at the game. All Alpha Nu Omega alumnae and their families are invited to the clubroom after the game for our annual wine and cheese.

Phi Kappa Sigma

Recently, the Delta Eta colony of Phi Kappa Sigma pinned five new members. We currently have twenty-two brothers, and we are working towards obtaining our charter by the end of May. In addition, we are excited about our first two alumni returning for Homecoming weekend. Finally, several

brothers plan to participate in the American Heart walk on October 18th at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

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Alumna of the Year remains a leader on and off campus

As a member of the Carroll County Board of Education, a member of the Governor's Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, a Western Maryland College Trustee, a WMC Regional Campaign Chair, and a Founder of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen of Westminster, this year's alumna of the year is quite busy.

This impressive list represents only the volunteer activities of Carolyn Seaman Scott, '67, MLA '76, this year's WMC Alumna of the Year recipient. In her "free time" she also is deeply involved with developing a residential retirement community in Manchester.

What most would consider extraordinary contributions, Scott humbly considers her personal responsibility to her community. "I have always felt it important to volunteer. People need to take time to serve," she says matter of factly.

In fact, Scott has always seemed to have an inclination for hard work. As an English major at WMC she recalls taking great pleasure in composing lengthy papers and studying grammar — those things that have been known to make more than a few students cringe.

After graduation, she put her WMC education to use in California as a copy-editor for publisher McGraw Hill. Her roots remained in Westminster, however, and she returned several years later to be among the first class in WMC's newly developed Master's of Liberal Arts program.

"Every class was fascinating and thoroughly interesting, and as

a mother of two young children, it was nice to interact with other adults," she recalls. The program spawned an interest in photography for Scott. Often using her own children as subjects, she learned to take and develop her own photographs and even had her own darkroom.

She also wrote a children's play about dental hygiene, "The Terrible Tooth Tip," which she hopes to one day see performed in local elementary schools. Add yet another item to her unending list of projects.

It was her love for children — as well as a nagging few seconds of spare time — that drove her to run for the Carroll County Board of Education ten years ago.

"I was reading the newspaper and saw that there were two open seats on the school board, but only one person had filed to run. This was just too important to be overlooked. My children were in high school, and I had some free time, so I decided to run," she explains. True to form, however, this would not be an easy decision for Scott to carry out.

It was December when she read the article, and the filing deadline was January. She would have less than a month to pull a committee together and organize her campaign.

With little time to prepare, she drew upon her extensive volunteer experience and contacts and is today serving her second term as an active board member.

Scott has taken on such difficult and sensitive issues as school overcrowding, curriculum development

and new school planning. In July, she was appointed to a Governor's task force overseeing standards for teacher education and training. "With overcrowding and society's problems at large, we ask so much of our teachers. It is our responsibility to ensure they are prepared for the difficult task before them," she says.

Scott also has recently sponsored a character-building initiative for Carroll County Schools that will help teach students problem-solving and positive decision-making skills.

Carroll County has an excellent education system. We are leaders, and we should all take pride in that," says Scott.

She is quite proud of the role her alma mater has played in enhancing the quality of education in Carroll County.

"WMC is an integral and essential part of the community here. Our lives are enriched by the culture, attitude and education a college of WMC's caliber brings.

WMC has forged an invaluable partnership with the Carroll County School system providing well-trained student teachers, hosting high school graduations, working with community colleges, and lending the expertise of its faculty and staff," she says.

WMC is equally proud of Scott and recently appointed her and her husband Bob Scott '66 co-chairs of the Carroll County Regional Campaign for Maryland.

"Basically, I am the spokesperson for the college in regional fund



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Carolyn Seaman Scott, '67, MLA '76, is this year's recipient of the Alumna of the Year Award. A resident of Carroll County, she works to foster continued financial support for WMC programs.

raising, which is very easy for me. If you live in our county, have children enrolled in school here or work for one of the hundreds of companies here, then WMC has had an impact on your life," she says. The Scotts will be working to foster continued financial support for WMC programs from alumni and local businesses.

For her continued dedication to WMC, which in addition to current appointments as Regional Campaign Chair and Trustee have included terms as Alumni Association President, Class Chairman of the Annual Fund, Campaign vol-

unteer fund-raiser, Sports Hall of Fame Committee Member, and Undergraduate Relations Committee Member, the college honored her with its Meritorious Service Award in 1987 and, this year, with her induction into its chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

To unwind from her busy schedule, Scott relaxes at her farm and vineyard near Frizellburg where she and her husband enjoy making their own wine. Perhaps classmates will get a taste at the upcoming 30th reunion!

Courtesy of Public Information

'91 grad accounts for Young Alumna Service Award



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Danielle Trent Zeyher credits her success as a manager for a Big Six accounting firm to her small liberal arts education at WMC. As Chair of the Young Alumni Affairs Committee she has recruited many former WMC classmates to committee projects, including ski trips, family picnics, and sports outings.

She is a manager for a Big Six accounting firm, but Danielle Trent Zeyher is not a product of Harvard Business School or some other large university. Instead, she credits a small liberal arts college on the Hill in Westminster, Maryland and accounting professor Susan Milstein for her unusual success.

Though she is a minority among her co-workers — most of whom were recruited from large, prestigious business schools — the 1991 graduate and Young Alumna Service Award winner is proud of her WMC training and says it has served her well. "I loved my four years at WMC. My education may not be typical of what you would find in a large accounting firm, but, in many ways, I am better prepared. A liberal arts program gives you a wealth of experiences and opportunities. Our graduates are well rounded," Zeyher points out.

Even at WMC, an accounting specialty is somewhat unusual, says Zeyher, who double majored in Business Administration and Economics. "My first semester, I happened to take an accounting course with Susan Milstein, and I enjoyed it so much that I decided to take more. That's what is so wonderful about WMC.

No matter what goal you decide to pursue, they prepare you to attain it," she says.

It was Milstein who helped her secure her first job after graduation at Washington, D.C. firm Bond Bee Bee. It was Zeyher's own drive and skill, however, that led to her rapid rise to success. Just three years after

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Danielle Trent Zeyher

joining Bond Bee Bee, she was hired as a senior accountant by the prestigious DeLoitte & Touche. A short time later, she was promoted to a manager at the firm. She also is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of CPAs.

The only drawback to the fast track, Zeyher says, is that she doesn't get much time to herself. "I'm usually working," she says. Still, she manages to make time to visit her

family in Towson, including sister Jennifer Trent Brauer '94, and to help out her alma mater.

Zeyher has been Chair of the Young Alumni Affairs Committee for the Board of Governors for over a year. She plans events for alumni who have graduated within the last ten years to keep them involved at WMC. Activities have included ski trips, family picnics, sports outings, and a faculty/alumni bowling party.

"WMC holds so many special memories for me. It's such a small campus that you get to know a lot of people and develop close-knit relationships," she says. That certainly was the case for her and Matt Zeyher, a fellow 1991 classmate who she met during her junior year and married a year after graduation in Baker Memorial Chapel.

Zeyher has remained in contact with many of her WMC classmates, like former roommate Carolyn Dahl Ingraham. In fact, she says, she has recruited many of them to assist with her Young Alumni Affairs Committee projects. Recently, she returned to the Hill to observe a Baltimore Ravens football practice — and, she admits, to do a little reminiscing.

Courtesy of Public Information

Some students and faculty bound by more than blood

By NICKI KASSOLES
Assistant Features Editor

The last name "Smith" is relatively common in this country. So it's no surprise that when professors saw the name Nathan Smith on their class rosters, they made no connection to Professor of Chemistry, Richard Smith.

That was their mistake, because Nathan is Dr. Smith's son. "I did not make an effort to hide or tell a colleague that Nathan was in one of their classes," said Smith, who enjoys his son's presence at Western Maryland College.

As a senior physics major, Nathan found himself in his father's classroom one semester. "He didn't treat me any differently than anyone else," said Nathan.

For Smith, instructing his own son was a meaningful experience. "It was fulfilling because it gave me an opportunity to share with [Nathan] the knowledge that I spend my life imparting to students," he said. Smith also feels he has become more empathetic towards his students because he can watch their struggles through the eyes of his son. "Watching him go through the education process has heightened my empathy and identification with students."

While Nathan asserts that his father did not influence his decision to attend WMC, he could not have pictured his college career differently. "I don't know how I would have done without being able to rely on him," said Nathan.

Hanging Out in Mom's Office

The Smiths are not the only professor-student at WMC. Dr. Colette M. Henriette, associate professor of foreign languages, and her daughter, Marie, a junior sociology major also inhabit the WMC campus together. "It has its benefits and

its drawbacks," said Marie, who lists her unique last name as one of the drawbacks. She says that other students will approach her to ask questions about her mother's class, but since Marie never took one of her mother's classes, she does not know what to tell them.

The two interact most frequently in Henriette's office, especially around exam time. "She doesn't come to see me; I go to see her," said Marie.

"I see my daughter when she needs money," Henriette said, laughing. "I'm trying very hard not to call her too often and check on her; usually she's the one that takes the initiative," she adds.

Henriette feels that having her daughter at WMC puts pressure on her, because she wants Marie to do well but must understand that she is just a regular student.

Financial Benefits

WMC policy states that all full-time employees of a minimum of two years can send their children to WMC and the tuition is free, according to Neitzey Feustel, personnel assistant. Additionally, full-time employees who work at WMC for a minimum of five years have the option of sending their children to another private institution on an exchange program, with the tuition free of charge, or of receiving \$6,565 towards the price of tuition at their child's college or university of choice.

According to Smith, this practice dates back to the Hippocratic Oath, in which medical professionals are advised to teach the children of their colleagues for free. "I take it as a great honor to teach the children of my colleagues," he said.

The daughter of Mary Ann Friday, executive secretary in the president's office, is currently enrolled in one of Smith's courses.

Friday feels fortunate that her daughter, Megan, is a WMC sophomore. "I think it's the best of both worlds. I know she's getting a wonderful education and I personally know the people here are dedicated and take a personal interest in the students," said Friday.

Friday says that Megan often visits her in the president's office and the two have lunch together on occasion. They also enjoy attending art shows, lectures, and football games with one another.

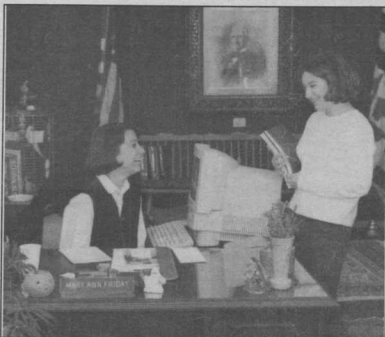
Susan Cullison, secretary in the president's office, feels that her husband, a WMC alumni, was more influential in her son's decision to attend WMC than she was. Her son Chris, a freshman physics major agrees with her. "My dad did a little more [encouraging] because he is an alumni," said Chris.

"In a sense, we almost tried to steer him away [from WMC], because we didn't want him to feel like he had to go here," said Cullison. However, Cullison is enjoying her son's company now that he is a WMC student. The two talk on the phone and communicate through e-mail, "usually at my request," said Cullison.

Sibling Rivalry

In addition to faculty and staff who have children attending WMC, there are numerous brother and sister pairs at the college simultaneously. According to Financial Aid Counselor Eleanor Geiman, a \$2,000 discount is given to ease the cost of sending two or three students to WMC at the same time. This discount is allotted per family, per academic year. The sophomore or freshman sibling receives the \$2,000 discount.

Rob Newman, a junior biochemistry major, knows what it's like to have his siblings at WMC. Rob's older brother, Mark, gradu-



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

In between classes, sophomore Megan Friday drops into her mother's office to have a chat with her mother, Mary Ann, executive secretary to the president of WMC. The mother/daughter team attend art shows, lectures, and football games together.

ated from WMC last May and his younger sister, Caren, began her freshman year this fall. "I think I've been fortunate to have my brother and sister on campus. I'll always have someone there to talk to," Rob said.

When Rob was a freshman, he remembers Mark introducing him to all of his friends. "I got to meet all of his friends, so I felt like a big man on campus," said Rob. Now that the tables have turned, Rob is taking the opportunity to do the same for his sister. "If she needs anything, I'm here."

The Newmans formed a family trio of WMC students, even though they were not all here at the same time. However, there are three females at WMC who are all students and who all share a common last name, Addeo.

The oldest sister, Jenny, is a junior math major. Jenny sees her college years with her sisters as "our last chance to be together."

Her younger sister, Christy, is a sophomore math major. Jenny and Christy currently have a class together. "[Having a class with Jenny] was kind of weird at first, but now we work on our homework together," Christy said.

Did her older sister influence Christy's decision to come to WMC? According to Christy, the answer is no. "That's the reason I didn't want to come here, because I didn't want all of us going to the same school."

This year, another Addeo sister entered the picture. Terri, the youngest is a freshman biochemistry major. While she likes always having one of her sisters to turn to, Terri agrees with Christy in that she initially did not want to attend WMC.

However, Jenny views the situation differently. "Christy is jealous because I had one year by myself and Terri will have a year alone; she'll always have one of us here," she said.

Whether it be a faculty member and their children or a trio of sisters, the campus continues to attract families to "the Hill," proving that the ties that bind families together also bind them to WMC.

New director of Annual Giving

Mark Lancaster of Westminster is the new director of annual giving, according to Steve Close, associate vice president and director of development.

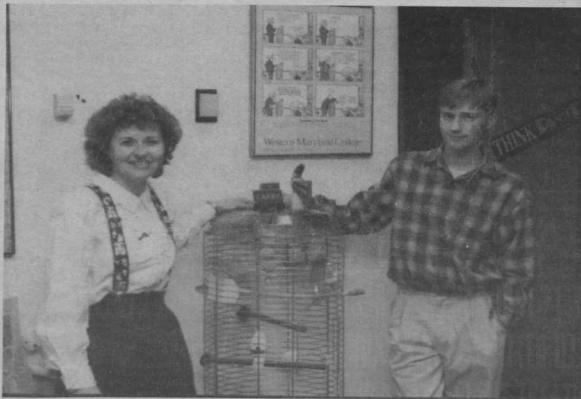
Lancaster, who also will continue to serve as part-time Coordinator of Religious Life, will head WMC's annual fund. Annual giving, Close said, is the top priority of the College's current five-year comprehensive campaign and comprises \$7 million of the \$40 million goal.

"Throughout his career, Mark has put together an impressive record of fund raising, especially in his work for several non-profit organizations," Close added. "He will be able to draw on that experience, as well as his strong devotion to WMC and a thorough understanding of its mission, as he continues to build our program." Close said Lancaster will work with volunteer groups and other supporters, many of whom he knows from his prior experience here.

Lancaster, who also has taught several courses in the philosophy and religious studies and sociology departments, replaces Kimberly Stevenson Parks who recently moved to the major gifts staff.

Before coming to WMC, he served as pastor of Emory United Methodist Church in Upperco and spiritual director of St. Mary's Spiritual Center in Baltimore.

Lancaster, who has taught English and biblical studies in West Africa, earned a master of divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University. Courtesy of Public Information



Susan Cullison, a secretary in the president's office, enjoys having her son Chris, a freshman, around WMC. She said her husband, a WMC alumni, played a part in Chris' decision to attend the college.

President chats about campus changes

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

In a recent interview, Western Maryland College President Robert Chambers, discussed the many projects in which he is involved, as well as the many ways the face of WMC is changing.

The Capital Campaign, WMC's massive fund-raising drive, continues to captivate much of Dr. Chambers' time. "It's going quite well," said Chambers, adding that \$30 million of the proposed \$40 million goal has already been raised.

In addition to fund-raising, Chambers looks forward to an upcoming retreat with the entire Board of Trustees. On the weekend of November 7-9, Chambers will accompany the board to the Aspen Institute Wye River Conference Centers on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The retreat will provide time for hiking and various other outdoor activities.

"We want the trustees to get to know one another and spend a couple of days discussing what trustees should be related to the college," Chambers said.

Related to the college, Chambers is enthusiastic about the large freshman class, the winning football team, the reopening of Old Gill Gymnasium, and the new science building. Chambers regrets that a plethora of trees were removed to make room for the new building. Yet he promises that "we will replace every one of those [trees]." At \$13.5 million, the new building

will be the most expensive in WMC's history.

The cost to rebuild Old Gill may not have been as expensive as the new science building, but Chambers is still pleased with the renovations. "It is incredibly gorgeous," he said. "Within a month or so, we would like to have some sort of reception and invite all of the firefighters [who built the

"I know the dining hall is crowded and classes are crowded. To me these are good problems to have."

Dr. Robert Chambers

blazes last December]."

The success of WMC's football team has Chambers looking forward to an exciting homecoming. "They've got their best record since 1968 and the last undefeated team since 1951," says Chambers, who adds that four of the next five games are against tough opponents.

Chambers will attend the homecoming game against Franklin & Marshall. At half-time, he will present the Young Alumni Service Award, the Alumna of the Year, and the James Brant Memorial Award.

Before the game, Chambers will ride in the parade and host a lunch at his house for WMC's 25 year reunion class of 1972. The class will then return to his house after the game for a wine and cheese reception.

According to Chambers, the importance of homecoming is to give alumni an opportunity to "hang out on campus again." He enjoys seeing old, familiar faces on campus and showing current WMC students that the college community includes more people than they see on a daily basis.

"It's great to have an opportunity for people to return to campus, and they always do," Chambers said.

In the coming years, a growing number of students will be returning for homecoming because WMC currently has its largest freshman class in its history. "We've maintained our quality despite our increase in numbers," said Chambers.

Although he knows the increase in the WMC population has caused problems with housing, class size, and dining services, he is optimistic.

"I know the dining hall is crowded and classes are crowded. To me these are good problems to have," he said.

In the future, Chambers does not see the college admitting as many students.

"I'm not sure we want to expand the college."

Sound Advice From Sam:

Dear Sam,

I don't normally write to people I don't know for advice, but here it goes. I'm a guy who is in love with a girl on campus but don't know if I should tell her how I feel. You see, a very good friend of mine also has strong feelings for this girl. Should I ask her out even though my friend may get hurt in the process? Is it really worth it? Thanks for your help.

- Confused

Dear Confused,

I think you should ask out this girl if you are indeed in love with her because you'll always wonder what would have happened if you do not. Also, I think it's good that you are taking into consideration the feelings of your friend. But I feel if you are honest with your friend about your own intentions concerning this girl, then he will respect you for your honesty in the long run. True, he may get hurt at first, but if he is a true friend, he will come around in time. All the best!

Dear Sam,

Last semester I went out on a date with this guy, and I had a nice time. However, I felt that he just wasn't right for me, so I

decided not to pursue any relationship. But this semester, things have changed. I want very much to go out with him, but I'm not sure how to go about doing it. We really don't talk a whole lot as we once did, but I want to change that. Can you help me?

- A Little Too Late

Dear Little,

If you really want to go out with him, then you should take the initiative and just do it - call him or better yet, make arrangements to meet with him in person and simply ask him to dinner or just tell him that you'd like to spend more time with him. He may respect you even more for being honest. And who knows, maybe he is waiting for you to "make the first move."

Are you having a troubled love life? Are you about ready to strangle your roommate? Is life in general just not treating you right? Well never fear, "Sam" will lend an ear. New to the Phoenix staff, Sam promises to offer "sound advice" to cure all your woes. Letters can be dropped off in Sam's box located behind the information desk counter in Decker Student Center.

Library department restructuring

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Most students in the library spend their time huddled between the library shelves with their noses in a book. But few may realize that the library administration has recently restructured some of the departments in Hoover Library, and plans are underway to hire an evening reference librarian.

Cataloging and acquisitions has been combined to make technical services and systems, eliminating an unfilled staff position. Dave Neikirk, the library director, projects to use the money from that department to hire an evening reference librarian.

Circulation is now called access services. As the name changed, so too did the focus of it. "The emphasis is on serving the people, not inventory of physical objects," said Neikirk.

One person directly affected by these changes is Jane Sharpe. Her title and job description were changed; she is the new access services librarian.

Lori Voskuil, the former circulation librarian, resigned in the end of the spring semester. Neikirk did not elaborate on why Voskuil left. He simply said, "People come and go."

When the position opened up, Neikirk recalled that Sharpe works



JOSE GUBAO SQUIERRE

Jane Sharpe's job in Hoover Library has a new title and description. As access services librarian, she oversees the department formerly known as circulation.

well with people and asked her to change from catalog librarian to circulation, now called access services.

"She is very efficient, has a wonderful attention to detail, at the same time has an outstanding manner, outstanding people skills," said Neikirk. "She knows her onions and has a great manner."

With her new job, Sharpe has new duties. She handles student concerns with overdue books, and catalogs the large amount of ar-

ticles that professors place on reserve.

"It is hectic," she said. "The nature of access service is busy."

Even though she is still getting used to the workload, Sharpe still wants students to know that, "my door is always open to them when I am here, so please come and discuss if they have an inquiry."

Both Sharpe and Carol Quinn, head reference librarian, received awards at the October faculty meeting for 25 years of service to WMC.

Results of Honor & Conduct Board hearings

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Friday, October 3, 1997, involving two students charged with violating the college's policy on physical harassment.

One student was found responsible and was required to move off campus for the remainder of the Fall 1997 semester as well as being placed on

disciplinary probation through the Spring 1998 semester.

The other student in this incident was also found responsible and was placed on conduct probation through the end of the Spring 1998 semester.

Courtesy of Scott Kane

Community Service Opportunity

Attention students, faculty, and staff. Carroll County is in need of caring, supportive volunteers to become Buddies to people living with HIV disease.

Buddies truly make a difference! If you have compassion, sensitivity, and a sense of humor you have the qualities we need.

Buddies offer caring friendship, companionship, and practical support to people facing an uncertain future.

You might find yourself taking a special meal to someone in the hospital, helping with simple chores, or spending a quiet evening listening to someone who needs to talk.

HERO is now accepting registrations for the November 14-16 Buddy Training.

If you want to know more about this rewarding program, call HERO Volunteer Services at 410-685-1180, extension 229.

Team unbeaten unified and untouchable: Green Terror football 1997

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Sermarini drove the Terror 44 yards in four plays after WMC received the second-half kickoff, hitting Herb for an 11-yard touchdown.

Sophomore Greg Dubell had a four-yard touchdown run in the final minute for WMC, which ran just 55 plays to Muhlenberg's 76 and had the ball for just 24:19 compared to the Mules' total of 35:41.

After defeating Muhlenberg, the Terror moved on to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Aside from Sermarini, several other players have been key to the Terror's wins. Without considering the Dickinson game, the Green Terror passing attack includes five receivers with nine catches or more.

Junior running back Gavin DeFreitas of Seabrook, MD, is atop the receptions list with 14, followed by junior Tim Herb of Westminster with 13, freshman Ryan Smith of Aston, PA, with 11, and freshman Mike Starke of Waldorf, MD, and sophomore Marc Alegi of Germantown, MD with nine each.

DeFreitas leads rushing at this point with 550 yards on 125 carries with three touchdowns.

Junior Jay Tharpe of Churchville, MD had added 181 yards with a team-high four scores.

The inside linebacker duo of sophomore Tommy Selecky of Claymont, Delaware, and junior Joey Garrison of Clarksville, MD, held the top two spots on the Green Terror tackles chart.

Selecky had 42 tackles thus far, including a team-best seven sacks, while Garrison was next with 37 tackles, including three for losses.

Also, freshman nose guard Kevin Kramer of Port Charlotte, Fla., was first in total tackles for loss with 11, among his 21 overall stops.

All of these accomplishments were made from all aspects of the offense and

defense, AND it was only halfway into the season.

As WMC went on to pummel Dickinson 41-7, Sermarini set school and Centennial Conference completion percentage records for the second consecutive game.

Sermarini connected on 15 of 17 passes for an 88.2 completion rate. The Green Terror signalcaller opened the scoring with a one-yard sneak up the middle, as WMC drove 71 yards in nine plays after receiving the opening kickoff.

Sermarini then hit Donte Abron with a three-yard touchdown pass on the visitors' second possession.

The Green Terror extended its lead to 24-0 in the second quarter on a three-yard run by Gavin DeFreitas and a 25-yard field goal by Brent Sandrock.

Western Maryland held Dickinson to three plays to start the third quarter, and then added a special teams score as Jeff Garza returned up a punt blocked by Jeff Groff and scooped it one yard for a touchdown.

Sermarini threw for 178 yards and ran for 31 more. DeFreitas rambled for 104 yards on 16 carries, and caught six passes for another 104.

Dickinson avoided a shutout when Mike Meagher hauled in a 21-yard touchdown pass from reserve quarterback Sam Miller in the final minute of the third quarter.

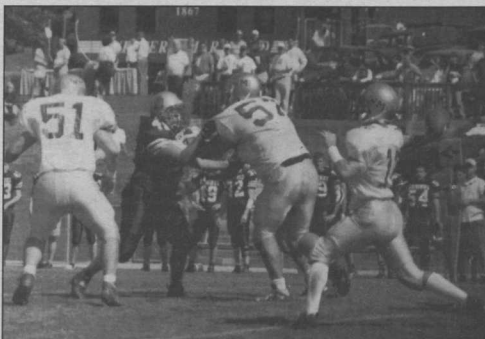
Sandrock tied a Western Maryland single-game record for points by a kicker with 11 on two field goals and five extra points.

This win, other than being the Terror's sixth, was also their first at Dickinson since 1983, and snapped a string of six straight losses at Biddle Field.

The Green Terror men look for their seventh straight win on Saturday, October 25 at Scott S. Bair Stadium as they meet Franklin & Marshall in their annual homecoming game.

It is a non-conference game and it will begin on the Hill at 1:00 p.m.

Some information for this story was contributed by the Sports Information Office and Scott Deitch.



JOSE (JUBA) SQUEIRA

Junior center Brian Weersing (#50) along with teammate Scott Christi (#11) and others attempt to push the Ursinus Bears back during a early season game in which the Terror won 20-10 at Scott S. Bair Stadium here at Western Maryland.

If WMC continues their string of victories on Saturday, October 25 (the Green Terror's Homecoming game), they will reach 7-0. They will remain 3-0 in the Centennial Conference, though, because the Franklin & Marshall game is a non-conference one.

Quarterback Sermarini wins offensive player of the week honor

Quarterback Ron Sermarini of Toms River, N.J. is one of three Centennial Conference football players to share the Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week honor for the games of October 4.

Sermarini connected on 18 of 23 passes to set Centennial and school records for completion percentage at 78.3 percent, as WMC remains unbeaten with a 44-9 win at Muhlenberg. The sophomore threw for 264 yards and four touchdowns, tying the Western Maryland record for touchdown passes in a game.

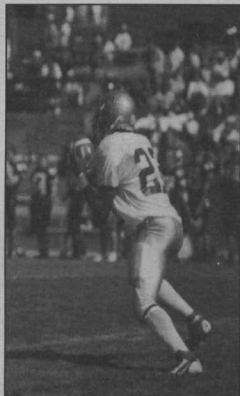
With the Green Terror leading 3-0 at the end of the first quarter, Sermarini caught fire. He threw a 12-yard pass on the first play of the second period, and went on to complete seven of eight tries for 107 yards and two more scores in the quarter.

Sermarini, who is in fifth place in West-

ern Maryland history in passing yards with 2,767 after just a season and a half, is a major contributor in Western Maryland's first 5-0 start since 1968. He has completed 76 of 116 passes (65.5 completion percentage) for 953 yards. The second-year starter has thrown for 11 touchdowns, while tossing only three interceptions. His passing efficiency rating of 160.65 places him in the top 20 in the updated NCAA Division III statistics.

Sermarini, who earned the Centennial Conference Player of the Week honor for the first time this season and the third time in his brief 15-game career, is sharing the designation this week with quarterback Dan McGee and wide receiver Mike Bright of Dickinson College.

Courtesy of Sports Information



JOSE (JUBA) SQUEIRA

Sophomore Marvin Deal catches a punt and gets set to run for a return. Deal was recently shown on ESPN for an outstanding punt return

Interview with head football coach Tim Keating

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of the best coaching staffs I've ever had, and I feel everyone, coaches, players, myself, is finally on the same page.

Phoenix: Do you think other teams are intimidated by your team and it's nationally ranked defense, and does this have anything to do with your success?

Keating: I don't think intimidated is the right word. They [other teams] know they have a challenge and a half out there on Saturday, but their god-given talents aren't less than ours, we've just developed ours more.

Phoenix: Who would you say are some of your unsung heroes this season?

Keating: The offensive and defensive line, as always. Without them it doesn't click, Ron [Sermarini] doesn't throw touchdown passes, Gavin [DeFreitas] doesn't run...But, we've accomplished so much and nobody cares who's getting the credit. This team has a real "we" mind set.

Phoenix: Is this the best team you've had

in your career at WMC?

Keating: By far.

And so, in his fifth season at WMC, Coach Keating finally feels he's on the right page. In the interview he seemed humble, almost shy (although proud) about discussing the team's success. (Perhaps he really is superstitious.)

When asked, who down the road poses the biggest threat to his undefeated season, he simply replied, "The next game." He feels the difference this year is that the main priority of this team, second only to education, is football.

Despite any outside factors which may or may not play a role in the success of the team, he insists that the team's success lies solely in the hard work, dedication, and the strong mental attitude of both his players and coaching staff. Throughout the interview he couldn't stop emphasizing the "we" mentality, which is so important to success of any kind.

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Deal gets national return for incredible punt runback

Everyone in attendance at the October 4 Centennial Conference football game against Muhlenberg knew the 55-yard punt return by WMC's Marvin Deal was special. The confirmation of just how special came Thursday, when the sensational runback was aired for the national audience of network ESPN.

peared stopped on several occasions only to break free and score with 59 seconds remaining before halftime. It was Western Maryland's first punt return for a touchdown since Mike Chavez brought one back 76 yards at a Muhlenberg game on October 5, 1985.

ened what was already a record-setting performance by Deal. He set a WMC single-game record for punt return yards, racking up 107 on five tries. In addition, Deal claimed the single-season mark with 353 yards after five games.

The Green Terror sophomore, who also has 14 tackles and two

"Marvin is something special...I was yelling at him to go down so he didn't fumble, and all of a sudden, the team was running and yelling in front of me as he took off down the sideline."

-Head Coach Tim Keating

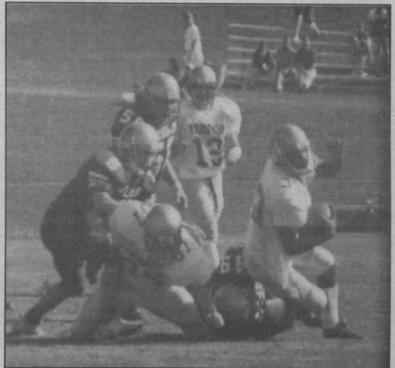
Deal's highlight was part of the "Hidden Video" segment during halftime of ESPN's broadcast of the game between Syracuse and Rutgers. The 6-foot, 175-pound sophomore capped the Terror's 27-point second quarter with a dazzling return, during which he ap-

"Marvin is something special," commented head coach Tim Keating. "I was yelling at him to go down so he didn't fumble, and all of a sudden, the team was running and yelling in front of me as he took off down the sideline."

The additional exposure height-

interceptions from his starting cornerback position, currently is sixth in NCAA Division III in punt returns with an average of 16.8 yards per return.

Courtesy of Sports Information



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUERIA

Along with other teammates, Sophomore Marc Alegi aids in tackling the opponent in a recent home contest.

Women's volleyball still within Centennial Conference competition

By KATE HAMPTON
News Editor

In spite of a fairly hopeful start, the month of October has been rather disappointing for the Women's Volleyball team.

At the ASICS Invitational at Juniata College, on Friday October 3, the Lady Terrors managed to win the second of their four matches. The State University of New York - Brockport won the first game 18-16, before Western Maryland rallied to take the match 15-9, 15-3 and 17-15.

The Terror was beaten by Juniata, the number one ranked team in the most recent American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III poll. The host team won 15-2, 15-3, 15-3. Their 1-1 pool-play record at the end of the first day of the two day tournament put Western Maryland in the silver medal bracket at the beginning of Saturday's play. However, the second day of the event was less successful. The Green Terror lost to Grove City in four games and to Baldwin-Wallace in three. These results caused the team to drop to 11-12 on the season.

Their next game was played on



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUERIA

In an attempted block for a point, the WMC front line player reaches a full arm's length over the net.

October 8 at Gettysburg. The Bullets, the third ranked team in this week's NCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Region poll, beat Western Maryland 15-5, 15-10, 15-9. The Terror held a 5-0 lead in the second game and rallied to tie the third set 9-9 before Gettysburg scored the final six points. Krissy Kurtyka had six kills and nine



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUERIA

Two Green Terror ladies set up a double-block here in a game at home at Gill Center. Gill Gymnasium now has a new wood floor which athletes must get accustomed to.

digs for Western Maryland, which fell to 11-13 overall and 4-2 in the Centennial Conference. This was Gettysburg's 25th consecutive conference win. The Bullets are the defending

conference champion. This match brought their records to 20-2 overall and 4-0 in the league.

The Lady Terror's played their first game on the new wooden floor in the Gill Center against Franklin and Marshall on the 14th. They lost 0-3 to the Diplomats who won all three games by 15-9 scores, moving them to a first-place conference tie with Gettysburg. They are now 18-6 overall and 6-0 in the conference. Western Maryland, which received a team-high of nine kills from Honeydri Drumgoole and eight from Brianna Bray, dropped to 11-14 overall and 4-3 in the conference after this game.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUERIA

Senior Carrie Shadrick shows proper dig form.

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Women's soccer strong in Conference; men standing their ground with struggle

By CAROLYN BARNES
Editor-in-Chief/Sports Editor

Until facing Gettysburg halfway through this fall's season, the Lady Terror soccer players had one thing in common with the fall '97 football team. They had not lost a Centennial Conference game. Neither had Gettysburg.

Unfortunately, the battle between the unbeaten left the Lady Green Terror's hanging dry.

Previous to the Gettysburg loss, the team beat Haverford by a score of 3-1. Graduate student Erin Murphey scored twice to key Western Maryland's early explosion for an important Centennial Conference win.

Freshman Beth Blasi put Western Maryland in front less than five minutes into the game with her team-leading seventh goal of the season. Murphey upped the lead to 2-0 off a Blasi assist just eight minutes later, and extended the advantage to 3-0 in the 22nd minute.

Western Maryland lost to Gettysburg 3-1 as Erin Kelly scored in the first half. This win, for Gettysburg, was its twelfth straight win. Gettysburg is ranked ninth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Umbro Division III poll. The Bullets' only loss was to fifth-ranked Mary

Washington.

After a hard fought loss, WMC went on to defeat Catholic University on October 11. Erin Murphey and Erin Kelly scored in the first half to lift Western Maryland past Catholic in a non-conference game.

Murphey's unassisted goal, her sixth of the season, gave Western Maryland the lead with just under seven minutes gone in the game. Kelly scored her first of the year off an assist from Jessica Mongrain in the 33rd minute.

Senior goalkeeper Julie Backof made ten saves in recording her second shutout of the season. Catholic lost for the sixth time in its last seven games.

The Lady Green Terror's recorded another loss most recently as they played Johns Hopkins on Tuesday, October 14 in another Centennial Conference loss.

Tracey Castor cut the lead in half for Western Maryland later in the first half, only to have Hopkins back in front by two just 2:19 before halftime.

Beth Blasi tallied her team-leading eighth goal early in the second half, but Johns Hopkins again retallied with 22:39 remaining.

The men, though, have not been doing as well as the women. Although they have had struggles, they had an outstanding competi-

tion against Franklin & Marshall on Saturday, October 4 as they finished in a tie through overtime in a Centennial Conference game. Franklin & Marshall outshot the Green Terror 16-10, but WMC senior Mark Rohme made three saves for his first shut-out of the season.

The men also went ahead against Villa Julie to win 2-1 on October 14. This win snapped a three game winless streak.

The game was scoreless until Art Crouse scored his first goal of the season off a Martin Oswiecmke assist with 19 minutes remaining in the second half.

Jeffrey Merryman tied the game for the Mustangs 12 minutes later, and overtime appeared likely, but Western Maryland notched the game-winning goal in the final 30 seconds when an errant shot deflected off a Villa Julie player and into the net.

Both the men and the women play their next game on Saturday, October 25, Western Maryland's Homecoming. The women will be at home versus Bryn Mawr beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The men play in an evening game at Johns Hopkins beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Information for this story contributed by Sports Information & Director Scott Deitch.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUERIA

Sophomore Ryan Bowles, #8, is seen above driving the ball down the field at a recent home game. Bowles currently is third overall in points scored this season with one goal, one assist, and three total points.

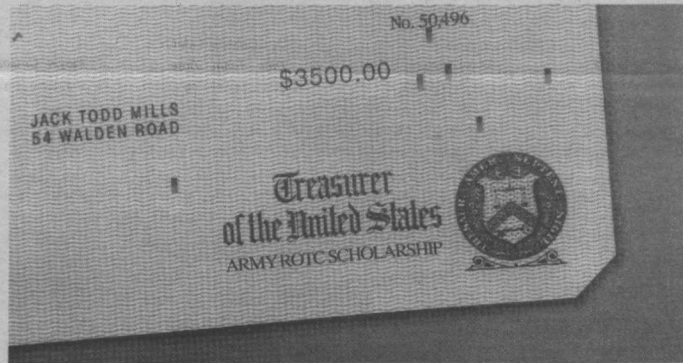
Western Maryland's men's soccer team has but five more games until the completion of its 1997 season. Their games are as follows:

Oct. 25 - at Johns Hopkins 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29 - Gettysburg - 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 - at Ursinus - 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 5 - Dickinson - 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 9 - at Washington - 1:30 p.m.

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The Green Terror Scoreboard

FIELD HOCKEY (5-8)**INDIVIDUAL SCORING****OVERALL****Player- CI-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Amy North - Jr - 8 - 3 - 19
 Katie Haley - Sr - 6 - 2 - 14
 Marjorie Hargrave - Sr - 3 - 2 - 8
 Melissa Reynolds - So - 1 - 2 - 4
 Shannon Benson - So - 1 - 2 - 4

CONFERENCE**Player- CI-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Romy North - Jr - 4 - 1 - 9
 Katie Haley - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4

GOALTENDING**OVERALL****Player- CI-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Jessica Horwath - So - 87 - 22 - 803
 Nicole Horn - Fr - 25 - 6 - 806
 Jaime Moyer - Jr - 26 - 6 - 813

CONFERENCE**Player- CI-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Jessica Horwath - So - 40 - 14 - 741
 Nicole Horn - Fr - 13 - 4 - 765
 Jaime Moyer - Jr - 13 - 1 - 929

UPCOMING GAMES**Date - Team - Time*****Denotes CC game**

O28 - DICKINSON* - 3:00 p.m.
 N1 - at Washington* - 1:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL (6-0)**GAME RESULTS****Team - Score - Winner**

Bridgewater - 21-17-WMC
 Juniata - 30-8 - WMC
 Gettysburg - 55-7 - WMC
 Ursinus - 20-10 - WMC
 Muhlenberg - 44-9 - WMC
 Dickinson - 41-7 - WMC

TOTAL OFFENSE**Plr-Plays- Rush- Pass - Tl**

Ron Sermarini-181-25-1131-1156
 Gavin DeFreitas -141-654-0-654
 Jay Tharpe - 58 - 195 - 0 - 195
RUSHING

Plr-Att-Gain- Loss-TD

Gavin DeFreitas-141-685-31-4
 Jay Tharpe-58 -206-11-4
 Ron Sermarini - 48 - 147 - 122 - 2

FOOTBALL (cont.)**SCORING****Plr- TD-PAT- 2Pl-FG-DPAT-Tot**

Brent Sandrock - 0 - 19 - 0 - 6 - 0 - 37
 Jay Tharpe - 5 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 32
 Gavin DeFreitas - 5 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 30
 Mike Starke - 3 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 18
 Donte Abron - 3 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 18
 Trey Rash - 2 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 14

PASSING**Plr- Cmp-Att- Pct.-Yds-TD**

Ron Sermarini-91-133-68.4-1131-13
 Joe Pineer - 1 - 2 - 50.0 - 6 - 1

RECEIVING**Plr- No.-Yds-Avg-TD - Long**

Gavin DeFreitas -20 -257 -12.8 -1 -46
 Mike Starke - 13 -201 -15.5 -3 -31
 Tim Herb - 13 -155 -11.9 -2 -49
 Ryan Smith - 12 -128 -10.7 -0 -24
 Marc Alegi - 9 -79 -8.8 -2 -15
 Donte Abron -8 -117 -14.6 -3 -46

PUNTING**Plr- No.-Yds-Avg-Blk-Long**

Bob Spruill-14-579 -41.4 -0 -52
 Steve Wilcox-11-395 -35.9 -0 -64

KICKING**Plr- XPM- FGA-FGM-FGA-Pts**

Brent Sandrock -19-24 -6 -7 -33 -37

KICK RETURNS**Plr- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long**

Donte Abron - 1 - 29 - 29.0 - 0 - 29
 Marvin Deal - 9 - 235 - 26.1 - 0 - 47
 Mike O'Dell - 3 - 58 - 19.3 - 0 - 25

PUNT RETURNS**Plr- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long**

Marvin Deal - 25 - 400 - 16.0 - 1 - 55
 Jeff Groff - 2 - 31 - 15.5 - 0 - 23

INTERCEPTION RETURNS**Plr- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long**

Kevin Brown - 3 - 36 - 12.0 - 0 - 26
 Anthony Burgos - 2 - 48 - 24.0 - 0 - 37
 Bill Parks - 2 - 29 - 14.5 - 0 - 29
 Derrick Gwyn - 1 - 20 - 20.0 - 0 - 20
 Tommy Selecky - 1 - 17.0 - 0 - 17

TACKLES**Plr- Solo-Ass- Tot- Loss-Yds**

Tommy Selecky - 22 - 28 - 50 - 13 - 75
 Joey Garrison - 16 - 28 - 44 - 5 - 8

Tom Lapato - 15 - 18 - 33 - 4 - 7
 Kevin Kramer - 8 - 17 - 25 - 11 - 48
 Zach Galemore - 6 - 19 - 25 - 6 - 21
 Bill Parks - 7 - 16 - 23 - 0 - 0
 Justin Lavis - 3 - 17 - 20 - 8 - 35

SACKS**Player - No. - Yards**

Tommy Selecky - 8.0 - 60
 Kevin Kramer - 6.0 - 33
 Justin Lavis - 3.0 - 30
 Aaron Bartolain - 2.5 - 18
 Matt Meiklejohn - 2.5 - 22

FUMBLES**Player - Forced - Rec.**

Tom Lapato - 1 - 2
 Kevin Kramer - 1 - 1
 Matt Meiklejohn - 1 - 1
 Mike Tice - 1 - 1
 Joey Garrison - 1 - 0

UPCOMING GAMES**Date - Team - Time**

O25 - F & M - 1:00
 N1 - SALISBURY STATE - 1:00
 N8 - at Swarthmore - 1:00
 N15 - JOHNS HOPKINS - 1:00

MEN'S SOCCER (3-6-2)**INDIVIDUAL SCORING****OVERALL****Player- CI-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Darren Wolf - Fr - 3 - 0 - 6
 Jeff Soltz - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Martin Oswiecimka - Jr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Ryan Bowles - So - 1 - 1 - 3
 Steve Como - Jr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Art Crouse - Jr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Dan Strine - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Christiaan Abildso - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Jason Wattenschaidt - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Dan D'Agostino - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1
 Scott Edwards - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1
 Dave McConky - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1

CONFERENCE**Player- CI-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Darren Wolf - Fr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Jeff Soltz - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Martin Oswiecimka - Jr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Ryan Bowles - So - 1 - 1 - 3
 Dan Strine - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Steve Como - Jr - 0 - 1 - 1
 Dan D'Agostino - 0 - 1 - 1
 Scott Edwards - 0 - 1 - 1

GOALTENDING**OVERALL****Player- CI-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Mark Rohme - Sr - 101 - 13 - 879
 Justin Wiener - So - 27 - 6 - 818

CONFERENCE**Player- CI-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Mark Rohme - Sr - 43 - 5 - 880

UPCOMING GAMES**Date - Team - Time*****Denotes CC game**

O25 - at Johns Hopkins* - 7:00
 O29 - GETTYSBURG* - 2:30
 N1 - at Ursinus* - 2:00
 N5 - DICKINSON* - 2:00
 N9 - at Washington* - 1:30

WOMEN'S SOCCER (7-5)**INDIVIDUAL SCORING****OVERALL****Player- CI-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Beth Blasi - So - 9 - 2 - 20
 Erin Murphy - Gr - 6 - 1 - 13
 Erin Kelly - Sr - 2 - 6 - 10
 Natalie Hannibal - Jr - 3 - 2 - 8
 Judi Remnitz - Sr - 3 - 1 - 7
 Christine Kalobius - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Lynnae Stoehr - Sr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Marci Short - Fr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Tracey Castor - Fr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Jessica Mongrain - Sr - 0 - 1 - 1
 Karl Thompson - Sr - 0 - 1 - 1

CONFERENCE**Player- CI-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Beth Blasi - So - 5 - 2 - 12
 Erin Murphy - Gr - 4 - 1 - 9
 Natalie Hannibal - Jr - 3 - 1 - 7
 Christine Kalobius - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Marci Short - Fr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Judi Remnitz - Sr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Erin Kelly - Sr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Tracey Castor - Fr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Meaghan Giorno - So - 0 - 2 - 2

GOALTENDING**OVERALL****Player- CI-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Julie Backof - Sr - 114 - 21 - 828
 Becca Lyter - Fr - 3 - 1 - 750

CONFERENCE**Player- CI-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Julie Backof - Sr - 64 - 9 - 850

UPCOMING GAMES**Date - Team - Time*****Denotes CC game**

O25 - BRYN MAWR* - 11:00
 O28 - at Dickinson* - 3:00
 N1 - MUHLINBERG* - 11:00

VOLLEYBALL (7-8)**KILLS****Player- CI- No Kills**

Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 189
 Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 176
 Brianne Bray - Fr - 144
 Lori Noel - Jr - 138
 Jenny Martin - Fr - 101

SOLO BLOCKS**Player - CI - No. Blocks**

Brianne Bray - Fr - 38
 Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 23
 Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 22
 Jen Clarke - Fr - 11

SET ASSISTS**Player - CI - No. Set Assists**

Carrie Shadrack - Sr - 661
 Karri Millar - Sr - 35
 Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 26

SERVICE ACES**Player - CI - No. of Aces**

Carrie Shadrack - Sr - 37
 Jenny Martin - Fr - 33
 Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 25
 Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 19
 Lori Noel - Jr - 16
 Heather Talkach - So - 16

DIGS**Player - CI - No. of Digs**

Carrie Shadrack - Sr - 332
 Lori Noel - Jr - 249
 Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 249
 Jenny Martin - Fr - 177
 Heather Talkach - So - 147
 Honesty Drumgoole - Fr - 138

UPCOMING GAMES**Date - Team - Time**

O26-Swarthmore (at Ursinus)-12:00

All statistics are as of
 October 18, 1997.

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Sophomore Marvin Deal highlighted by ESPN for outstanding punt return

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Green Terror Sports

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Western Maryland College

Thursday, October 23,

Terror Football attempts to defend unbeaten record in: HOMECOMING '97 ON THE HILL



JESSE WATTS

Above, Western Maryland's infamous "hill" highlights a large role of Homecoming: the football game. Tailgating is one of the activities many students and alumni participate in year after year. Sororities, fraternities, and ROTC also join in the celebration at home by painting their letters or symbols on the slope of the hill.

Hoping to win seven games without a loss, past games highlight immense talent and are producing a "winning" Terror team

By CAROLYN BARNES
Editor-in-Chief/Sports Editor

Currently, the Green Terror are the sixth-ranked team in the NCAA Division III South Region. The team is also 6-0 for the first time since 1951.

With its perfect record, WMC has forged itself its way into several polls. They are 22nd in the USA Division III Top 30 poll, co-ordinated by Sports in the USA, Inc., of Roseland, NJ, moving up three spots.

Also, they have ranked ninth in

the current Lambert/Meadowlands Awards Division III poll, recognizing supremacy in Eastern college football.

Regardless of polls and standings, what stands out most in the Terror's performances is the concept of team. Each player has contributed many great accomplishments thus far, while all have worked together to support their extraordinary record.

Looking back at the halfway point in their season, where the Terror traveled to winless Muhlenberg stripping them of a Homecoming victory by a score of 44-9.

Sophomore Ron Sermarini threw for 264 yards and four touchdowns, three of them in the second quarter, leading the Terror.

Sermarini connected on 18 of 23 passes to set school and conference completion percentage records at 78.3 percent. He also tied the Western Maryland single-game mark for TD passes. (See page 16 for related Sermarini story.)

The Terror grabbed a 3-0 lead on its opening possession of the

game when freshman Brent Sandrock booted a 27-yard field goal. Sermarini then hit freshman wide receiver Mike Starke with a 12-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the second quarter, just three plays after senior Kevin Brown grabbed his third interception of the season.

On WMC's next drive, Sermarini hit senior wide receiver Donte Ahron with a 46-yard punt return bomb for a touchdown. Junior wide receiver Tim Herb hauled in Sermarini's third touchdown pass of the second quarter from 10 yards out with 2:58 left in the half.

Sophomore Marvin Deal then capped the Green Terror's 27-point quarter with a dazzling 55-yard punt return, during which he appeared stopped on several occasions only to break free and score with 59 seconds remaining before halftime. It was WMC's first punt return for a touchdown since Mike Chavez brought one back 76 yards at Muhlenberg on October 5, 1985. (See related story on Deal on page 17.)

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Coch Keating discusses fall '97:

By ERIN HOWARD
Layout/Staff Writer

Who knew turkey sandwiches and chocolate milkshakes had anything to do with the success of this year's football team. A superstitious person would probably say that they are what has provided just the right amount of luck in order to be the key difference in the teams so far, successful season. But in reality they are not.

It is true that Western Maryland College's head football coach, Tim Keating, has eaten a turkey sandwich and chocolate milkshake for lunch every Friday since the start of the 1997 football season. But he's not superstitious, it's the routine he loves. According to him, superstition and luck have no place in the success of this year's team.

But, whether turkey sandwiches and chocolate milkshakes have anything to do with the Green Terror's success or not, 1997 has certainly been a turnaround season for the WMC team.

They have already improved on last season's 4-6 record, and will enter into this Saturday's Homecoming game with an undefeated, 6-0 record. So what really

has made the difference? Coach Keating revealed his thoughts on the team's success in a recent interview.

Phoenix: Before the season started, did you envision yourself being undefeated at this point?

Keating: I didn't envision undefeated. Of course, I envisioned a very good season, but I don't try to look too far ahead. I take it one game at a time. I'm certainly not surprised that we're undefeated through.

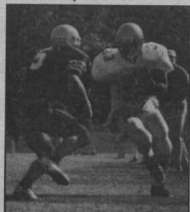
Phoenix: What are the key differences between this season and last season?

Keating: It's a combination of strong recruiting and the hard work of the upperclassmen in the off season. The attitude of the current group [of players] is decidedly different than it has been in the past. They are more positive and more focused.

Phoenix: Have there been any changes in your program that might have spurred your success?

Keating: The program has been an evolutionary thing. I have one

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JOSE (JUBAN) SQUIEREA

Junior Gavin DeFreitas (#33) runs the ball. DeFreitas currently leads the team in rushing.

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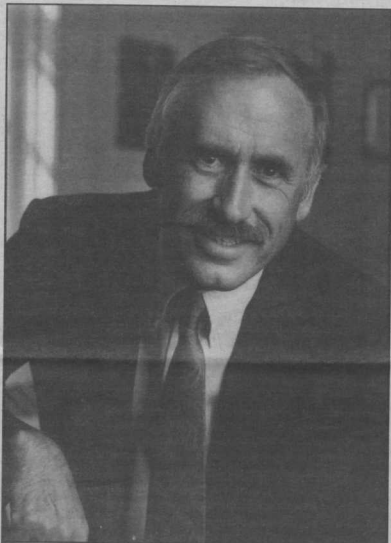


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Western Maryland College

Thursday, November 6, 1997

Fennell named Maryland Professor of the Year



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1997 Maryland Professor of the Year Skip Fennell

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

A Western Maryland College professor was honored on October 23 at the State House by Governor Parris Glendening.

Dr. Francis "Skip" Fennell was named Maryland Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The second WMC professor to be awarded this title in eight years, Fennell was chosen out of 554 faculty members nominated throughout the state.

President Robert Chambers, Provost Joan Coley, and several students and colleagues wrote letters of support nominating Fennell for the prestigious award.

In his letter, Chambers hailed Fennell as a "superb teacher, tremendous administrator, prolific author, and one of WMC's greatest treasures."

Although Fennell knew he had been chosen a month ago, the college couldn't officially announce it until the Annapolis ceremony. This is almost to the point of overwhelming," Fennell said. "I keep telling people I haven't walked on the ground since last Thursday."

Fennell has been a part of WMC

since 1976. Chambers wrote that "although many have attempted to woo Dr. Fennell from WMC, he chooses instead to stay, largely because he fell in love with the place [and teaching] when he first came here 20 years ago; that love affair is certainly a mutual one."

Fennell teaches courses in instructional mathematics and serves as chairman of the Education department. He has created several mathematics videos and a textbook series which is now being sold throughout the country.

This isn't the first time Fennell has been awarded for his dedication in the classroom. He also won WMC's Distinguished Teacher of the Year award in the spring, which is awarded through the students.

He is the first education professor to receive the award. He has also been awarded the Outstanding Mathematics Educator award from the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Currently on a year's leave of absence from WMC, Fennell is working at the National Science Foundation in Virginia for the Teacher Enhancement Program.

"I really miss teaching," Fennell said, stressing that he will spend no more than two years away from

WMC and his students.

1997 graduate Elaine Eierman, a former student of Fennell's now teaching in Baltimore County, wrote in her letter of recommendation that "Dr. Fennell expected the best out of his students, and we, in turn, expected the best out of him... His positive, caring personality showed not only in his classes, but also in his devotion to individual students. I will never forget the lessons Dr. Fennell taught me about education and about life."

The Carnegie Foundation convenes a special panel to select the winner of the award. The panel looks for extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching as demonstrated by excellence in the following areas: impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching; service to undergraduate students, institution, community, and profession; and support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students.

Fennell is not the only WMC professor to have received this award; in 1989, Ira Zepp, professor of religious studies emeritus, was also honored as Maryland Professor of the Year and was also one of ten national gold medalists.

Maryland Student Legislature conference hosted by WMC

Almost 100 student delegates make for record attendance

BY MICHELLE HAMILTON
Senior Writer

Many students were sleeping in Saturday morning after their Halloween festivities, but not the students who participated in the Maryland Student Legislature (MSL) conference that was held at WMC. Students representing over 10 Maryland colleges and universities gathered to debate legislation they wrote at the largest Interim Assembly (IA) ever.

MSL, a student-run mock Maryland General Assembly, meets twice a year, once in the spring for a weekend at the Annual Session in Annapolis and once in the fall. The fall conference lasts only one day, and is held at a participating school's campus. WMC received the bid to host the IA last

spring at the Annual Session.

"Organizing the conference was a lot of work, but it was rewarding to have the largest IA ever at our college," explained senior Liz Valuet, district chairperson for the Western Maryland College delegation. "The support of the SGA, Provost Coley, and other members of our delegation made the event a success," she added.

Many participants commented on the achievements of the conference. "It was the best IA I have ever attended," said Michael Berlin, Governor of MSL.

Although the day's schedule was centered around debate in the General Assembly, an additional highlight was Keynote Speaker Phil Straw, chief advisor to Congressman Bartlett and a veteran of 20 years experience working on

Capital Hill.

"He often played devil's advocate with the members, encouraging them to assess how they would handle voting and ethical decisions," said Valuet. Aaron Corbett, junior Political Science major, was responsible for bringing Straw to the conference. "He did an excellent job," Corbett exclaimed after the speech, relieved that his speaker was a success.

"Our delegation had strong representation at the IA with ten people participating, and for half of them it was their first experience with MSL," Valuet added. New member Janet Keymetian, a junior, explained that she joined MSL because "I felt I could use my powers of articulation and argument to further causes I believe in and suppress issues I disagree with."



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Last year's MSL delegation meets with Maryland Governor Parris Glendening. Left-right: Liz Valuet, Sarah Snell, Cody Northcutt, Governor Glendening, Andreas Kalliperis, Aaron Corbett, Sara Beth Reyburn, Michelle Hamilton.

Straw's speech was followed by lunch and the General Assembly meeting where people debated legislation varying from recycling to where to buy pizza. Delegates from all schools opened fire on the issues and political alliances were formed.

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Pfish Pfanatics Pface Pfisteria

Megan Martin

As just about everyone knows, pfisteria has been a big problem in the last couple of months. Not really understanding all the ins and outs of pfisteria makes describing it difficult, but fish infected with pfisteria and consumed by humans makes the consumer quite ill.

This chain reaction event has caused quite a lot of panic among people, especially residents of Maryland. No one wants to eat seafood from Maryland because they are afraid of becoming sick.

This is quite understandable, but it is also unfounded. Not every river that is a source of Maryland seafood is contaminated.

Those rivers that contained infected fish were closed down to fishermen almost immediately.

Infected fish are also not likely to be sold to consumers through local markets or grocery markets.

So, who loses out? Is it the fishermen whose livelihood depends on the sale of the fish he is not catching?

Is it the chicken farmer being blamed for the whole mess?

Is it the person who loves to eat Maryland seafood but is too afraid of catching pfisteria to eat any?

Or, is it the market where seafood from Maryland cannot be sold to gain a reasonable profit?

Certainly, the fishermen who work in the areas that have been closed down are suffering. They are all losing money because they cannot work.

Other fishermen are also hurting because no one wants to buy Maryland seafood.

The source of the pfisteria problem is believed to be the chicken farmers to the north. These farmers are getting a bad reputation and may lose work too.

"No one wants to eat seafood from Maryland because they are afraid of becoming sick."

By being seen as "the bad guy," these farmers may be forced out of business due to a lack of sales or due to having to pay for damages.

The people all over the Eastern Seaboard lose out too, especially if they love Maryland's supply of seafood.

In addition, anyone else who appreciates Maryland's contribution to the fish market will definitely miss out because they will be afraid to purchase and consume local fish.

Finally, grocery stores and supermarkets will be affected. They cannot sell Maryland fish to hesitant consumers, which means they lose money if they even try to sell it.

Unfortunately, Governor Glendenning criticized markets last month for pulling Maryland fish off the market. His purpose was to try to help Maryland's fishermen survive which is understandable.

Markets, however, should not be criticized for what they see as a necessary action. If no one is buying it, should the markets stock it?

The fish just goes to waste, and the markets lose money. Can they be expected to put Maryland fish up for sale and consequently lose money just to please the governor? Until the pfisteria panic blows over, this is not a reasonable request.

In the end, everyone loses out. Hopefully, the problem can be resolved soon, so everyone, the fisherman, the chicken farmer, the fish lover, and the supermarket, can go back to normal.

Until then, calm down and eat whatever fish you please.

Megan Martin is a freshman communications major and Assistant Editorials Editor at the Phoenix.

Lewis Hall Construction: Are Resident Students being Lost in the Shuffle?

Adam Dean

The new addition to Lewis Hall is one that will be welcomed by the current residents of Lewis who will expand into the addition (I doubt the physics department really cares, but that is another matter). But, the question must be asked: with the current housing shortage, (don't tell me that there is no housing shortage while at the same time placing students three to a room designed to hold two) why is the college expanding class space, something it already has a surplus of?

According to an article run in the October 2, 1997, issue of *The Phoenix*, the residence halls fill up at around 1,400 students, while there exists class space for 1,600.

Approximately, 1,400 students are enrolled at WMC this semester. Some of these students are commuters and nontraditional students. Even so, the college has been forced to cram people three to a room.

The logical response to such a situation would be to expand student housing so that it becomes capable of handling a larger number of people.

Unfortunately, this is not what has happened.

It was decided that the best way to handle the limited resources of Western Maryland College was to build more of what it already has more than enough of. Classrooms.

We are certain that the chemistry and biology department need the room. But these departments already have labs in Lewis.

If the equipment in these labs is properly arranged, sharing lab space is not as great a burden as asking three strangers to live together in a single

room.

Other arguments, such as Lewis is old, are just bogus. So what if Lewis is an older building? Buildings which predate Lewis by centuries are still in use for more serious operations.

The White House in Washington, D. C., is a good example. This building is close to

"I am sure many departments need more room then they currently have at their disposal"

200 years old. But does that age make it any less useful? Of course not.

Lewis may need some updating and repair. But it is no more antique than many of the dormitories on campus, which have only a few electrical outlets in a room full of televisions, computers, radios, and electric clocks. This almost always leads to the dangerous overuse of power strips and extension cords.

Another sad result of the construction is the loss of so many beautiful trees on the hill in front of Winslow. Preparation for construction has made this hill look like a Great War battleground.

The earth is ripped open and exposed to the elements here. Trees are a valuable part of the ecosystem. They release oxygen and take in carbon dioxide. They also are

aesthetically pleasing and contribute to any enjoyable environment in which to work or study. So many were removed for construction, it is sad.

I know they were replaced with others, -but it will be years before these trees reach a size which will enable them to truly replace those which are now gone.

I am sure that many departments need more room then they currently have at their disposal. But the poor residents need the room also and they need it soon.

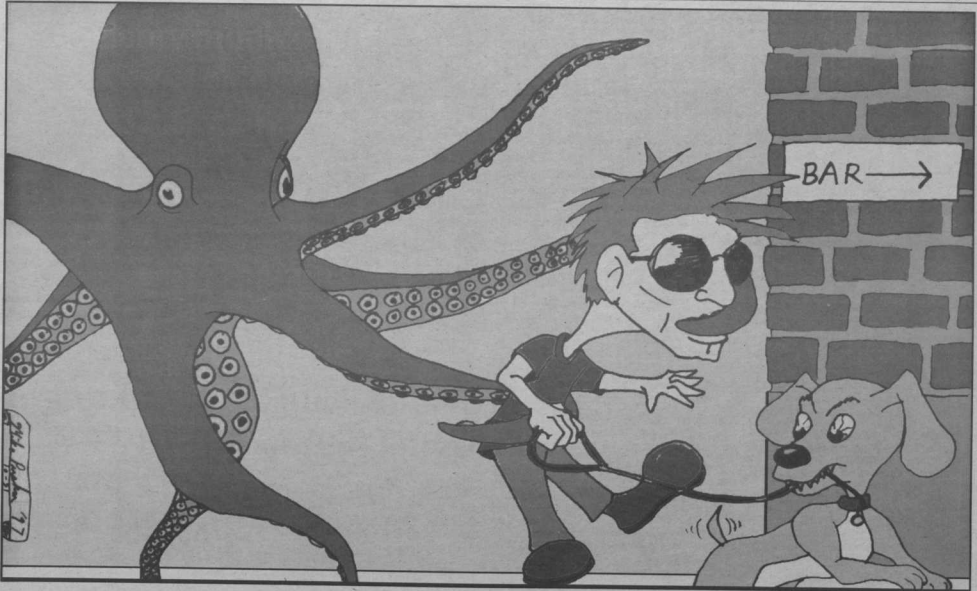
One only spends part of their day within a classroom or an office. All other times are spent in one's place of residence. Three people crammed into a two person room is much more crowded than a shared laboratory and for much longer periods of time.

I am not opposed to the construction of the addition to Lewis. In fact, I view it as a great idea. But I do feel that this should have taken a lower priority on the school's to do list than it did.

This makes me wonder just how much WMC values its students and what for? As cash cows to be warehoused at the college's convenience or as students gaining knowledge from a first class institution.

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ABSOLUT OCTAA

Pro vs. Con

Adam Dean & Megan Martin

OCTAA and Alcohol Awareness Week are not a bad idea. I know we all are "aware" of alcohol.

So, why, you might ask, are OCTAA and Alcohol Awareness Week good ideas? It is simple, really. Too many people have no prior experience with alcohol and no idea how alcohol should be used.

I want to say here that I am over 21, and I do drink. But I do this rarely, and I always drink in a way that I can maintain control of myself and whatever situation I happen to be in.

I am not fond of any form of intoxication. I figure that if one can keep his wits about him, he has a better chance of getting out of any situation he might find himself in.

OCTAA and Alcohol Awareness Week do tend to take more of a prohibitionist viewpoint. I, of course, support the use of alcohol when it is done moderately. But too many people have never been exposed to persons using alcohol properly and don't have any idea on how to handle it themselves.

Many students seem to have gained what knowledge they do

have from television and movies, or second hand from friends who know little more themselves. For this group of people, a prohibitionist route may be the best to take. Nobody has the time to educate members of the college community in proper alcohol usage.

Some students have complained that OCTAA is too long. But that doesn't mean that the basic concept is a bad one. Instead of trying to let things deteriorate and then jump in and try to fix everything at once, alcohol education should be a constant thing and spread throughout the year.

This approach is more likely to produce results than dumping information on students all at once so that they feel overwhelmed and forget it all. The same goes for Alcohol Awareness Week. The campus should not be aware of alcohol only one week a year.

Alcohol is a part of college life. We need to accept that and try to develop effective strategies to deal with it. Students should be aware of alcohol all year round.

Adam Dean is a senior Political Science major.

Alcohol Awareness Week is a wonderful idea. Unfortunately, it did not seem to have been taken to heart by the student body.

Everyone on campus is aware of alcohol. This is evident through the number of people who attend parties where alcohol is served.

Every week there are new rumors about someone getting so drunk that they develop alcohol poisoning or about the wild things the "class drunk" did while under the influence.

Understandably, Alcohol Awareness Week promoted responsible drinking for those of legal age and did not promote total abstinence.

Alcohol Awareness Week basically backed up the principles taught in the OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol) program all freshmen were required to complete this year.

The week's activities, however, met with the same ineffective results.

The OCTAA program talked about "trigger levels," "tolerance levels," and the concept that "anyone can become an alcoholic."

These three concepts were

drilled into the heads of students for four hours during one of the orientation days and for an additional hour during a flex period of the various freshman seminar classes.

All five hours met with the same reactions from students: restlessness and boredom. There were also those who just plain fell asleep.

Presenters and student orientors alike had to bribe their students to stay awake and pay attention.

This is not to say the presenters did not do their jobs well; it just says the information was boring and repetitive.

Most students already know about many of the problems that the consumption of alcohol can cause.

There are also those, who, at this age, are of the opinion that they are invincible and are determined to drink if they want.

Alcohol Awareness Week was supposed to serve as a reminder about drinking responsibly to those who have taken the OCTAA course, as well as to those who have not taken it.

Activities like "Midnight Milk and Cookies," "Tie One On" (making your own tie-dye shirts), and country line dancing were all alcohol-free events to mark Alcohol Awareness Week.

These activities, however, served only as social events for some.

Having alcohol-free events is a superb idea. There are, however, those who attend the events and miss the message these events represent.

On the other hand, there are those who feel that there are not enough alcohol-free events on campus.

There are some who want to go to parties and activities on the weekends where the chances of having large amounts of alcohol spilled on them are zero.

Why not increase the number of alcohol-free events on campus? Yes, there are some alcohol-free activities, but how many times can you go to the movies? They do not last all night, and it quickly becomes part of the routine.

The campus needs more of the activities seen during Alcohol Awareness Week.

New ideas are needed to keep students entertained and interested enough to stay at the event.

Megan Martin is a freshman communications major.

Alumni come home to the hill

Pom squad surprised by streakers

By CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

Two students added some spontaneity to Homecoming festivities when they surprised the WMC Pompon Squad and spectators by streaking across the football field during the Poms' halftime performance.

The streakers painted themselves green and gold, and they wore clown wigs and oversized diapers.

Many people found them rather amusing and were not offended by their actions. However, Mandy Hofstetter, the Poms' Captain, said, "The streakers took away from our performance."

One of the streakers said, "I wanted to show some school spirit and originality. You only live once, so have a good time doing it."

"I wanted to show some school spirit and originality."

Anonymous Streaker

WMC recently celebrated "The Heritage of the Hill's Past" with its 73rd Homecoming. The gala included the traditional parade down Main Street, various reunions, and the football game.

The Black Student Union's float took first prize in the parade competition with the first-year Students and ASAP finishing second and third respectively.

Black Student Union President Diane Drakes explained how the group developed different ideas that reflected this year's Homecoming theme—"Heritage of the Hill's Past."

According to Drakes, BSU members on their float portrayed the "greatness and struggles" of African-Americans. She said that the African king and queen and the pyramid demonstrated African history and tradition while the group members standing on the auction block in chains represented slavery. Drakes said the last component of the float, two BSU members standing under the Ward Arch, showed that "our ancestors made it and here we are."

According to Donna Sellman of Alumni Affairs, the WMC Alumni Council provides the cash prizes for the floats and the Student Government Assembly matches them.

Senior Sara Beth Reyburn commented, "This year's parade was the best one ever between the amount of participation and quality of floats."

Nancy Palmer, one of the faculty judges for the parade, said, "I enjoyed the parade and there was a lot of hard work on the floats. I'd like to see even more student participation and school spirit in the parade. Homecoming is one of the greatest days of the year at Western Maryland College."

Palmer also said that Homecoming promotes good relations between the college and the city of Westminster. She commented, "Westminster enjoys watching the students showing their excitement and enthusiasm."

Sellman explained the planning Homecoming is a "concerted effort by the SGA and the Alumni Affairs Office."

Sellman said the Alumni Affairs Office helps to plan the halftime ceremonies and makes contacts off campus for the students. Alumni Affairs obtains the tractors and flatbed trucks for the parade from Finch Services of Westminster and Baugher's Orchards.

According to Aaron Corbett, SGA Vice-President, the organization coordinates student publicity and involvement. The SGA handles the Homecoming Court nominations and develops the theme for the event. He said Homecoming is a good opportunity for "alumni to make connections with students" because alumni can see student involvement on campus especially for this occasion.

This year, the Student Government Assembly and the Inter-Greek Council sponsored a party in the Forum.

Amy Dreibelbis '97 said, "The Forum was a nice place to have an event for everyone to socialize instead of waiting in line for a clubroom party and then being crowded into a hot, noisy clubroom."

Sellman explained that she enjoyed working with students in planning Homecoming. "I hope that students will catch the feeling of Homecoming through their involvement and will want to come back," she said.

"This year's parade was the best one ever between the amount of participation and quality of floats."

Sara Beth Reyburn

Recent alumnus Fabrizio Ferronato '97 said, "It was nice to see so many people back and see what's going on in their lives. I felt like I was back at school again, and watching the football team win made homecoming even better."

When asked whether she will return for the festivities after she graduates, Reyburn said, "If Homecoming was as good as it was this year, I'd love to come back."

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BSU's winning Homecoming float represented African-Americans throughout history.

Brandt Cup awarded to Phi Sigma Sigma sorority

Prevents Phi Mu's record four year streak

By KATHLEEN DAVIS
Staff Writer

During halftime at the Homecoming football game, crowds of Green Terror fans surrounded the playing field, fluttering with the excitement of the day.

Since the Terrors were already defeating the enemy team, everyone had a good reason to be excited, especially the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. For this group of enthusiastic women, half time was probably the best part of the game. This was when Phi Sigma Sigma was awarded the coveted Brandt Cup Award.

According to Director of College Activities Mitchell Alexander, who determines the winner of the award, the Brandt Cup is a "leadership recognition award for an outstanding Greek organization."

The award reflects how well-rounded the Greek organization is.

After applying for the award, the competing groups are evaluated by a point system in five different categories: academics, community service, honor society, leadership, and athletics.

The organization with the highest total number of points is declared the winner.

The process by which they are evaluated is completely objective.

Furthermore, because the award recognizes both group and individual merits, it is a very accurate reflection of the group as a whole.

The Phi Sigma Sigmas are enjoying their well-deserved distinction.

President of the sorority, Tracie Browning, pointed out that these women spent a great deal of their time and energy last year to earn the award.

For instance, many members were involved in varsity sports, maintained high grade point averages, and held various leadership positions around the Western Maryland College campus.

In addition, they worked on numerous community service projects.

Browning explained that each month the sorority chose two philanthropy projects on which to focus their attention, and ten to twenty members at a time worked diligently on these activities.

By the end of the year they had completed eighteen of these projects, ranging from clothing drives to a fund raising walk for Multiple Sclerosis.

According to Browning, everyone was very honored to receive the award, and she personally felt a sense of pride that all of the members were able to work together to a group and accomplish something valuable.

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MSL conference

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Remembering the staged walk out by the majority of the WMC delegation a year ago at Goucher College, senior Cody Northcutt said, "I can proudly say that at least this year no one walked out... we were ready and things went ran very smoothly," she added. "I was very impressed with the outcome."

Legislation varied, with one of the most interesting focusing on patronage of a food chain and their political positions. One bill was written to prohibit the use of MSL funds for Domino's Pizza. According to this resolution, the sole owner of Domino's Pizza, Thomas Monaghan, "has given more than \$110,000 to the Michigan Right to Life Committee." Additionally, the legislation states that Monaghan "allows Domino's employees to protest outside of Planned Parenthood clinics during paid working hours."

Because of the special interest of Domino's Pizza, this resolution sought to keep politics out of politics. While the resolution failed by the General Assembly vote, it is an example of the different types of legislation. "The issues were more diverse than I thought they would be," said Keymetian, referring to legislation concerning the Domino's Pizza Resolution, the naming of stadiums, and DUI offenses.

"I felt the debate was lively at best, yet often irrelevant and prolonged at worst," Keymetian explained. "However, these durations were compensated for by the high points of civil debate and argument."

The IA cost the WMC delegation of MSL around \$1,500 to host the conference. Most of the expenses were for meals, which were not covered in full by the registration fees of the participants.

Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer to speak about "The Cultural Defense Plea"

America might be the great melting pot, but that kettle of diversity is boiling over in controversy.

Many cultures means many more traditions and that spells trouble as some of those customs collide with this country's legal system.

"Courts are forced to consider the role that culture plays in determining the guilt or punishment for an offense that might be acceptable within the culture of the offender, but which is impermissible under American law," said Lawrence Rosen, professor of anthropology at Princeton University and the 1997 national Phi Beta Kappa Scholar.

Dr. Rosen, also an adjunct professor at Columbia University Law School, will present his research on what he calls "The Cultural De-

Mexican folk art displayed in Peterson Hall

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Colorfully painted wood-carved art figures called alebrijes are now on display in Peterson Hall.

The exhibit was organized by Jorge del Villar, a junior international student from Mexico City who is doing a special study on the topic of Mexican folk art and culture.

"I wanted to show the community some of the traditions of my country here on campus," said del Villar.

Such an exhibit has never been on display before, said Julie Badice, an art history professor.

"It is an authentic folk art that I have never seen before," said Badice. "This is unique, definitely unique."

Alebrijes originated in Oaxaca, a state located near Chiapas in Southwest Mexico. Even though that region has become one of the poorest economical regions in the entire country, said del Villar, its art work "exhibits a rich expression of spirituality, liveliness, and imagi-

nation."

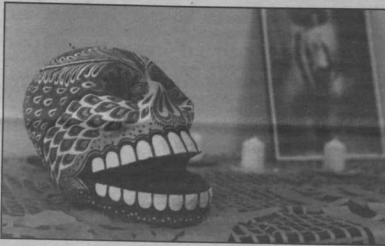
The alebrijes depict imaginary characters and thereby uncover the Mexican character of the fusion between reality and fantasy, he said.

Each November 2 Mexicans celebrate the Day of the Dead. This tradition helps people remember their dead family members. One practice on this day includes making an altar in memory of a loved one who has passed away. Typically, items such as a picture of the person and some food offerings are placed on a table.

On the opening day of the exhibit, del Villar raised an altar in memory of Emiliano Zapata, a hero known for his fight for social justice during the Mexican Revolution in 1910. His followers rebelled against the Mexican government in January 1994.

"I chose him because he is an internationally known figure," said del Villar.

The exhibit will remain on display in the art reception room of Peterson Hall through January 30, 1998.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

The new art exhibition uncovers the Mexican character of the fusion between reality and fantasy. Above right: An Alebrije is a wooden carving of a mythical or imaginary Mexican figure. Above: A skull on the altar for the Day of the Dead.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Homecoming parties make for chaotic weekend

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

The over-enthusiasm of WMC party-goers during the past couple of weeks has not seemed to demonstrate the spirit of Alcohol Awareness Week.

The events got off to an unfortunate start when a clubroom on Saturday night ended with paramedics arriving to deal with a student in a semiconscious state who appeared to have been drinking.

The week ended as unluckily as it began with another student calling 911 because he felt ill and had been drinking.

This was Homecoming week-end, traditionally a time during which a great deal of drinking occurs, so this was no great surprise to Director of Campus Safety Michael Webster.

Indeed when asked whether he thought that these occurrences marked a trend in cases of alcohol abuse, Webster said that there were actually fewer cases than he expected.

He explained that there were about 6000 people at the Homecoming football game and that "the number of alcohol incidences per capita was better than what it was going to be."

The great mass of people did cause inconveniences for party-goers that evening. The Phi Sigma Sigma clubroom had to be closed because it was too crowded, Webster said that "we had people climbing in through the windows." He explained that both the sorority and Campus Safety were overwhelmed. "There were too many

people and not enough staff," he said.

Many revelers then moved on to the party in the Forum which was hosted by the Inter Greek Council and the Student Government Assembly. As the room filled up with people enjoying the band, the evening was disrupted by the fire alarm which meant the building had to be evacuated.

As students gathered outside, what Webster described as "a small fist-fight" broke out. A student claimed to have been punched and requested that city police be contacted.

The fire alarm was set off by some burned toast in the pub, although at the time it was thought that it had been pulled deliberately.

In spite of these events, Webster was generally satisfied by the relative calmness of Homecoming. The crowd was very well behaved he said, "people picked up their own trash and by and large were very well mannered."

He did not know whether this was due to Alcohol Awareness week. "I would like to think so," he said. He explained that there have been a lot of changes this year with the introduction of OCTAA and Alcohol Awareness week falling on Homecoming.

One incident that marred this general feeling of complacency was the theft of one of the tents set up around Bair Stadium. It was erected on the Friday night and reported stolen on Saturday morning, according to Webster. The \$700 tent was rented but Webster believes that the cost should be covered by insurance.

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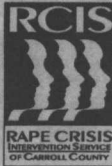
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•On 10/18 at 7:45 a.m. in Harrison Parking Lot DoCS notices destruction to a vehicle.

•On 10/18 at 7:06 p.m. in WH a DoCS EMT assists an injured student.

•On 10/18 at 5 p.m. in ANW DoC responds to a call for a suspicious condition and theft.

•On 10/18 at 10:01 p.m. in ANW student was document alcohol violation.

•On 10/18 at 7:45 a.m. in Harrison Parking Lot DoCs notices malicious destruction to a vehicle.

•On 10/18 at 1:39 p.m. DoCS transported an injured nonstudent to CCGH.

•On 10/18 at 10:58 p.m. in BWH a student was documented for proscriptions of conduct.

•On 10/18 at 11:24 p.m. in BWH a student was documented for proscriptions of conduct.

•On 10/19 at 12:10 a.m. in BWH a student was documented for proscriptions of conduct.

•On 10/19 at 12:10 a.m. in BWH an ill student was transported to CCGH by ambulance.

•On 10/19 at 12:18 a.m. in BWH a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/20 at 9:11 p.m. in Rouzer an ill student was treated.

•On 10/21 at 4:48 p.m. DoCS responded to Decker Center for a possible theft.

•On 10/21 at 10:30 p.m. in DMC parking lot DoCS responded to vandalism to a vehicle.

•On 10/22 late night DoCS responded to a malicious destruction to a door in BWH.

•On 10/22 at 11:07 p.m. DoCS responded to MCD for a student

reporting a theft.

•On 10/22 at 11:23 p.m. DoCS responded to the Pub for a theft.

•On 10/23 at 1:02 a.m. DoCS responded to malicious destruction of college property.

•On 10/23 at 1:30 p.m. DoCS responded to PA133 for a suspicious condition.

•On 10/24 at 0430 in Harrison Parking lot DoCS reports theft from a vehicle.

•On 10/24 at 9:31 p.m. DoCS paramedic responds to student having pain, but student declines DoCS assistance.

•On 10/25 at 3:15 a.m. in PA 147 a student reports being harassed.

•On 10/25 at 10:07 a.m. DoCS took a report for stolen property from Bair Stadium.

•On 10/25 at 1:08 p.m. in Dining Hall an employee complained of pain, but declines DoCS assistance.

•On 10/25 at 4:07 p.m. at Bair Stadium two students were documented for proscriptions of conduct.

•On 10/26 at 12:12 a.m. DoCS took a report for stolen property from the Forum.

•On 10/26 at 12:15 a.m. DoCS responded to an assault and battery outside of the Forum.

•On 10/26 at 12:18 a.m. in the Forum a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/26 at 12:19 a.m. in the Forum a student was documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/26 at 1:03 a.m. in Decker a student is documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/26 at 1:25 a.m. in BWH a student is documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/26 at 11:23 p.m. in BWH a student is documented for an alcohol violation.

•On 10/27 at 5:39 p.m. DoCS takes a report for indecent exposure at Bair Stadium.

•On 10/29 at 12:31 a.m. DoCS assisted a student with a burn.

•On 10/29 at 8:30 p.m. DoCS takes a report for a stolen wallet from the Dining Hall.

•On 10/30 at 11:30 a.m. DoCS takes a report for a theft in the Pub.

•On 10/31 at 10:13 a.m. at ANW Does does a report for malicious destruction.



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Famous sculptor donates 17 pieces of work to WMC

Late honorary degree recipient returns his gratitude to the college 12 years after death

RICH SIMMONS
Staff Writer

In the entrance walkway of the physical plant offices, rests a giant named Antaeus. The legend of this mythical figure is that every time the giant was dropped to the ground, he grew stronger. The determination shows on his massive bronze face, as if he would rise to fight again.

"Dropped Antaeus" is one of 17 sculptures bequeathed to Western Maryland College by the late, great sculptor, Joe Brown. The sculptures of porcelain, bronze, and plaster range from the ghostly mask of a boxer, to "Break" and "Tackle," pieces reflecting the best sports-related sculpture in America. And there is a famous piece entitled "Pietà, 1944 A.D." that stands eight inches high, made of bronze.

The story of how "Pietà," "Antaeus," and other famous works by Brown came to reside at WMC, is one steeped in friendship. Dr. H. Samuel Case, professor of exercise science and physical education, and appointee to the Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness, first met Brown in 1964 while working in the ath-

letic department at Johns Hopkins University. Brown had been commissioned by Hopkins to sculpt the figures of a runner and a discus thrower. The friendship between Case and Brown continued over the pursuing years. Eventually, Case went on to join the WMC faculty, and Brown pursued a successful stint in the world of professional boxing.

Brown, however, soon left the ring for academia, and joined the faculty at Princeton University. At the Ivy League school, he worked as the resident fellow in sculpture until he retired in 1977, consummating nearly four decades of teaching.

In 1978, Case and Dr. Richard Clower, professor of physical education and exercise science, co-sponsored Brown in the receipt of an honorary doctorate of fine arts. The degree apparently meant a lot to Brown, whose Princeton contemporaries seemed to look down upon his bachelor's degree in education.

The sculptor continued his friendship with Case throughout the years, and came to the college to speak on occasion.

Brown's sculptures have won

innumerable awards, such as the prestigious National Academy of Design's Barnett Prize for sculpture. Brown was also featured at the 29th Olympiad in Mexico City, and the '67 Expo in Montreal, Québec.

Now in WMC's proud possession is one of Brown's most famous works - "Pietà, 1944 A.D." The bronze work was inspired by a sacrifice boxing match between an virtually unknown boxer and the then current champion, Joe Louis. Pietà means piety in Italian, and has characteristically been represented by the Virgin Mary cradling the fallen Christ. The sculpture shows the match's referee cradling the young, unknown boxer as he tries to regain his feet for another round. The work gained Brown widespread recognition, as well as a healthy dose of notoriety. It has since become a widely imitated form in the world of sculpture.

Brown died 12 years ago in March 1985, and was awarded WMC's honorary doctoral degree nearly 20 years ago. Therefore, it was to WMC's great surprise to receive 17 of the famous sculptor's works, with a possibility of further donations in the future.

In a recent story published by



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Presently, some of the sculptures donated by Joe Brown are on display at the physical plant. The pieces range in materials, including porcelain, bronze, and plaster. Brown was grateful to the school for recognizing his work in the late 1970s.

the *Baltimore Sun*, reporter Sheridan Lyons quoted Michael E. Bowman, the current chairman of the Joe Brown Foundation.

"Joe was frankly very touched by the degree they gave him at Western Maryland...Here's Joe: He's absolutely unique, a former boxing coach who was loved by the president of Princeton University, who got him a Carnegie grant to open a studio, but then they had to put him somewhere. To the art de-

partment — stuffed shirts — he was an oddball...this little guy from South Philly."

WMC has yet to designate a permanent location for the sculptures. For the time being, the larger ones, such as "Dropped Antaeus" and "Break," can be seen in the offices of physical plant along Pennsylvania Avenue, while "Pietà" and other, smaller works are being kept in the house of President Robert Chambers.

Alcohol-free activities provide fun alternative to drinking

NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

Midnight Milk and Cookies, country line dancing, and a tie-dye party outside of GLAR highlighted this year's Alcohol Awareness Week.

The week of October 19-25 was National Alcohol Awareness Week. At Western Maryland College, the week's festivities began on Tuesday, October 21 and concluded on Friday, October 24. Health education coordinator, Bonnie Bosley, coordinated the week's events. According to Bosley, the week before Homecoming was ideal for Alcohol Awareness Week.

The purpose of the week was "to celebrate and participate in a national event that draws attention to alcohol issues on campus and specifically the fun you can have with alcohol free events," Bosley said.

The first event, "Smash the Stress Away," was sponsored by BACCHUS. An old car was brought to the parking lot behind Daniel MacLea and students paid 25 cents to get rid of their frustrations by hitting the car with a sledgehammer. "People were really stressed out that week and they thought this was a good way to bang out stress," said BACCHUS president, Latrice Quickley, a junior sociology major.

On Wednesday, "Tie One On" was held in Englar Plaza. "[This event] was sponsored by student health education with the help of individual students, students from substance free housing, and the Phi Alpha Mu sorority," said Bosley, adding that the event was a huge success. "People did not want to quit; they kept buying shirts and tie-dying shirts."

A total of 172 shirts were bought to tie-dye. The short-sleeve shirts, left over from last year, were \$7; the long-sleeve shirts were \$9. All of the money raised went into the cost of producing the shirts.

"The One On" was Bosley's favorite activity during Alcohol Awareness Week. "I saw so many students enjoying themselves and working so diligently on these shirts and many of them were beautiful," she said.

"I wondered how well it would be received the second year," Bosley said. "She was glad that the event was a success again this year. Bosley adds that she would like to thank WMCR for playing music throughout the event and the Alpha Gamma Tau fraternity for helping with clean-up."

On Thursday night, "Midnight Milk and Cookies" was held in Ensor Lounge. "I'm not sure what the magic is to that," said Bosley about the event's success.

The event featured Puddlelump,

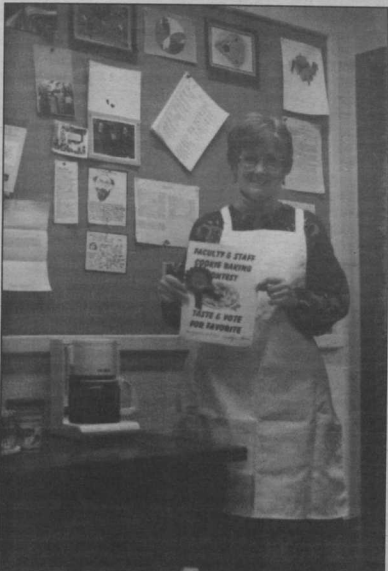
a live band made up of current and former WMC students, cappuccino and lattes made by a caterer, and of course the faculty/staff cookie baking contest. The cookies made by the faculty/staff were judged by all those attending the event. The winner, for the second year in a row, was Carolyn Boner with her chocolate chip cookie bars. Bosley estimates that 300 people attended this activity.

"I like the milk and cookies idea because it's a good study break and it shows you don't need alcohol to have fun," said junior communication major, Elena Bozynlinski.

The week's events ended Friday night with country line dancing in Ensor Lounge, and the "Hard Mock Cafe," sponsored by BACCHUS and held in the pub. "There were about 100 people there and the atmosphere was like that of a clubroom without the alcohol," said Quickley.

Quickly added that the purpose of the week's events "is to make people aware of the impact alcohol can have on their lives; it was successful."

The theme of this year's Alcohol Awareness Week was "Because We Care." Bosley felt it was a success. "I measure Alcohol Awareness Week's success in the amount of participation, and I was really thrilled with each event."



JOSE (JUBA) SQUEJIRA

Dr. Carolyn Boner's chocolate chip cookie bars took the first-place award at "Midnight Milk and Cookies." This is the second year she's won.

Similar student interests develop into new organizations

NICKI KASSOLIS

Assistant Features Editor

In Webster's Dictionary, the word "save" is defined as bringing something out of danger or preserving something from evil. But at Western Maryland College, the word has a different meaning.

SAVE stands for Student's Against Violating the Earth and is one of WMC's newest student organizations.

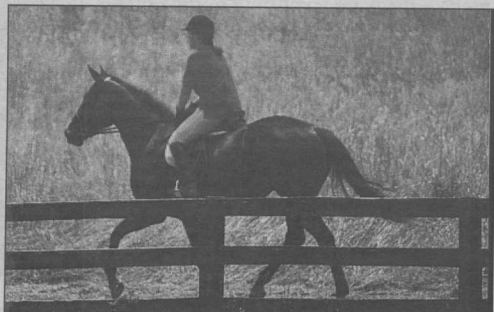
Addressing environmental concerns, producing a campus comic book, providing equestrian competitions, and organizing fly fishing expeditions are the objectives of WMC's four newest student organizations.

"I wanted to form a club that could address environmental concerns on and off of campus and let students have fun while doing it," said Erin Williams, a junior environmental biology major who founded SAVE. Williams was involved in the organization's planning stages last year. This year, she looks forward to working on four, major campus-wide projects with the 25 member club, which meets every other Thursday in Lewis 212.

The first project will promote recycling on campus, "which there seems to be a definite lack of," said Williams. SAVE plans to put bins in all dorms to encourage recycling at WMC.

According to Williams, the organization also wants to reduce the amount of junk mail delivered to students on a daily basis. To accomplish this, SAVE will try to implement an alternate form of communication to keep WMC students informed.

"Beautifying the campus," is SAVE's third major project. The club wants to "plant different shrubs and flowers around campus with a focus on eliminating the harsh look of the buildings and bringing more indigenous plant species to campus," Williams said.



COURTESY OF KRISTIN DAY

Freshman Kristin Day rides her horse at Longen's Breeze Horse Farm in New Windsor. She began working toward forming a horse club at WMC while still in high school. The hard work paid off, and she now serves as coach for the WMC Equestrian Team.

Finally, the club hopes to raise money by selling Poinsettia plants throughout the month of November. Dave Seydel, a junior environmental biology major, is one of the organization's co-presidents. "I thought of the club as a way to get students interested in and working towards solving environmental problems here on campus," he said.

Junior Richard Tillman is also trying to get students interested in spending time in the great outdoors. But his objective is to get students involved in the sport of fly fishing. Tillman is the president of the WMC Flyanglers, a group of 12 students who travel to local lakes and streams to fly fish. The club is for novice and experienced fly fishers. "If you are interested in fly fishing, we are willing to train you," said Tillman.

In its second year of existence at WMC,

the group travels to the Cocotain Mountains and Morgan Run State Park for fly fishing expeditions. Tillman believes the organization is important because it gives students "a way to get away from studies for awhile and the streams are so close to WMC."

WMC's close proximity to fresh water streams is convenient for the Flyanglers, and its location near many horse farms is beneficial for the Equestrian Team. In its first year at WMC, the team was founded by freshman Kristin Day.

"It's something I've been doing for 10 years and I wanted to give other students the opportunity to ride," said Day about why she began the club.

In her senior year of high school, Day began working to assure the team would be active in her first year at WMC. Her equestrian coach from high school, Pegi Longen,

helped Day to secure a farm at which to practice. Longen now serves as the coach for the WMC Equestrian Team. "We've had the support [of the school] since the beginning, which is good," Day added.

Day has been involved in horse shows for 10 years. However, the team includes riders of all levels who practice on Tuesdays and Fridays at Longen's Breeze Horse Farm in New Windsor. In the fall and winter of next year, the team plans to compete in inter-collegiate horse shows. According to Day, the team got started too late this year to compete in the shows.

"There's some real potential on the team," said Day, who would like to see some of the members progress in next year's competition beyond the regional level. Day said she owes many thanks to the WMC faculty, including President Chambers, Dean Sayre, Mitch Alexander, and Dr. Leahy (the team's advisor), who offered continued support for her endeavor.

Another new organization at WMC is CABAL, which stands for Comics-Arts-Based Artists League. Mike Puskar, a junior art and art history major, started the group last year with the help of Joe Flemming, who graduated in 1997, and senior Mike Cummings. CABAL's purpose is "to promote student artwork, illustrations, and writing, academically as well as commercially, and to give students something formal to show prospective employers," Puskar said. The group produces an annual comic book and meets every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the commuter lounge.

Students interested in becoming a part of WMC's new organizations should contact their leaders. Or, if students are interested in starting their own organization, they must contact Mitch Alexander, director of College Activities.

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What is the one thing you would do to improve dining in Glar?

BY JESSIE WATTS
Photographer/Staff Writer



"I would have different entrees for lunch. They are always the same thing - every day of the week!"

Michelle Marrero '98
Biology

"Wash the lipstick off the glasses."

Ferenc Levai '98
Business/Economics

"Finish cooking the food - no runny eggs, no red burgers, and no salmonella chicken."

Kim Walter '98
Psychology



"For them to actually listen to our complaints."

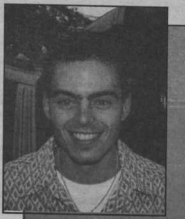
Crystal Grove '99
History



"Vary the food."

Jorge del Villar '99
Business/Economics

"Burn it down and start over!"
Brad "Eights"
McKendry '99
Business Administration



Alumna writer brings talents to Public Information and the pages of *The Hill*

SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

She's back. Western Maryland College alumna, Amy Pelsinsky, '94, has returned to her alma mater as the new associate director of Public Information. The 25-year-old Howard County native brings new energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of experience to the position. The duties of the associate director include: managing editor of WMC's alumni magazine *The Hill*, producing publications such as the *Student Guide* and *Datebook*, and publicizing special events.

"I liked the idea of having more creative control, doing more features-related things, being more involved with the actual publishing," said Pelsinsky of her reasons for returning to the College. As a student, she had enjoyed freelancing for *The Hill*, so Pelsinsky applied immediately when Kim Asch vacated the position. She has been on the job since October 6.

Pelsinsky's interest in creative writing developed at a young age, "probably around middle school." She attended Glenelg High School, where she worked on the newspaper all four years, and eventually became editor-in-chief. While at WMC, Pelsinsky gained experience through numerous internships. She graduated as an English and French major and member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Immediately after graduation, Pelsinsky began freelancing and interned with the *Baltimore Magazine*. She then joined Patuxent Publishing, where she worked on some of the various community newspapers it published. She covered Prince George's County government with the *Laurel Leader*, and went on to



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Amy Pelsinsky '94 returns to WMC as the new associate director of Public Information. The Howard County native has a love for feature writing including writing stories about "quirky people."

become features writer at the *Columbia Flier* and *Howard County Times* for which she also edited an entertainment insertion titled *Lifetime*. Her freelance work has been printed in many Baltimore area publications, such as the *Baltimore Magazine* and the *Catholic Review*.

Pelsinsky's first few weeks have been very busy. On her first day, she had to interview and write an article on Dr. Francis "Skip" Fennell, professor of education and recent winner of the Maryland Professor of the Year award.

"I like the fact that I have lots of different responsibilities, sort of a jumble, unlike the defined duties at a newspaper," said Pelsinsky, adding that she likes the caring, friendly atmosphere at WMC.

She is also "excited and glad to be back at a time when lots of things are happening," such as the construction of the new science building and the arrival of the largest freshman

class ever.

What does Pelsinsky love about journalism? "The fact that I can do things I never would have done, meet people I never would have met, get into places I never would have gotten into," Pelsinsky said of her love of feature writing, in particular, and conducting interviews. "My favorite thing is to write about quirky people and things...to find and bring out this quality in everyone...to humanize them."

She views this process as "memorializing a conversation," and believes that it is important to capture the lives of those with rich pasts and to preserve them in writing.

Pelsinsky sees herself as "building with writing." She believes that one can make people feel good or affect change in a community through the power of the written word—that is why she liked working on community newspapers. Now, once again, her community is WMC.

Cobb awarded high ROTC honor

NIKKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

Dudley "D.J." Cobb wasn't thinking when he ran to the overturned United Parcel Service van. He was acting on pure instinct and the notion that someone needed his help.

Cobb, a 23-year-old Western Maryland College senior, received the ROTC Cadet Medal of Heroism on September 4 for his quick reflexes that helped save a woman's life.

In September 1996, Cobb was traveling to Lynchburg, Va. with the WMC men's soccer team when a UPS van veered off the road ahead of them, flipping over several times. The team van was the first vehicle to arrive on the scene. As everyone got out, Cobb, who received emergency medical training while in the Army, was the only person who went inside the van to try to help the woman still conscious inside.

"I could hear her screaming 'my eye, my eye!'" Cobb said. "I figured I had to help."

Climbing in the rear window, he entered the cab to find blood everywhere. He managed to free the woman from her seat belt, which had her suspended in the air. Taking his t-shirt off, he instructed the driver to hold it against the cut across her face and her eyeball, which had come out of the socket. He then moved packages out of the way and, with the help of another woman outside, lifted the driver outside to wait with her until rescue personnel arrived.

"I felt calm and collected the whole time," Cobb said. Later that night, however, Cobb admits he was a nervous wreck.

Word of Cobb's heroic actions got out around the college campus and reached Major Karen Doyle, commander of the WMC ROTC Battalion. When Cobb told Doyle the story, she felt she needed to put him in for the medal, which awards action when nobody else responds to a crisis situation. "It's not a frequent thing that anyone does something this heroic," Doyle said.

Last May the Department of the Army approved the award, which is the

highest medal for ROTC cadets.

Cobb is the first cadet at WMC to receive the award in the program's 78-year history. The award was presented to him by Doyle in a ceremony during the ROTC leadership lab.

Cobb spoke with the driver for the first time a couple months after the accident and learned her eye had been saved, which eased his mind.

Originally from Panama City, Florida, Cobb has also served as a Spanish linguist at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California where he met his wife, who was an Arabic linguist.

He was on active duty in the Army for three years where he learned first aid training. "I'm glad the Army's given me training for medical emergencies and I'm glad I could put it to use," Cobb said.

Currently in his third year of the ROTC program, Cobb will graduate this spring as a second lieutenant in the military.

Ladies lose to Washington; win only one of last three games

North earns Centennial Conference Player of the Week honors

By CAROLYN BARNES
Sports Editor

With only one win sandwiched between two losses, the Green Terror Ladies struggled to the close of their season.

Looking back to before WMC played Gettysburg, they were riding on a two game win streak. Unfortunately, the Terror was shutout with the Bullets scoring two.

Previous to this contest, the ladies were winning and also had a player named as Centennial Conference Player of the Week. Junior Amy North, of Sykesville, MD received this honor.

North scored three goals in WMC's two games during the week, including the game winning tallies in both contests.

The Green Terror forward had the first goal in a 2-0 victory over Frostburg State University.

North then added two goals, including one to snap a 2-2 tie, to key a 3-2 triumph over Villa Julie College.

The big week enabled North to lead the team in goals, assists and total points, resembling last year's ending performance

where she only led in goals and points.

North again showcased her talent in the Dickinson game, held on Tuesday, October 28, as she scored the team's only goal. The goal was unassisted.

In the team's last game of the season, the were defeated by Washington College. The ladies did score in the competition, though only once.

Washington College scored four times in a 15 minute stretch to win 5-1.

Sophomore Kerry Wilson put Western Maryland in front with just 3:03 into the game off a Katie Haley assist.

Haley, a senior, now leads the team in assists along with North. Both players have three. Haley also falls behind North in goals scored and total points with six and 14 respectively.

Washington College clinched a share of the conference title with this win.

The win would also leave the Terror with a 3-6 Centennial Conference record and a 6-10 record overall to close their season.

Material for this story was compiled from the Sports Information Office.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Sophomore Kerry Wilson moves the ball down field towards WMC's goal while under pressure by an opposing player. Wilson scored her second goal in the November 1 game against Washington College.

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The Green Terror Scoreboard

FIELD HOCKEY (6-10)**INDIVIDUAL SCORING****OVERALL****Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Amy North - Jr - 9 - 3 - 21
 Katie Haley - Sr - 6 - 3 - 15
 Marjorie Hargrave - Sr - 3 - 2 - 8
 Kerry Wilson - So - 2 - 0 - 4
 Melissa Reynolds - So - 1 - 2 - 4
 Shannon Benson - So - 1 - 2 - 4

CONFERENCE**Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Amy North - Jr - 5 - 1 - 11
 Katie Haley - Sr - 2 - 1 - 5
 Kerry Wilson - So - 2 - 0 - 4

GOALTENDING**OVERALL****Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Jessica Horwath-So -123 - 29 - 803
 Nicole Horn - Fr - 25 - 6 - 806
 Jaime Moyer - Jr - 26 - 6 - 813

CONFERENCE**Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Jessica Horwath-So -76 - 21 - 782
 Nicole Horn - Fr - 13 - 4 - 765
 Jaime Moyer - Jr - 13 - 1 - 929

FOOTBALL (8-0)**GAME RESULTS****Team - Score - Winner**

Bridgewater- 21-17- WMC
 Juniata - 30-8 - WMC
 Gettysburg - 55-7 - WMC
 Ursinus - 20-10 - WMC
 Muhlenberg - 44-9 - WMC
 Dickinson - 41-7 - WMC
 Franklin & Marshall- 28-12 - WMC
 Salisbury State - 11-0 - WMC

TOTAL OFFENSE**Plays-Plays- Rush- Pass - Tl**

Ron Sermarini-220-27-1305-1332
 Gavin DeFreitas - 163-707-0-707
 Jay Tharpe - 66-228 - 0 - 228

RUSHING**Plays-Att-Gain- Loss-TD**

Gavin DeFreitas - 163 - 745 - 38 - 5
 Jay Tharpe - 66 - 239 - 11 - 4
 Ron Sermarini - 62 - 186 - 159 - 3
 Jeff Groff - 6 - 43 - 0 - 0
 Greg Dubell - 13 - 42 - 4 - 1

FOOTBALL (cont.)**SCORING****Plays- TD-PAT- 2Pt-FG-DPAT-Tot**

Brent Sandrock - 0 - 23 - 0 - 6 - 0 - 41
 Gavin DeFreitas - 6 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 36
 Jay Tharpe - 5 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 32
 Donte Abron - 4 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 24
 Mike Starke - 3 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 18
 Ron Sermarini-3 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 18

PASSING**Plays- Cmp-Att- Pct.-Yds-TD**

Joe Rineer - 1 - 2 - 50.0 - 6 - 1
 Ron Sermarini-104-158-65-1305-14
 Justin Sheridan - 0 - 2 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECEIVING**Plays- No.-Yds-Avg- TD - Long**

Gavin DeFreitas - 22 - 270 - 12.3 - 1 - 46
 Mike Starke - 16 - 237 - 14.8 - 3 - 31
 Tim Herb - 16 - 182 - 11.4 - 2 - 49
 Ryan Smith - 14 - 147 - 10.5 - 0 - 24
 Donte Abron - 10 - 180 - 18.0 - 4 - 46
 Marc Alegi - 9 - 79 - 8.8 - 2 - 15

PUNTING**Plays- No.-Yds -Avg - Blk - Long**

Bob Spruill-14- 579 - 41.4 - 0 - 52
 Steve Wilcox-16- 582 - 36.4 - 0 - 64

KICKING**Plays- XPM-FGM-FGA-Pts**

Brent Sandrock - 23 - 28 - 6 - 8 - 41

KICK RETURNS**Plays- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long**

Donte Abron - 1 - 29 - 29.0 - 0 - 29
 Marvin Deal - 9 - 235 - 26.1 - 0 - 47
 Mike O'Dell - 3 - 58 - 19.3 - 0 - 25

PUNT RETURNS**Plays- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long**

Marvin Deal - 29-465 - 16.0-1 - 55
 Jeff Groff - 3 - 45 - 15 - 0 - 23

INTERCEPTION RETURNS**Plays- No.-Yds-Avg-TD-Long**

Derrick Gwyn - 1 - 20 - 20.0-0-0- 20
 Tommy Selecky - 1 - 17 - 0 - 0 - 17
 Anthony Burgos - 3-48-16.0-0- 37
 Bill Parks - 2-29- 14.5 - 0 - 29
 Kevin Brown - 3 - 36 - 12.0-0 - 26

TACKLES**Plays- Solo -Ass- Tot- Loss-Yds**

Tommy Selecky-24-33-57-15- 79

Joey Garrison-17- 31- 48 - 5 - 8

Tom Lapato - 17- 21- 38- 4 - 7

Zach Galemore - 9-21- 30- 10- 39

Bill Parks - 8 - 19 - 27 - 0 - 0

Kevin Kramer - 8 - 18 - 26 - 12 - 49

Justin Lavis - 7 - 18 - 25 - 9 - 41

SACKS**Player- No.- Yards**

Tommy Selecky - 8.0 - 60
 Matt Melklejohn - 3.5 - 30
 Aaron Bartolain - 3.5 - 23
 Kevin Kramer - 6.0 - 33
 Justin Lavis - 4.0 - 36

FUMBLES**Player- Forced - Rec.**

Tom Lapato - 1 - 2
 Kevin Kramer - 1 - 1
 Matt Melklejohn - 1 - 1
 Mike Tice - 1 - 1
 Marvin Deal - 1 - 1
 Joey Garrison - 1 - 0

UPCOMING GAMES**Date - Team - Time**

N8 - at Swarthmore - 1:00
 N15 - JOHNS HOPKINS - 1:00

MEN'S SOCCER (3-8-2)**INDIVIDUAL SCORING****OVERALL****Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Darren Wolf - Fr - 3 - 0 - 6
 Jeff Soltz - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Martin Oswiecimka - Jr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Ryan Bowles - So - 1 - 1 - 3
 Steve Como - Jr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Art Crouse - Jr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Dan Strine - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Christiaan Abildso - Sr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Jason Wattenschaidt - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Dan D'Agostino - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1
 Scott Edwards - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1
 Dave McConky - Fr - 0 - 1 - 1

CONFERENCE**Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Darren Wolf - Fr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Jeff Soltz - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Martin Oswiecimka - Jr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Ryan Bowles - So - 1 - 1 - 3
 Dan Strine - Jr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Steve Como - Jr - 0 - 1 - 1
 Dan D'Agostino - 0 - 1 - 1
 Scott Edwards - 0 - 1 - 1

GOALTENDING**OVERALL****Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Mark Rohme - Sr - 132 - 24 - .846
 Justin Wiener - So - 27 - 6 - .818

CONFERENCE**Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Mark Rohme - Sr - 74 - 16 - .822

UPCOMING GAMES**Date - Team - Time**

*Denotes CC game
 N9 - at Washington* - 1:30

WOMEN'S SOCCER (10-6)**INDIVIDUAL SCORING****OVERALL****Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Beth Blasi - So - 12 - 6 - 30
 Erin Murphey - Gr - 11 - 3 - 25
 Erin Kelly - Sr - 4 - 8 - 16
 Natalie Hannibal - Jr - 4 - 4 - 12
 Judi Remnitz - Sr - 3 - 1 - 7
 Lynnae Stoehr - Sr - 1 - 5 - 7
 Christine Kalobius - Sr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Marci Short - Fr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Kari Thompson - Sr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Tracey Castor - Fr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Jessie Stickles - Fr - 1 - 0 - 2
 Meaghan Giorno - So - 0 - 2 - 2
 Jessica Mongrain - Sr - 0 - 1 - 1

CONFERENCE**Player- Cl-Goals- Assists-Pts**

Beth Blasi - So - 8 - 6 - 22
 Erin Murphey - Gr - 6 - 3 - 15
 Natalie Hannibal - Jr - 4 - 2 - 10
 Erin Kelly - Sr - 3 - 3 - 9
 Christine Kalobius - Sr - 2 - 0 - 4
 Marci Short - Fr - 1 - 2 - 4
 Judi Remnitz - Sr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Kari Thompson - Sr - 1 - 1 - 3
 Lynnae Stoehr - Sr - 0 - 3 - 3
 Tracey Castor - Fr - 1 - 0 - 2

GOALTENDING**OVERALL****Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Julie Backof - Sr - 115 - 22 - .839
 Becca Lyter - Fr - 15 - 1 - .938

CONFERENCE**Player- Cl-Saves- Allw'd-Pct.**

Julie Backof - Sr - 64 - 10 - .861
 Becca Lyter - Fr - 10 - 0 - 1.00

VOLLEYBALL (7-8)**KILLS****Player- Cl- No Kills**

Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 218
 Honesty Drungoole - Fr - 212
 Brianne Bray - Fr - 170
 Lori Noel - Jr - 152
 Stacy Seward - So - 81
 Jen Clarke - Fr - 60
 Taylor Redding - Fr - 60
 Heather Tolkach - So - 55
 Carrie Shadrick - Sr - 42

SOLO BLOCKS**Player - Cl - No. Blocks**

Brianne Bray - Fr - 43
 Honesty Drungoole - Fr - 27
 Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 23
 Jen Clarke - Fr - 11
 Stacy Seward - So - 10
 Carrie Shadrick - Sr - 8
 Lori Noel - Jr - 6

SET ASSISTS**Player - Cl - No. Set Assists**

Carrie Shadrick - Sr - 771
 Karen Millar - Sr - 48
 Honesty Drungoole - Fr - 27
 Evie Beall - Fr - 27
 Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 23
 Lori Noel - Jr - 23

SERVICE ACES**Player - Cl - No. of Aces**

Carrie Shadrick - Sr - 44
 Jenny Martin - Fr - 39
 Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 29
 Lori Noel - Jr - 21
 Honesty Drungoole - Fr - 20
 Heather Tolkach - So - 16
 Taylor Redding - Fr - 13
 Stacy Seward - So - 13

DIGS**Player - Cl - No. of Digs**

Carrie Shadrick - Sr - 386
 Krissy Kurtyka - Jr - 282
 Lori Noel - Jr - 278
 Jenny Martin - Fr - 195
 Heather Tolkach - So - 165
 Honesty Drungoole - Fr - 148

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GREEN TERROR FOOTBALL FIRST PLACE IN CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

CURRENTLY 5-0 IN CONFERENCE; 8-0 OVERALL

CAROLYN D. BARNES
Sports Editor

In the 1920's, Western Maryland College was known for its remarkable football team, and now again in 1997, the Green Terror is living up to its history.

The team is currently in first place in the Centennial Conference with a 5-0 record. The Green Terror have not won a Centennial Conference (CC) title in the conference's 14-year history.

Until Saturday, the Terror was tied with Johns Hopkins, but Hopkins fell at Dickinson 13-7 in triple overtime. Western Maryland is also 8-0 overall for the first time since 1951, when they finished their season 8-0.

The Terror scored their seventh victory of the season to give rea-

son to celebrate the school's Homecoming by beating Franklin and Marshall on Saturday, October 25 with a score of 28-12 in the Terror's fifth CC game.

WMC remained undefeated by scoring four touchdowns in a span of six minutes and 24 seconds of the second quarter.

The flurry began with a 46-yard touchdown bomb from quarterback Ron Sermarini to wide receiver Donte Abron with 7:04 left in the first half. On the first play after the ensuing kickoff, sophomore defensive tackle Zach Galemore recovered a fumble at the Diplomats' 24-yard line.

Just four plays later, junior running back Gavin DeFreitas dove into the end zone from one yard out with 5:11 remaining. F&M ran just

three plays, and sophomore Marvin Deal returned the ensuing punt 42 yards to the Diplomat 36.

Sermarini capped a six-play drive with a 13-yard run off a quarterback draw to put WMC ahead 21-0 at the 1:39 mark of the second quarter.

Once again, Western Maryland held the Diplomat offense to only three plays. The Terror then capped its rally as freshman Jeff Groff blocked an Andy Gillburg punt, and classmate Mike Wood scooped up the loose ball and returned it one yard for a touchdown with 42 seconds still remaining in the period. It was the second consecutive game in which Groff blocked a punt which resulted in a Western Maryland touchdown.

Sermarini, a sophomore, completed 13 of 25 passes for 174 with the touchdown to Abron and no interceptions. Freshman Mike Starke and junior Tim Herb each caught three passes to lead the Green Terror receivers.

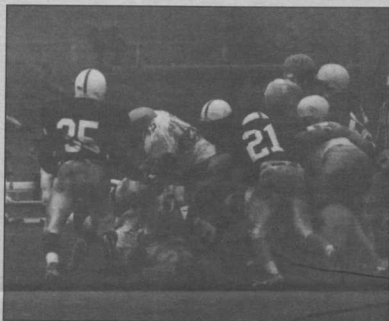
Higgins connected on 17 of 32 attempts for 206 yards. Jeanes made four receptions for 59 yards, but Franklin and Marshall managed just 30 rushing yards.

Sophomore Anthony Burgos grabbed his third interception of the season.

Galemore had five tackles, four of which were behind the Diplomats' line of scrimmage, resulting in losses of 18 yards, for Western Maryland. The fumble recovery was his first of the season and second of his career.

Galemore was named CC Defensive Player of the Week for his strong play up front in the Oct. 25 game. He had reached the 30 tackle mark, good for fourth on the WMC list. His ten tackles for loss is third on the team.

After winning this game, the Terror raised to fifth in the 1997 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III football poll, conducted by the NCAA Division III Football Committee.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

In the above picture, the team demonstrates their tackling ability. WMC is known, among other things, for their tremendous defensive play.

Being 5-0 in the Conference might find some teams having a difficulty getting motivated to play Salisbury State University, a non-conference opponent with a 2-4 record. Such was not the case for the Terror squad on Saturday, Nov. 1, as the team defended their perfect record to soar to 8-0 overall by defeating SSU 11-0.

Approaching the contest against Salisbury State, WMC was ranked fifth in the South Region in the third poll conducted this season by the NCAA Division III Football Committee. The top four teams in the four regions receive bids to the NCAA playoffs.

WMC had also jumped three spots to 12th overall in the USA Division III Top 30 weekly poll, coordinated by Sports in the USA, Inc.

The team also made an improvement of two positions from 19th to 17th in the National Weekly Football Gazette listing, and climbed from 25th to 19th in the Columbus Multimedia ratings.

WMC remained fifth in the current Lambert/Meadowlands Awards Division III poll, recognizing supremacy in Eastern college football.

DeFreitas scored the games' only touchdown in the second quarter to lead the Terror in the shutout.

DeFreitas scored on a four-yard run with 8:57 left in the first half to cap a 14-play, 72-yard drive. He is now in the top 10 in rushing yards and is currently ninth place with 1,435 yards, after surpassing Jerry Borgia with 1,408.

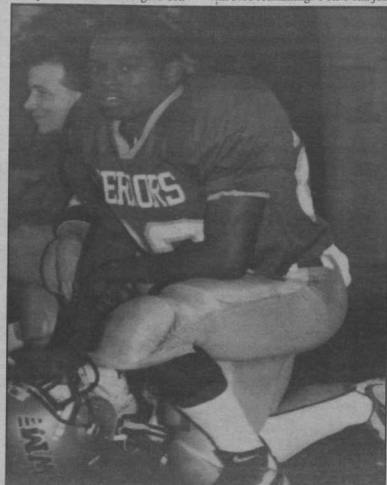
Freshman Brent Sandrook pushed the WMC advantage to 9-0 with a 21-yard field goal with 11:17 remaining in the third quarter. The three-pointer was set up by Burgos, who recovered a SSU lateral to give the Terror possession at the Sea Gull 10-yard line.

Sandrook is tied for 25th in Division III statistics for an average of 1.0 field goals per game.

WMC's defense directly added the game's final two points, when Bartolain and Matt Meiklejohn tackled SSU's Mac James in the end zone for a safety with 3:43 left in the game.

The shutout was WMC's first since a 39-0 blanking of Muhlenberg Oct. 3, 1992. The Terror defense, ranked fifth in NCAA Division III entering the game allowing only 193.3 yards per game, limited SSU to 87 total yards.

The Green Terror travels to their final away Conference matchup as they tackle Swarthmore on November 8, and then return home for their Centennial Conference deciding game against Johns Hopkins on November 15 at 1:00 p.m.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Shown above is Marvin Deal who currently is second on the team's all-purpose yardage list largely because of his tremendous ability to return a punt. Deal was shown on ESPN's SportsCenter and featured in last issue

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WMC terrorizes Hopkins and wins Centennial title for first time in conference history

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

The Green Terror ended a spectacular season on Saturday, defeating Johns Hopkins 21-3 and thereby clinching the Centennial Conference title and a place in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoffs.

The win against the Blue Jays puts the Terror 10-0 overall and 7-0 in the Conference.

If WMC had lost the game they would've tied for the Conference title with Hopkins and Dickinson. The win means that they will play Lycoming on Saturday in the Division III playoffs. This is the Terror's first appearance in the history of the NCAA.

"This is great," Head Coach Tim Keating told Sports Informa-

tion after hearing of the team's selection. "All of the credit goes to the assistant coaches and the players.

"Everyone involved in the program set goals and worked extremely hard to achieve them," Keating continued. There will be no change to this routine in the coming week as the team prepares for the playoffs: "It will be business as usual this week preparing to play an outstanding Lycoming team," he said. "We are in the playoffs to win."

The game will kickoff at 12 noon at David Person Field in Williamsport, PA. The winner of this game will face either Catholic University or Trinity University in the second round on Saturday, November 29.

Jubilant fans streamed onto the

football field in the last seconds of the game, expressing their delight by tearing down the goal posts.

The biggest crowd of the season gathered to watch the last game of WMC's first undefeated season since 1951 and only its third in the school's history.

The team's success created an atmosphere rarely seen at WMC. "School spirit at last!" a student was heard to shout as he ran on to the field at the end of the game.

The players were understandably excited. Winning "feels real good," said running back Gavin DeFreitas.

"We are the best," agreed defensive lineman Tom Lapato. "Nuff said."

President Chambers was at the



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Jubilant fans tear down the goal posts in celebration of the Terror victory.

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Students and faculty review honor code

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

WMC has always been proud to announce that its honor code came from the initiative of students. Now the students are speaking up once more, but this time to express dissatisfaction with the system.

The issue was raised at a recent SGA meeting and then followed up by the All College Council (ACC) and reported at the November faculty meeting.

Senior class senator Jeff Soltz reported to the SGA an incident he had heard of where a tenured professor had ignored a report of cheating and had not dealt with the matter correctly.

The Student Guide and Date Book says that the college policy states that if the faculty member decides to resolve the issue of an academic violation, then the student must sign an agreement acknowledging admission to the charge and accepting the sanction determined by the faculty member. "A copy of the signed sanction letter will be submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs and the Dean of the Faculty, who will maintain it as a part of the student's record."

Soltz said in his report that the student who reported the violation had asked the professor what he would have to do and was told that

he would have to testify "and other things that didn't sound right." The student then asked a professor on the Honor and Conduct Board who told him differently. The issue that Soltz was raising was that the two professors had such a different interpretation of the honor system.

The SGA wrote a letter to administrators stating their concern that a tenured professor didn't understand the honor system.

Communication professor Jasna Meyer serves as a representative of the student/faculty relations committee to the ACC. After hearing the issue presented at the ACC meeting, she brought it to the attention of the faculty. "The issue was coming from the students," she explained. "They were interested in looking again [at the honor code]

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International dinner brings diverse flavor to WMC campus

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

An international extravaganza of cuisine, fashion, song, and dance recently illuminated the Forum.

The International Club held its seventh annual International Dinner, which has grown in popularity over the years with over 250 people attending the event this year.

This year's menu featured unique dishes such as Palestinian "grape leaves" and traditional cuisines like Spanish "tortilla de patatas," similar to an egg and potato omelette.

Junior Stacey McIntyre said, "I loved the lasagna with feta and spinach [Cypriot cuisine]. It was delicious."

The club plans to sell this year's menu and recipes next semester.

The event kicked off with club members welcoming guests in their native languages, which ranged from Bulgarian to Malay.

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COURTESY OF JULIE BADHER

Rajwinder Jubal models a traditional costume of her native India.

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Community Service Benefits All

Megan Martin

"It's better to give than to receive," says an ancient proverb. Another proverb says, "If you give, you will receive." Give and receive what? There are many different types of giving and receiving. One important type is community service.

Ideally, community service is time given freely and put towards helping people in the community, as well as helping the community itself. There are many ways people can become involved in giving their time. There are many on and off campus groups that provide opportunities for members to become involved in different activities.

One of the most prominent groups on campus is Circle K. Circle K provides numerous opportunities for service, which is the foundation of the club. For members, community service is not only visiting children in hospitals and working long hours in a soup kitchen. While both are certainly projects of the club, there are other chances to provide service.

Although many of the projects, and the work they entail, are certainly not glamorous, the rush you get from knowing you helped someone or helped the community is certainly worth all the hard work.

Fraternities and sororities also have to provide community service, so there are plenty of opportunities there. The organization SERVE offers a program over spring break that is similar to Habitat for Humanity.

Also, the SGA offers a campus wide cleanup program each year. These are some ways to specifically get involved in interesting community service projects.

Other campus organizations also provide chances to become involved with community service. Many of the campus religious groups actively participate in service projects and encourage members to do so as well. Affinity groups provide opportunities for service directed towards the campus community.

Membership in such groups has risen over the past few years. Not so long ago, Circle K was an inactive club. Last year, membership totaled near thirty people. This year's membership is closer to fifty people. SERVE has also grown tremendously. Students involved in these clubs seem to be very excited about their memberships and their activities.

There are many benefits to performing community service. The community benefits from the different kinds of work volunteers do in many tangible ways, but it also benefits society in intangible ways.

Volunteers encourage a sense of hope in the people and communities they help. They can lift the spirits of all they help. Sometimes, this is more important than anything else.

Not only does the community benefit society in general, but it also benefits the volunteer. There is nothing like the good feeling, almost a "high," one feels after doing something to make a difference. It does not matter how small, insignificant, or tough the job may seem. Every little bit helps, and the sense of accomplishment can lift a volunteer's spirits as well as the community's.

Community service, however wonderful, is a personal choice for everyone. What point is there in giving your time if you do not want

to donate it? To be a part of the community, you have to want to get involved. No one should be forced to perform community service.

A few years ago, President Clinton proposed a law to require community service in exchange for college tuition money. The topic died down after a while, but every once in a while, it resurfaces. A law like that is really not very fair. Why should someone be forced to give up their time if they don't want to do so? A person forced to do a service project is not going to be glad about it, and the community may suffer because of that.

Community service is something that needs to be done because a person wants to make a difference. No one should be forced into it. For some students, community service can provide direction for their lives, and it can also build self-confidence and give insight into what they want to do with their futures.

Although community service is something people have to consciously want to do, is it not better to give than to receive? Sometimes we need to treat others like we would like to be treated if we were in their place.

Community service is challenging but worth it. Who does not want to be challenged for something worthwhile? Although it is your personal choice, I dare you to at least think about becoming involved within the community, if you are not already involved

Megan Martin is a freshman communications major.

The Soapbox

Adam Dean

Englar Dining hall, colloquially known as Glar, feeds most residents at Western Maryland College. A favorite activity of these residents seems to be criticizing the food and the sanitary conditions in Glar. I will admit that I myself have engaged in this activity. But, there is a problem with all this. Glar is not that bad.

Glar does not serve bad food. I have had bad food in my lifetime. In elementary school the food was prepared at a high school and then shipped to us. That food was bad. I attended summer camp with the scouts. We had to cook for ourselves. That food was bad. What we get at Englar Dining Hall is not bad at all.

I have to honest here, Glar does serve mediocre, cafeteria-style food. But, that's because Glar is a cafeteria! The food they feed is mass produced, almost "industrial" food. Of course it is not up to the standards of a fine restaurant or home made. And a mass produced Model T is not up to the

"...a mass produced Model T is not up to the standards of a Rolls Royce. But, you can't make a Rolls Royce for everyone."

standards of a hand made Rolls Royce. But, you can't make a Rolls Royce for everyone.

Trying to feed hundreds of people is not

an easy thing to do. It requires tremendous effort and even so some mistakes do slip through. I have gotten hamburgers so red inside I would call them raw, under cooked chicken sandwiches, scrambled eggs so runny it was almost like soup and baked chicken where someone forgot the "baked" part. But, remember, this happens only rarely. The reason such incidents stick out in your mind is because they happen so infrequently. Most of the time Glar serves good, basic meals. Usually Glar serves good, but we aren't paying for fancy.

Glar also it trying to do better. When I got the raw hamburger I posted a message on the Glar message board. Glar replied within a day and I have never received a badly under cooked hamburger since. I am not taking credit for this, I am sure other people complained too. It is an example of how Glar will listen if students bother to speak. Too often when a students encounter a problem they mumble among themselves and don't tell anyone or do anything to try and correct it. Though the staff of the dining hall have many talents, I am sure mind reading is not numbered among them. How can students expect anything to be done when they keep whatever is bothering them to themselves? Most of the problems that do occur with Glar occur because no one was aware there was a problem.

It is not in Glar's best interest to

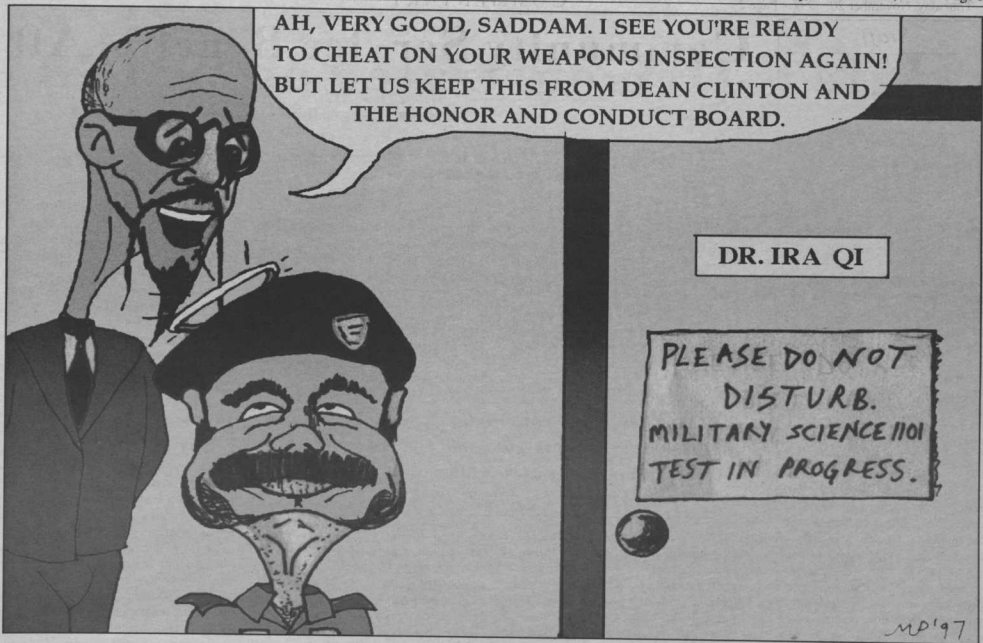
sicken or poison it's customers. The people who run Englar Dining Hall are not stupid. They know this. Glar tries to

"...give Glar a break. This ridiculous sport of Glar bashing has gone far enough. The food really isn't that bad."

provide good tasting, healthful meals. And it succeeds 99.9% of the time. No, it is not like eating in the finest restaurants of France. But did anyone really expect that it would be?

I guess what I am saying here is give Glar a break. This ridiculous sport of Glar-bashing has gone far enough. The food really is not that bad. Glar provides standard, cafeteria-style fare, and most of it is pretty good. Their steaks on steak night are very nice, and I love it whenever they serve the fried clam strips. Glar is not perfect, but who is? Stop complaining about Glar unless you have a reason. And when you do have a reason, take advantage of the many opportunities available to you to let Glar know there is a problem. Become part of the solution for a change.

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Letter to the Editor

Resident Assistant greatly appreciated

As we were introduced to the college during freshman orientation in late August, we were introduced to many new and sometimes foreign abbreviations. One of these was R.A., or Resident Assistant. Mandatory floor meetings were held one night during freshman orientation where the R.A. was supposed to become acquainted with the floor residents and vice versa. That night, Sushama Rajapaksa, R.A. for second floor of Whiteford, told us her duties as a R.A. and what she expected of us as first-year residents. I have heard many horror stories about R.A.s on other floors but none has been voiced about our R.A. on the second floor. I think our R.A. is a rare entity on campus and future R.A.s should be as well-trained and committed as Sushama Rajapaksa.

As a resident assistant, there are

many duties that come with the title. In a first-year dorm, like Whiteford and Rouzer, R.A.s are supposed to assist the students in transition to dorm and college life. They can do this by holding informal interviews with the students,

however, required that all R.A.s attend workshops two and a half weeks before the fall semester and two to three days before the start of the spring semester. So in actuality, R.A.s should be well-prepared to carry out their duties.

Sushama sent out a phone-mail message telling all floor residents that she has an open-door policy. She wants to be our friend as well as our floor monitor. This has made an awesome impact on the spirit of the second floor. The bathrooms

ing classes, and question and answer programs about the registration process are just four of the programs she has designed.

The residents of the second floor consider ourselves extremely lucky to have a R.A. like Sushama. She definitely embodies the characteristics a R.A. should possess. She takes her job seriously and is dedicated to making our lives as first-year residents a pleasurable one. It would be beneficial if all R.A.s tried to model themselves after Sushama and the way she handles problems. The R.A.s should realize that freshmen have enough problems adjusting to their first year of college. They shouldn't have to carry the extra worry of their R.A. not fully completing their job.

-Malissa Morin

"Other residents often complain about their R.A.s. If there is a problem, it seems their R.A. is nowhere to be found or that they could care less about the situation."

the faculty, and the resident staff. It is the R.A.'s task to ensure the comfort of a first-year resident. Responsibility and accountability for actions and belongings are asked to be taught by the R.A.s. In this area, a R.A. should help first-year residents to "grow-up" and become more mature about their actions. Training for the position of R.A. is not very extensive. It is,

The problems that many R.A.s have may be due to the fact that they are not serious enough about their job. Other residents often complain about their R.A.s. If there is a problem, it seems their R.A. is nowhere to be found or they could care less about the situation. This is not the case with Whiteford second-floor R.A., Sushama Rajapaksa. Just the other day,

and hallways are spotless compared to the mess on other floors. Sushama meets at least monthly with the housekeeping staff to ensure cleanliness and to be certain that the residents are not causing any serious problems. She has also organized different programs for fun, cultural diversity, and educational purposes. Greek awareness night, yoga sessions, stress-reliev-

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Hate is Demonstrated on WMCR

"Moriarity"

A Phone Call Away
A Look at Hate and WMCR

Recently, the issue of how people treat one another on WMC campus came to a boiling head. During a radio show, running well past its scheduled time slot, a joking conversation between the hosts of the show and a caller turned ugly. Comments were made regarding the caller by other listeners of the show, and the show quickly turned into a free-for-all of the swearing at and the ridiculing of this student.

It seemed that a large portion of WMC campus had tuned in to this horrible aural display of hate and belittlement, as the comments from callers ranged the gamut from well thought-out statements to drunken slanders against others. Other listeners called in defending the person who was first verbally attacked. Eventually matters got even worse, and threats of violence were made both over the air and among listeners of the radio program. Finally, little was resolved, and the show was taken off the air (though it was not canceled). Leaving me to wonder, "Where did this all of this hate come from?"

The first point that must be made is this: It makes us feel powerful to make fun of another human being. This is a

fact that cannot be denied. People look and laugh when others fall down and think, "It was funny because it wasn't me." This will always be the case, people acting stupidly, causing others pain for their own benefit. The author knows both sides of this by having participated indirectly, and ashamedly, in this particular bashing of a student. While it may make us ill with guilt at a later time, it seems to be "the thing to

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do" in the moment. We are influenced by a mob mentality that encourages us to act without the benefit of our normally rational gray matter. Few of us are immune to this human tendency. While not a negation or a "copping-out" of such a situation, it may also be taken into consideration that what is said, while hurtful, may not be meant to its fullest extent outside of the situation.

But slander is not the only "thing to do" in the moment. Many rebuttals were made by other callers to the initial statements against the student. I question the

motives of these just as harshly as I denounce the actions of the slanderers. There were harsh and severe reactions, some of which involved the threatening of other students and warnings to those who would bother the student in question in the future. These "friends" of the student were quick to point out a few things over the air that were easily as hurtful to the student as the initial slurs. It was said that the student "did not

know any better", and that they were "the strong defending the weak". But who are they to have the right to talk down to the student? Placing themselves on a higher pedestal is no less of a transgression than pushing that student down.

The second point to be made concerns our very own WMCR, the campus radio station. On the night of the incident, this was the catalyst for the human reaction known as anger. Being a radio host myself, I can understand the power of the "faceless voice", the ability to say what you maybe would not say to

someone's face. And who can deny that it is with a certain thrill that one speaks over the airwaves. It's just a phone call away, after all. But rarely do we look at what having that kind of power means. WMCR broadcasts all across campus in the form of radio waves and it is currently being broadcast on channel three as well, with that sort of coverage, it is imperative that we, as students, do not abuse the power that we control.

Many of us will blow off this incident, and it will fade in memory, but the simple fact remains: We must take seriously how our actions and words can inflict pain, and quickly set off reactions that have serious consequences in our community. This is not a large campus where issues between people can be ignored through avoidance and deferment of guilt. We must take responsibility, not only for our own actions, but also for the actions of others. Ideally, Western Maryland College is an environment where we, as students, should feel free and uninhibited in the pursuit of our academic goals as well as our further social development. Any hindrance of either is extremely detrimental to us all. This is an issue that must not be ignored.

"Moriarity" is the assumed name of a WMC student.

Consider This

Richard Smith

On Monday, November 3rd, the Supreme Court declined to hear the Appeal on Proposition 209 in California. This means that Affirmative Action, dealing with race and gender, stays illegal in the state of California. On top of that, 26 other states are waiting in line with the same legislation.

A lot of whites in America would argue that this is a big step in the right direction for equality, that everyone is able to compete together for the same job. They argue that good, qualified whites have not been able to get jobs and get into colleges because of the Affirmative Action policy and that blacks should just stop being lazy and work for it like the rest of the Americans. Another argument made by whites is that Affirmative Action is a form of reverse racism.

As a black person, I believe that we, as a people, need to realize that we are different, but because of that difference, one group is not any more intelligent or humanlike than the other group. We also need to realize that there is racism towards blacks that runs very strongly throughout the United States. Some whites in America tend to forget that racism exists, and therefore, they don't believe in any guidelines that allow blacks to get jobs, admission into college, and basically equal rights. "Please, open your eyes!" Racism towards blacks is happening everyday. For example, just turn on the television and watch the news. Our media is fascinated with

showing anything negative that involves blacks rather than showing the positivity and beauty that surrounds the black community. Also, look at top-level positions in big businesses and schools, do you happen to see many, or better yet, any blacks there? They are not seen for the most part. Usually, when a question or statement is posed like this, some whites would like to challenge that maybe they are not qualified for that position. Statements like those can assure us that

Reverse racism is another term that many whites like to shout out when it comes to laws restricting racism of blacks.

racist views still exist but are hidden. By making those statements, you are saying that there are no blacks smart enough to have a high position job. I disagree. The fact of the matter is that we live in such a racist environment that the "higher-ups" in the government are trying to make it so that no black person would have a fair chance at getting out of the stereotype that all blacks are lower class.

Reverse racism is another term that many whites like to shout out when it comes to laws restricting racism of blacks. Reverse racism is a term used mainly by whites as an excuse to say that something is stopping a white person from achieving something because of

a black person, that they are not allowed equality. I even heard some whites say something along the lines that good, overqualified whites have missed out on jobs and schooling to less qualified blacks because of quotas.

Whites are the biggest problem with not allowing their own people to get jobs as well as getting into schools. Think about the whites that only hire family and friends of the family and/or about college admissions

black holds a high paying position or is in one of the most prestigious colleges, that person is watched closely. Just one slipup and the black person is out, whereas, if the same slipup is made by a white person, it would not result in the immediate termination of his or her job. It probably would go unnoticed because there is not a close watch on that person. Can that be called equality?

I believe that the underlying reason of why some whites do not like Affirmative Action is because of fear. They fear that they would lose the power that they have wrongfully obtained anyway. They fear the fact that very soon they will no longer be the majority. They have been on top for so long that any small sign of blacks making one step forward, they have to make sure they push blacks two steps back.

Even though Affirmative Action didn't solve all the problems with equality, it was a start. If everyone actually believed that everyone is equal, we would not need these guidelines, but since we have the ignorance of prejudice still going strong, we need Affirmative Action.

Even more so, we, as a people, need to learn how to work for equality instead of inequality. If we can reach the point where we can actually pay attention to each other's merit instead of the color of each other's skin, think about how much more prosperous this nation of ours would be.

Letter to the Editor Throw Away The Butts

Maggie Kimura

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Adam Dean's November 6th editorial "Lewis Hall Construction: Are Resident Students Being Lost in the Shuffle?"

First of all, Dean argues that the college has ample classroom space as opposed to the horrible lack of dormitory space.

Hello, have you ever had a class in Lewis? Maybe you got it mixed up with the newly renovated Hill Hall, where many of your humanities classes are held.

From what I've seen, as a Biology major who has a majority of my classes in Lewis, there is no huge abundance of space.

Many of the classrooms are used all day long, with professors often having to wait to get into rooms when the class before runs over.

Several of the classes are also held in the chemistry library, which seldom has enough seating, or in 314, which any science major will tell you is one of the most uncomfortable classrooms on campus because of the bleacher-like seats that date back to the building of the hall.

lot more serious when you are using old equipment to deal with possibly volatile or dangerous substances. Students can be put in danger when gas pipes get weak or hazardous materials are spilled due to rust or cracking.

Thirdly, Lewis makes an absurd analogy that Lewis is like the White House, which although 200 years old is still in use.

First of all, the White House is renovated every four years by the incoming President and has once been completely gutted.

Secondly, the White House has had several additions since its building so long ago.

Finally, the White House isn't used as a classroom everyday, with hundreds of students doing chemistry and biology experiments in it. So, no, Lewis is not like the White House.

Finally, the main theme of Dean's article is that the college has its priorities wrong for building the new Lewis instead of diverting these funds to enlarge dormitory space.

Well, the plans and fund raising for the new science building have been going on for years. They

Let's be honest folks. You've seen it, I've seen it, we've all seen it. What have we all seen? THE BUTTS!!!! They line the sidewalks, they decorate the outside of Decker Center, and we just can't get rid of them.

Where aren't they seen? In their

dirty room, right? So why would anyone want to learn in a dirty place?

Picking up butts makes the maintenance's job harder, and it distracts from more important things for them to do. Sure, picking up butts is a dirty job and no

yourself and throw something away.

So where does that leave us? National Smoke-Out Day on November 20th? Or does it leave me to argue with myself?

I can't tell you all to quit; in fact, it's your job to quit, not mine.

"If someone is indulging in the smoking habit, I am sure that that person is responsible enough to throw it away in the proper place. It doesn't take much to pick up after yourself and throw something away."

proper, final resting places... the sand piles on top of the trash cans. People, use them!!!! It's not hard to do. Just crush your cigarettes and then pick it up, and put it in the trash or on top of the trash can. It's not that hard, folks!!!!

It is not that I hate smokers, but I hate the fact that Western Maryland College is littered with the paraphernalia of a smoker.

It makes the campus look dirty and shows disrespect towards the school. No one wants to live in a

one wants to do it, but if the campus is to look at least presentable, then why not?

If people aren't willing to pick up after themselves, then why smoke? "It's relaxing," people say, or "It's cool" (if anyone can think of a better reason, e-mail me at mjk001.)

If someone is indulging in the smoking habit, I am sure that person is responsible enough to throw it away in the proper place. It doesn't take much to pick up after

I am someone who would like to see the original color of the bricks on the walkway to Decker without having to peer through the cigarette butts.

Sometimes I wonder if this campus is committed to looking its best all year and not just on Campus Clean-up Day or the day after National Smoke-Out Day. Are you up to the challenge?

Maggie Kimura is a junior history major.

"No one laments the loss of so many trees as much as the science majors who have studied in depth the effects their loss will have."

Secondly, Dean argues that the existing biology and chemistry labs and classrooms are sufficient as long as "equipment in these labs is properly arranged."

This statement is absolutely absurd. It makes it sound like the biology and chemistry departments are at fault for the problems with lab size and condition because they have their equipment arranged badly.

Many labs, especially upper level biology and chemistry courses, require that students use equipment and machines that are bulky and these machines do take up a lot of space, but there is nothing the science departments can do about that.

Science majors would not be prepared to deal with graduate school or any other type of lab work when they graduated if they did not have the opportunity to use these machines.

How should they arrange their equipment better? It's not like you can just throw sensitive equipment into a closet somewhere, even if they had a closet big enough to hold them.

Another problem with the labs is their poor condition. I doubt that many of the labs in Lewis have been renovated since it was built, leaving many of the rooms in a sorry state.

Yes, it is a burden to be cramped during labs, but problems can get a

are a part of a plan to improve the campus and its facilities in the long run.

We can't just halt all of our long term goals for the science program and the campus because one year the college admitted too many students.

It is unfortunate that students have to live in triples, but that is not the fault of the science program.

Just because the college made one mistake doesn't mean that we should make another one by not building something that would greatly benefit our school.

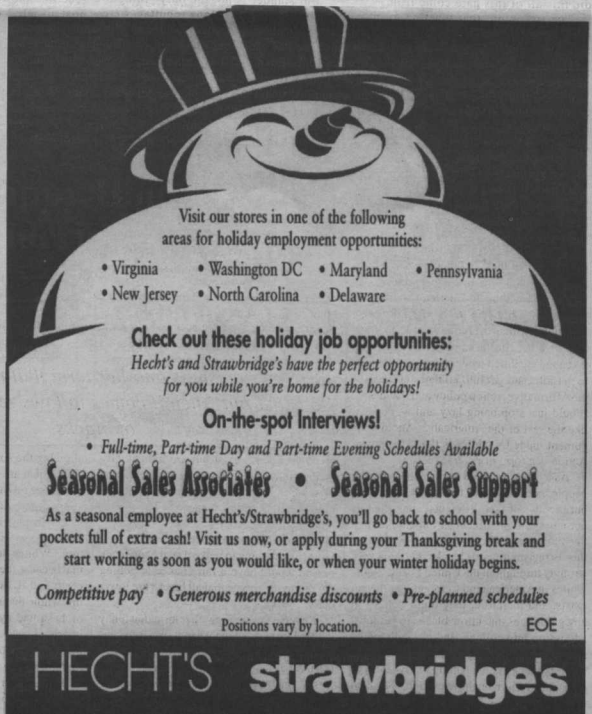
Besides, by the time plans were ready and the construction of the new dormitory spaces would be completed, the people now living in triples would probably already have graduated.

The solution to the overcrowding problem is simple, if you don't have enough housing, don't admit so many students.

And guess what? If we build new dorms, we will also have to get rid of trees, which you seemed so concerned about losing.

Trust me, no one laments the loss of so many trees as much as the science majors who have studied in depth the effects their loss will have.

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NASA tests atmosphere from atop Lewis Hall of Science

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

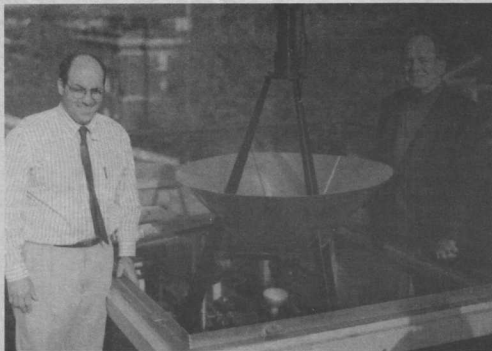
It looks like a large tripod with a silver cone attached to the top pointing up to the sky. That's the first thing you notice. The second is the amazing view of Western Maryland College and Westminster.

Few people probably know about the strange tripod on top of Lewis Hall, although it's been here for over two years. It's been featured in several worldwide trade journals and in many articles locally. It's one of the reasons prospective students drawn toward physics and science may also be drawn toward WMC. And it's the only one in the world.

It's name is the Prototype Holographic Atmospheric Scanner for Environmental Remote Sensing or PHASERS. It consists of a laser, telescope, and a data acquisition system. There is also another device testing the atmosphere at Utah State.

"We are testing a new type of technology for NASA which will do atmospheric testing," Dr. Dave Guerra, physics professor, said. Guerra and several students are collecting data to understand what is happening to the planet, such as studying the greenhouse effect. The students gather data a few times per week, depending on the weather.

NASA, through Geary Schwemmer who holds the patent, decided to put the device at WMC because Guerra worked at NASA on the project before coming here. Scientists



JOSE (JUBA) SQUEIRA

PHASERS has been on top of Lewis for over two years, but few students even know it's there.

have been working on the device for five years.

"NASA's interesting in teaching people things, training scientists," Guerra said. WMC has become involved in one of the training programs for scientists. Long after the project is finished, the device will stay to provide other students with the chance to learn hands-on.

Students have been involved in the project from the beginning with helping to

design it at different schools.

One student at WMC who has recently become involved is freshman Chris Cullison. He decided to team up with Guerra because Guerra had shown the device to Cullison as a prospective student.

"It's a good start to get into physics in general," Cullison, who plans on being a physics major, said. Although he is just watching and learning for now, next year Cullison will be able to show new students

how to run the system.

In a small dark room directly underneath PHASERS is the computer and other machines where the students and Guerra collect their data. In the far corner is the winding metal staircase that leads to the roof and the device.

PHASERS operates through "laser-pulse [that] are 'fired' into the atmosphere where they interact by scattering off molecules, aerosols, and clouds" according to a poster describing the device. Some of this radiation is then collected by the telescope and fed through the data system. The radiation is in the form of light which is analyzed by the students and Guerra. They also see how the different layers of the sky move.

NASA is interested in PHASERS because this is a way of testing the new technology without spending billions of dollars on a device that may not work. Once the data collection phase is over here, NASA will send the device in a plane to test it in air. It may then be put in a shuttle, and finally in a satellite.

Dr. Tom Wilkerson from Utah State was recently visiting WMC and Guerra. Wilkerson, one of the scientists who worked on the original design at the University of Maryland, wanted to bring back some of the data and discoveries to Utah to enhance their project. "WMC and Utah are part of the international community doing these laser studies," Wilkerson said, adding that he's happy to be part of the community.

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an injured employee to CCGH.

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•On 11/9 at 7:45 p.m. at DMC Student Lounge a student is documented for breaking and entering.

•On 11/10 at 4:45 p.m. in Decker Roadway a student was documented for proscriptions of conduct.

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•On 11/11 at 6:50 p.m. in ANW DoCS treated a student for an injury.

•On 11/12 at 10:17 p.m. DoCS paramedic treated a nonstudent for chest pain and trouble breathing. Patient transported by DoCS to Carroll County General Hospital at her request.

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Nowhere was school spirit more evident than in the stands of the Terror's winning game against Johns Hopkins.

Bonfire fuels school spirit

BY JENNIFER VICK
Features Editor

The flames could be seen from the parking lot of ANW as they leapt into the cold, damp air. The blaze illuminated the thick cluster of students surrounding it, and revealed looks of anticipation in their faces on the eve of the battle against the Blue Jays.

On the night of November 14, the Student Government Association sponsored a bonfire/pep rally to heat-up Green Terror spirit before the undefeated football team's winning game against Johns Hopkins. A large crowd of students gathered on the football practice field for what was the first bonfire/pep rally held in about 10 years.

The event commenced with a

routine performed by the pom squad, and the arrival and announcement of football team members.

One student, dressed as a Green Terror, placed a Blue Jay decoy into the fire, while Carroll County firefighters fueled the blaze more efficiently with trash bins full of firewood. Master-of-Ceremonies, senior Paul Charbonnier, had a harder time fueling the pep.

With megaphone in hand, Charbonnier rallied students to join teams for a tug-of-war. Instead, many chose to scarf down free hot dogs and hamburgers and warm their hands with cups of hot chocolate.

Finally, two teams assembled and freshman and seniors on one end of the rope succeeded in pull-

ing down the competition of sophomores and juniors on the other end.

Charbonnier continued to try and ignite gusto into the crowd by challenging anyone to streak around the fire for a reward of \$15. But the football team members perhaps roused the most sizzling enthusiasm by taking over the bleachers and starting a good old fashion chant of "Terror, terror!"

Football player Tyler Grant said he would have liked to see even more students turn out for the bonfire/pep rally, but added that "the football team is fire-up and that's all that matters."

The idea to hold a bonfire/pep rally was originally proposed by SGA treasurer, junior Matt Gribbin. He said several students approached him with the idea, and that when he brought it before the SGA, "everyone loved it."

The football team's outstanding record this season has sent a surge of excitement throughout the campus community that hasn't seen an undefeated football team since 1951. The day of the rally, baskets of green and gold buttons that said, "Go Green Terror," were placed on administrator's counters and at the entrance of Englar Dining Hall.

WMC history expert and professor of mathematics, Dr. James Lightner, recalls times over the past couple of years when the team had such a winning drought that "there was nothing to be peppy about."

While a student at WMC in the

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Resume writing program to help students enter the job market

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Assistant News Editor

The tutors in the Hill Hall Writing Center have always worked with students on writing papers that will help them succeed in college. However, starting next semester, the writing tutors will be able to provide help in writing the document that's crucial to success after graduation: a resume.

Eight of the current writing tutors chose to receive the optional four-hour training session, according to Virginia Story, administrator of the writing center. After the session from Career Services, which currently offers resume help, the writing tutors will be qualified to give students specialized tips for writing effective resumes.

Junior Cate Trego, who has been a writing tutor for a year, is one of the students who chose to receive the training, which will be given over Jan term.

"Our goal is basically just to help people build their resumes," Trego said. On a personal level, Trego is open to "anything that can expand my tutoring abilities."

Beginning this spring, there will be designated hours in the Hill center when "on-the-spot" help will be offered. The exact times will be

chosen based on need, but Story predicts that there will be both day and evening times, once during the week and once on Saturday.

The resume help sessions were part of the reason that extra Saturday hours have been added in the Hill center, but students who want to type papers or access the Internet won't be excluded from the lab when resume sessions are taking place. The help will be offered as students need it.

According to Story, the original idea for the program came from Director of Career Advising Karen Arnie, who was unable to be reached for comment.

Arnie proposed the idea to Dean Philip Sayre because she saw so many students working on their resumes in the writing center, and felt that "they had no guidance or assistance," Story said.

The end of the semester and Senior week, are both particular times when students try to write their resumes in the center without any help, Trego observed.

According to Maryann Nalevanko, office manager of Career Services, resume writing has always been a part of their job. They advertise this service with posters, flyers, and by advertising in the Job Bulletin, but students still

attempt to write their resumes alone in the writing center.

Career Services lost a counselor because of a budget cut, so Arnie is the only person currently offering help with resumes. With everyone from freshmen to graduate students to alumni in need of help, it's very hard to get an appointment with Arnie.

She is usually booked throughout the day in order to accommodate everyone needing help. "She's doing the job of two people," Nalevanko said.

In order to help as many people as possible, Nalevanko said that sometimes students are encouraged to submit rough drafts of their resumes, then Career Service sends them back with suggestions and comments.

Students seeking resume help aren't the only ones who will benefit from the new program; the resume tutors will be receiving pay increases. Both Story and Trego said that the increase won't be major, but the tutors will be compensated for their special skills.

Trego said that the training will come in handy when she has to write her own resume, and she also sees benefit in the fact that she can note that she's had special tutoring experience.

Students given greater computer access

New Hoover lab made available to students, Hill center hours expanded

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Assistant News Editor

A flood of students in need of computer access has led to heavy traffic in writing centers and labs that usually occurs during finals week.

In response to this surge of business, the writing center in Hill Hall has extended its hours and the Maggie Denman-West computer lab has been opened on the second level of Hoover Library.

The Hill writing center usually offers prolonged hours in preparation for finals week, but the lab will now stay open until 2 AM from Sunday through Thursday on a regular basis.

In addition, the center will be open from 11 AM until 5 PM on Saturday.

The main difference between the Hill Hall writing center and other labs around campus is that the Hill center closes periodically throughout the day for class use.

"We've already had lines of people waiting to use computers, which we're not used to until the last two weeks of school," said Writing Center Administrator Virginia Story.

According to Story, the English department received extra funding in order to staff the lab for extended periods of time. The student writing center employees are usually paid by the English department, but the extra money will be coming from Information Services, Story said.

The writing center used to strictly enforce its policy of giving paper writers priority over those using the Internet, but Story said that the line between students using the Internet for "nonacademic" purposes and those using it for school-work is blurring.

"At one time I would've said that Internet was less important, but a lot of classes are required to use the Internet," Story explained. "It's very hard to make that assumption."

Story credits the increased use of labs to this new dependence on the Internet, as well as the large Class of 2001.

She now does a "mental check" of which students are doing Internet research and which are writing personal e-mail, and enforces a 15-minute limit for the latter.

The extended hours should make computers accessible to students who need them for all purposes. The extra time also makes it possible for the Hill writing center to offer its resume writing program next semester.

In addition to the new Maggie Denman-West computer lab in the library, the Hoover Microcomputing Lab remains open on the first floor.

There are three computer labs available for student use in Lewis Hall of Science: the Windows Lab in the basement, the Macintosh Math Lab on the first floor, and the Biology Lab in Lewis 212, which is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Controversial *Baltimore Sun* columnist speaks at WMC



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Controversial columnist Gregory Kane shares some of his opinions with WMC.

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Gregory Kane, a celebrated and controversial columnist for the *Baltimore Sun*, spoke at WMC on November 11.

Kane focused his speech on several columns he had written recently. The audience was given photo copies of these columns to read before he spoke, and a question-and-answer session followed.

Kane admitted his columns tend to "tick people off," but added that he doesn't mind because he knows they are making people think. "The goal of the column is to get people to read it," he said. "All that matters is that they read it."

Kane was not afraid to tell the audience that he keeps a shotgun in his house. "If the police break down my door, they better announce who they are or there is going to be a problem," he said, citing his right to privacy.

During his speech, Kane explained four of his recent columns. They included the following titles: "Drug City only way to get free and drug-free society," "Louisiana car jack law allows justice, not lynching," "Success should replace equality as a goal," "Right wing must live down past racism."

Terror Spirit ignited at bonfire/pep rally

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1950's, Lightner said bonfires/pep rallies were held "all the time," and were usually held behind where the bleachers of Scott S. Bair Stadium stand today. In the event of rain, they were held in Alumni Hall.

"[Bonfires/pep rallies] have been around a long time. Those kind of things were very traditional in the 30's, 40's, and 50's," said Lightner, who was once a member of the WMC pep band. "I went to all of them when I was a student."

Unfortunately, 1997's bonfire/pep rally came on a day that had cold temperatures and periods of rain which left the field muddy. Due to the weather conditions, WMC, scheduled to DJ the event, had to cancel for fear of damaging their equipment. This, however, was solved after someone salvaged a radio. And more students may

Regarding his column on Drug City, he asked, "If we are not going to be able to jail them... if we are not going to be able to treat them, what are we going to do with the 500,000 drug abusers [in Baltimore]?"

The solution he proposed was something called Drug City - a drug addict's haven where they would have easy accessibility to drugs but would be separated from the rest of society.

Concerning the topic of car jacking, Kane wrote in his column that he supports a law in Louisiana allowing victims to use deadly force against their attackers.

He said that if someone attacks him in his car, he is not going to try to talk his way out of it. Instead he would shoot the person, with force, why he/she should not make him the victim.

"Folks need to protect themselves from criminals. There is no reason to believe you will survive a crime [to tell the police]," Kane said.

Under the subject of the success rates of blacks in school, Kane wrote that blacks should take honors and advanced placement classes because they never know if they will succeed in them unless they try.

In his speech he summarized his view by saying, "It is a question of: do you want to be challenged or what? You've got to commit yourself to some kind of academic excellence in order to achieve."

In terms of what he thinks of conservatives, Kane wrote that they must live down the past when they talk of race.

He talked about a letter he received from a woman stating that she does not see a person's skin color when she looks at him/her. He concluded that it is impossible not to notice the skin color of someone. That is the first thing you see, then the color of the hair, eyes, and the height and weight, he said.

Kane's journalism career started in 1984 when he wrote free-lance opinion/commentary articles for the *Evening Sun*. He became a regular columnist for the *Baltimore Sun* in 1995.

Since then he has won several awards, including the 1996 and 1997 Headliner Award from the Atlantic City Press Club, the 1996 award for best local column from Maryland chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. This year he was named best local columnist by *Baltimore Magazine*.

have also attended the bonfire/pep rally if it had not had to compete with the opening night of "Cabaret."

But despite the low-key atmosphere and dreary weather, a concerted effort was put forth by many to be a part of WMC history. Several students said the bonfire/pep rally reminded them of their high school days.

"We're making history here," said attendee, Barb Horneff, associate dean of first year students. "I'm here to support the team."

Dean Sayre also watched the event from the bleachers. Before the bonfire/pep rally, he expressed his confidence that the event would be a positive one, and added that "its got to mean something to those guys who will play the next day."

WMC honor code under question

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as it really wasn't working."

A major problem with the code is that students are uninformed of their responsibilities as are some faculty members, she said. Another big problem is that students do not want to report their peers for honor violations. "It is a big burden to put on the student who reports," Meyer said. "Students are afraid of being ostracized."

The inconsistency of the present system is the issue in question. "Half the faculty are doing it one way, half another," explained Meyer, "the students don't know [which is right]."

As a result of the faculty discussion, chemistry professor Richard Smith sent out an e-mail stating his belief that a committee should be established to review student and faculty problems with the code. "In my opinion, a major failure of the present code is that it places too much emphasis upon the individual faculty member," reads the memo. This leads to "at least the perception of wide variations in the way in which honor violations are treated."

Smith explained that he wrote the memo after talking with students and faculty. "It appears that there is pretty widespread discontent with the current system," he said. "I'm not sure how much the student body is prepared to accept responsibility [for the honor system]. I think it's time for dialogue."

Dr. Smith was on the original honor board which established the basis for the present system in 1975 - 1976, when faculty became involved in what was previously a completely student-run system. His advice is that "a committee go back and look at old forms of the honor system." The system he established did not give the option to faculty members to deal with the violation themselves.

Philip Sayre, dean of students affairs, wants to hear the debate before reaching a decision about the system. However, he sees advantages and disadvantages to turning minor violations over to the honor board. He believes that it would create more consistency but is concerned that under the past system, "some faculty were not bothering to send cases [to the board] because it was more of a production. Also, it sometimes doesn't turn out the way they hope."

Both Sayre and Meyer believe that students and faculty need to be more aware of the honor system. "In faculty orientation and student orientation there should be more emphasis on looking at the code," said Meyer. Sayre agrees, although he doesn't feel this is a solution. "I don't think you can cram 500 students into an auditorium and expect them to believe in the system," he said.

The honor code needs to be constantly reinforced in order to be effective. "It has to be frequently discussed," said Sayre. "They should have more rigorous and elaborate orientations of the honor code," agreed Meyer, "of what it is and what to do."

One of the main problems is students' obligation to report their peers. "I probably wouldn't say anything," said junior Jennifer Clagett, "it's between you and the honor code."

Other students say that it depends on the circumstances surrounding the incident. "If they were looking at my paper I would turn them in," said sophomore Jessica Boynton. However, if she was not directly involved she would be less inclined to report the person. "It depends on the situation," she said.

The honor system is particularly problematic for international students who have often been raised in a society where turning in a fellow student is as dishonorable as cheating on an exam.

"We don't turn people in," said Eliane Maroun of France. "If you do it, it's so childish, your friends will become your enemies," Hungarian, Adrienne Nemeth explained that in her country they have a different attitude about cheating: "Everyone has their own means of reaching an end, it's their problem if it's not ethical."

Meyer believes that one of the problems a committee trying to rework the honor code will face is human nature. "The honor code means nothing unless ethics are behind it," she said. "I think we are not all born good, sometimes we are prone to do what is not right, sometimes it is hard for students to stop themselves if they know they are not going to be caught."

The discussions going on at present are leaving people optimistic that a change will be instigated. Someone in a position to be heard got interested and other people caught on, said Smith. "The time is ripe."



JOSE (JURA) SQUEIRA

WMC Professor of Education Dr. Francis "Skip" Fennell, named Maryland Professor of the Year, was thrown a party at the beginning of the November faculty meeting. Afterwards, he gave a speech saying that "in fairness, this whole thing is overwhelming." -J.S.

Dinner allows international students to demonstrate their cultures

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE BADIEE

American Sharon Klinder (left) and Bushra Ahmad of Bangladesh participate in a fashion show displaying traditional cultural costumes.

The evening's entertainment reflected the international students' links to their home countries.

Eliane Maroun of France coordinated a parody of a French fashion show. She said, "I wanted to do something that was never done before."

The "models" showed off their trash bag and toilet paper apparel as the music of French rapper MC Solar, a critic of the fashion world, rocked the Forum.

Addressing a serious political issue, three Cypriot students and a Bulgarian student performed a traditional Greek dance, dedicated to the end of the Turkish occupation of Cyprus.

The club members put on a more traditional fashion show that

highlighted costumes from many countries including Spain, Argentina, Ethiopia, and Sri Lanka. The performers began the fashion show by lighting candles while lyrics about the unity of humankind filled the Forum.

Dr. Julie Badiee of the Art History Department commented, "I liked the introduction to the fashion show because it showed the oneness of the human race at the beginning of time." Badiee, who attends the club's dinner every year, added that the occasion provides a good opportunity for students to experience other cultures.

The International Dinner, the club's major event for the fall semester, required time and preparation on part of the students, said Bill

Spence, the club's advisor.

Ahsan Latif, one of the club's committee chairpersons, concurred with Spence. Latif said, "As [the committee chairs], we took on separate responsibilities and helped each other, but it was the participation of all the club's members that made things possible."

Latif was responsible for planning the evening's entertainment.

The organization's other committee chairpersons are Jessica Watts of Puerto Rico and Juba Siqueira of Brazil.

The club's members spent countless hours preparing food, decorating the forum, and practicing entertainment segments.

Founded in 1987 with only four members, the International Club is now one of the largest student organizations at WMC with over 50 members who come from 26 different countries.

Spence, who has a background in Teaching English as a Second Language, has worked with international students since he began teaching here 10 years ago. He said, "The International Club is not just a haven for international students. The Club celebrates international diversity." He added that he would like to see more interaction between American and international students.

WMC alumnus and former club member Fabrizio Ferronato of Brazil said, "From our perspective, Americans are international, too."

There are currently nine American students in the club.

One of them, Jonathon Shacat, said, "At WMC, we are fortunate to have the diversity offered by the international students."

A Spanish major, Shacat studied in Seville, Spain last semester. He mentioned that this international experience sparked his interest in the club.

Spence commented that the students from WMC Budapest are not as involved in the club as other international students.

Approximately a quarter of the students from the Budapest Program are members of the club.

Club member Adrienne Nemeth of Hungary explained why many Budapest students choose not to join the club. "It's natural that you don't go out and search for new friends when you already have a group of friends here with you," she said.

Stella Stefanova of Bulgaria, who studied in Thailand and Sri Lanka before coming to WMC, said the club is a good way to meet people.

Many students join the organization because they are interested in other cultures.

American first-year student Camille Read said that she asks fellow club members about fashion and dating in their countries. She added, "I'm often surprised that a lot of countries have the same amenities as the United States, like luxury cars and computers."

Through the club, Jorge del Villar of Mexico has interacted with students from Africa. He commented, "It's interesting to see how [Africans] differ culturally from African-Americans in spite of their common origin."

Students feel that the club fosters friendships and enhances students' experiences at WMC.

Watts said the club "opens the doors of friendship," because students form bonds dealing with homesickness and being in a different country.

Ferronato's experience with the club paralleled Watts'. He compared the club to a "support group," especially for students with no family in the United States.

In addition to the dinner, Latif said the club organizes social activities with international students at other Maryland colleges and universities.

In the spring, the club will co-sponsor its annual campus-wide party in the Forum.

Junior Mandy Hofstetter, who attended the party last year, said "the International Club really knows how to throw a good party."

The International Club has a web page designed by Latif and edited by Shacat.

Sundays of Note

Campus construction has forced a change of venue for the next Yale Gordon Sundays of Note concert.

The November 23 concert, "A Woman's Perspective on the Romantic German Lied," will be held in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel at 2 PM Admission to the series concert, sponsored by the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust in Baltimore, is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors. Also, all students are admitted free with a valid I.D.

The program, the second in this year's three-part series, features mezzo-soprano Patricia Green and pianist Rachel Franklin performing songs exploring the intimately linking lives of composers Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann, Fanny Hensel, Felix Mendelssohn, and Johannes Brahms.

Although the musical education, experiences and opportunities of the composers varied, they shared musical ideas and even set some of the same poems. The concert will give audience members a peek at the unique styles of each composer and at how they may have influenced each other.

British pianist Franklin is a Pro Musicis International Award winner with solo debuts in 1994 in New York's Carnegie Recital Hall and Jordan Hall in Boston. She has performed around the world.

Franklin has taken top prizes in the Florence International Chamber Music Competition and the Louise B. McMahon International Music Competition.

Green has recently returned from concerts in Amsterdam. She has upcoming engagements with the Williamsburg Symphony, Arlington Symphony, the Washington Bach Consort, and at the Kennedy Center with the Theater Chamber Players.

The series, which brings nationally- and internationally-known young artists to campus, continues in March.

Courtesy of Public Information

Magical Marital Misery Tour is coming

Two magic acts are tag teaming for shows November 29 to raise money for a Carroll County agency and a student group at WMC.

All proceeds from "Magic and Mayhem on the Hill," featuring the family magical artistry of Tom Crowl & the Mrs., and the physical comedy and juggling of Brian Howard, will benefit the Carroll County Rape Crisis Center and the WMC Non-Traditional Student Organization (students ages 23 and older).

Shows are scheduled for 2 PM and 7 PM in Alumni Hall.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 5-12. Group rates are available.

Tom Crowl & the Mrs., a com-

edy team that uses marriage and magic for props is currently on what they dub the "Magical Marital Misery Tour," a fast-paced act is designed for all ages.

The maritally-challenged magic act of husband and wife Tom and Dierdre Crowl has opened for Chubby Checker, America, the Drifters, Diamonds, and Marvlettes.

The duo also performs up and down the East Coast and has just completed a fifth season at the Maryland Renaissance Festival.

Howard, also a regular at the Maryland Renaissance Festival, has been performing since he was 18. His show of unique improvisational comedy includes a lot of au-

dience participation "because it makes the show new and different each time," he said.

This is the second annual November benefit, said Dierdre Crowl, also a full-time student at WMC and former president of the NTSO.

"We had such a great time last year that we thought we would offer two shows this year," she said. "We love to perform, especially when we know it will benefit two worthwhile organizations."

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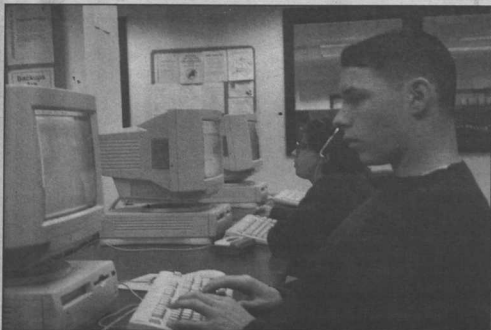
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Largest class in WMC's history shows strong leadership



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Freshman class president Jeremiah Kelly, says he may have big ears but that this has only made it easier for him to listen to the questions and concerns of his fellow classmates.

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
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When they arrived on campus in late August, the largest freshman class in Western Maryland College's history was divided into orientation groups, taken to the Four Seasons Sports Complex, and taught about the potential dangers of alcohol abuse.

Now, with more than two-thirds of their first semester at college complete, the leaders of the freshman class look forward to making their mark on WMC.

Jeremiah Kelly, a double major in environmental biology and political science, is the president of the freshman class. "The reason I wanted to get involved is because I see an opportunity for change for the better," he said. In addition to his role as president of the freshman class, Kelly is involved in Christian Fellowship, which he "encourages everybody to get involved with." He also plays baseball for

WMC.

Kelly feels his personality and his appearance help to increase his leadership potential. "I have a big mouth and big ears; I'm not afraid to say what's on my mind and I have big ears to listen to what people have to say," he said.

Alison Kleiner, a political science major, is a freshman representative in the Student Government Association. "I appreciate being able to change things and represent the student body," she said, describing her initiative to become involved at WMC.

"In high school I wasn't involved in much and when I got here I wanted to try something new," said Jeff Groff, a physics major and freshman class representative.

Jennifer Haines is the third freshman representative in SGA. "I enjoy meeting new people and I enjoy making the school better," said the physical education/exercise science major about her reasons for involvement at WMC.

One of the issues these freshman leaders are attempting to address is school spirit. Kleiner feels that WMC students do have school spirit. "I see people wearing Western Maryland College clothing all of the time, and that to me is school spirit."

As a football player, Groff is impressed with the school spirit he has seen at this year's games. "I think we have pretty good school spirit. I couldn't be happier with the turnout at the games. Everyone here, including the teachers and the students, care a lot about the school," he said.

Kelly takes a different view on the issue. "The school lacks a lot of spirit," he said.

Haines agrees. "I think that the students are trying to have spirit, but we could use a little more pep."

According to Kelly, one of the goals of the freshman class is to increase school spirit. Kelly sees Homecoming as an ideal time for school spirit to shine. This year, the freshman class made a float for the parade featuring members of the class dressed as babies in a crib. The float took second place honors.

Next year, Kelly hopes to organize a dance to be held the night of Homecoming. He also wants to see the football stadium packed with people wearing green and gold. "My biggest thing is Homecoming. I think the alumni would enjoy coming back to see spirit at WMC," he said.

"Spirit is believing in something and believing your school is worth what you are putting into it," added Kelly.

Additional attempts to show school spirit came from the Pep Rally/Bonfire held on Friday, November 14. Kelly said that he would like to see more of these types of activities at WMC.

Kelly emphasizes that the freshman class has an incredible opportunity to impact WMC because of their large size. "We can accomplish more than anyone else because we have more than anyone else - power in numbers," he said.

"We're really trying hard to get the freshman involved in the school," said Groff.

The freshman will graduate in 2001; Kelly feels WMC will be a different place in the next century. "We're going to lead this school into the promised land. It's going to be drastically changed when we're gone," he said.

Kleiner is not quite so anxious to change everything about WMC. "I feel that in my first year, I should try to work my way up and see how things are run," she said.

The freshman leaders hold monthly meetings to discuss the concerns of the class. According to Haines, the meetings are used "to see if the freshman have any ideas of what we can make better for them."

WMC's Honor System is another issue the leaders of the freshman class hope to address. Although they had mixed views on the Honor System, Kelly, Kleiner, and Haines all agree that it is an important part of WMC.

"One of the reasons I came to this school is because of the Honor System," said Kelly. However, Kelly feels that the "policy is undetermined right now. I think it should be more publicized. People need to be more aware of it."

Haines agrees. "The first I heard about [the Honor Code] was the first day I had a test," she said.

"As far as I know, the Honor Code is fair. You know the rules when you come into the school and it should be enforced," said Kleiner. She feels that WMC students should take pride in the Honor System. "You're paying money to go here; you might as well get the best education you can."

Kelly also feels that a WMC education should be valued. "I want to make sure everybody gets motivated to feel good about what they accomplish in the classroom," he said.

Academically and socially, the freshman class leaders hope to influence the freshman class while making their mark on WMC. "You don't just float through life; you make waves," said Kelly.

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Chimock is a new face in College Activities

Among assistant director's duties will be advising IGC



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Betsy Chimock, the new assistant director of College Activities, enjoys her position because she can "empower students to make sound decisions." She will be instrumental in organizing campus events and advising Greek organizations.

BY KATHLEEN DAVIS
Staff Writer

Despite having arrived after the school year had already begun, Betsy Chimock was able to make a smooth transition.

At the end of September, Chimock became a member of the Western Maryland College community as the new assistant director of College Activities, and has since found both the staff and the students to be "very friendly and easy to work with."

Chimock will be co-advising the College Activities Planning Board (CAPBoard) with director of College Activities, Mitchell Alexander. In addition, she will provide leadership development for

IUP, and was involved in a variety of college activities. While attending, she was a member of the marching band, the SGA, and Phi Mu sorority. During this time, Chimock learned a great deal from the "good mentors on the staff," who encouraged her to develop her leadership skills. By the time she was a junior in college, Chimock began to realize that she wanted to pursue a career in leadership and college activities.

After earning her master's degree, Chimock was hired by Mankato State University in Mankato, Minn. as the student program coordinator for Greek Life. However, after working there for a year, Chimock decided to work her way back east.

New staffer finds people at WMC "very friendly and easy to work with."

college organizations by inviting informative speakers to special events and organizing other events "to help the students become better leaders." But her responsibilities do not end here.

Chimock must also serve as the advisor for the Inter Greek Council, the Order of Omega, and the Panhellenic Association. While the IGC is the government for the entire Greek system, the Panhellenic Association is the governing council for only the sororities, and the Order of Omega is an "honorary society for Greek students who have excellent leadership and academic" merits.

A Scranton, PA native, Chimock graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) with an undergraduate degree in special education and a master's degree in "student affairs in higher education."

According to Chimock, she thoroughly enjoyed her years at

For the next two years, Chimock worked as the residence life coordinator and Greek affairs coordinator at West Virginia Wesleyan. But even though she was very happy in West Virginia, she felt that she needed to move on.

At this point, after seeing an advertisement in "The Chronicle of Higher Education," Chimock applied for her job at WMC. She had already heard many good things about the college from former assistant director of College Activities, Anita Kaltenbaugh, who attended graduate school with Chimock.

Finally, after finishing out the summer in West Virginia, Chimock began her job here at WMC.

According to Chimock, she is pleased with the role she plays on campus because it puts her in a position to do what she loves - she is able "to empower students to make sound decisions."

Phi Alpha Delta strives for justice

New chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity International holds membership social

BY JENNIFER VICK
Features Editor

At their first membership social, Phi Alpha Delta decked out Ensor Lounge in their colors of purple and gold, setup an information table, offered refreshments, and watched as over two dozen students signed their names to a sheet of paper designating their interest in the fraternity.

The event, on November 5, was an effort to attract student interest in Western Maryland College's newly established chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity International, a Pre-Law organization. Last spring, the chapter formally inducted its first 17 members, and this semester they plan to induct more members in an informal ceremony.

"It gives the campus another prestigious organization," said senior, Dan Shattuck, president of Phi Alpha Delta. He described the effort of WMC's Pre-Law students in getting where they are today as a "long stretch."

During his freshman year, Shattuck, a history/political science major, recalls joining the Pre-Law Society which was then only a WMC organization. He said it met semi-regularly and never really got off the ground. At the beginning of his sophomore year, a few enthusiastic members breathed life into the dwindling society by giving it a name - "The Bar." They even got their picture in the *Phoenix*. But then Shattuck said progress "fizzled" and the society's one event held for the year, the

sponsorship of a speaker, was poorly attended. The Pre-Law Society was on its last leg during Shattuck's junior year when advisor Dr. Charles Neal, associate professor of political science, approached the group with information he'd gathered off a Web site for Phi Alpha Delta.

Neal says this is the only part he played in establishing a chapter of Phi Alpha Delta at WMC. The rest he attributes to the strong lead-

member, echoed Shattuck in saying "We're eager to get fresh thoughts."

Phi Alpha Delta members are hoping the fraternity will appeal to students because of the many benefits it offers as an international organization. There is a onetime membership fee of \$50 to join. This fee has deterred some students from joining, however, Shattuck pointed out that it guarantees lifelong membership. In addition, by joining Phi Alpha Delta, a student can make contacts with law schools and people in the law community, attend conferences, receive a discount on LSAT Preparation Courses, and even become eligible to apply for the Phi Alpha Delta Mastercard and receive discounts on rental cars.

At the membership social sophomore, Sergey Fayusovich, a business administration/political science major, added his name to the list of interested students. "I'm looking for something that is not just social, but that offers prestige, contacts, and the chance to go to conferences," Fayusovich said.

Although Fayusovich plans on a career in international relations rather than law, Phi Alpha Delta is not solely restricted to future law students.

"[Phi Alpha Delta is] geared to all majors," Queen said. "As long as there are conflicts in our society, there's always going to be a need for justice, whether you're an English major, political science major, or biology major... it's a lifetime membership of invaluable experiences."

ership of a few students. On May 10 these students were formally inducted into Phi Alpha Delta and became a part of the fraternity's approximately 150 Pre-Law Chapters at undergraduate schools throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

After graduating two members last spring, the chapter presently has 15 members, most of whom are juniors and seniors. Their task, therefore, has become a search for new and younger members.

"This can only get bigger. I want to come back in five years and see this thing booming," said Shattuck. "We need a young committed group to get it going."

Junior Miesha Queen, an English major and Phi Alpha Delta



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Martin leaves Academic Affairs while Coleman steps in

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

There is yet another change in the staff at Western Maryland College — this time in the office of Academic Affairs.

Janet Martin left her job as institutional research analyst on November 10 to take a position at Johns Hopkins University. Jan Coleman, who until now was the administrative coordinator of Academic Affairs, has taken her place.

Provost Joan Coley announced this news on October 29 via memo. Even though it was addressed to the "Campus Community," the only recipients of the memo were faculty and staff, according to Coley.

When Martin gave her notice, she advised Coley to find a replacement as soon as possible since she would need to train the person who to access the information from the computer. So Coley quickly appointed Coleman to the position because she had some minor experience with the work.

"I think it was the most logical choice," said Coley.

Coleman looks forward to the position.

"One thing I will enjoy about it is that it is a good combination of data and working with people," said Coleman. "I have a very tough act to follow. She was good at what she did."

Her job description includes keeping track of most of the institutional records such as enrollment and retention, and periodically submitting survey figures to several companies including - *Barron's*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Time Magazine*.

"We will definitely miss her expertise as well as her personality."

Provost Joan Coley

Coley said Martin left WMC because "All the skills she has are more useful in a much bigger institution. She wanted to do more training, more stuff with software."

Coley added, "We will definitely miss her expertise as well as her personality."

At Hopkins, Martin will be a technology services coordinator for the school of con-



Jan Coleman is moving from her position as administrative coordinator of Academic Affairs to institutional research analyst, replacing Janet Martin. "I have a very tough act to follow," says Coleman.

tinuing studies in Colombia. Then she plans to go to school for certification to become a network engineer and to then be promoted to supervisor in that position.

"I guess it is not a completely different

job. It is just a different direction because I always enjoyed the computers," Martin said. "So this gives me a little challenge and an opportunity. It gives me a chance to try something new."

Renowned criminologist speaks on serial killers' psyches

BY SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

People are used to hearing about killing and crime every day on the six o'clock news. Serial killers can inspire feelings of fascination and horror seldom rivaled. Part of the fascination comes from trying to figure out why the killer acts as he does and what made him the way he is.

But who can really understand what takes place inside the heads of murderers such as Ted Bundy or Andrew Cunanan? It takes a special kind of person with a special kind of knowledge.

Robert K. Ressler is one man who has

spent his life figuring out the motivations of such people. He is a renowned criminologist who will discuss the motivation behind the violent acts of serial killers and his experiences fighting crime in a lecture titled, "I Have Lived in the Monster—Serial Killing and Violent Crime in Contemporary Society." It takes place at 7 p.m. on November 24 in Alumni Hall. Slides will accompany the lecture, and a question-and-answer session will follow.

Ressler has had 30 years of criminal investigative experience and an unparalleled opportunity to study the minds of serial killers.

"Virtually no one else has had that kind

of access," said professor of sociology, Lauren Dundes, who arranged for Ressler to speak.

He worked for the FBI for 20 years, 16 of which were in the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit. He also served in the U.S. Army for 35 years, spending 10 years on active duty during the Vietnam War and 10 in the Army's Criminal Investigation Department. Ressler interviewed and collected information on 36 sexual and serial killers when he developed the FBI's first violent criminal offender research program. He is an expert on criminals, especially serial and sexual killers. For the past seven years he has been the director of Forensic Behavioral Sciences, a private organization providing expert witness testi-

mony, training, consulting, and lecturing.

Ressler is an internationally known lecturer and consultant, having appeared on numerous television and radio shows, and in newspaper articles. He is a faculty member at several distinguished learning institutions, including Georgetown University and the University of Virginia.

Ressler coined the term "serial killer," and has been the inspiration for movies, television shows and books such as "Silence of the Lambs" and "The X-Files." He has written or coauthored five books. His 1992 autobiography *Whoever Fights Monsters* is currently on sale at the WMC bookstore.

Robert Ressler's Web site is located at: www.robertkressler.com.

Pub Happy Hour promotes camaraderie among seniors

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

For a couple of hours on Monday night, November 3, students relaxed, socialized, and drank with friends.

The office of annual giving, through the Annual Fund, sponsored a happy hour in the Pub from 8:30 until 10:30.

The event was publicity for Senior Pride," said Vanessa Berger, assistant director of annual giving.

Senior Pride is a campaign run every year for the past 17 years through the annual giving committee. A group of seniors raise money by trying to get classmates into the spirit of giving back to the college. Different activities this year will encourage seniors to donate \$19.98 in celebration of the year of their graduation.

The seniors then decide to use the money to benefit the college and leave their mark on the campus. According to a letter sent to seniors announcing the happy hour, "Senior PRIDE symbolizes our experience at Western Maryland and will remind future gen-

erations of the accomplishments of the Class of 1998." Last year, seniors renovated the gazebo. Current seniors haven't decided on a project yet.

"People came in and out [of the pub] all night [on Monday]," said Michelle Hamilton, a senior serving on the committee for Senior Pride. According to Berger, at one point there were about 60 people in attendance.

This is the first happy hour the office of annual giving has sponsored, but they plan on having at least two more next semester.

Beer, sodas, nachos, pretzels, and chips were on hand for students as they watched the Monday night football game and talked with friends. The invitation was for seniors, but a few juniors, who were at least 21, also came. Pamphlets were available explaining what senior pride is, Hamilton explained. It was "definitely" a success, Berger said.

Another activity planned to promote Senior Pride is an alumni networking event, held in the spring, which will match young alumni with seniors in the career field they are working toward.



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60 Seconds

As a member of WMC's winning football team, what do you do for luck before a game?

BY JESSIE WATTS
Photographer/Staff Writer



"I always eat two Tropical Starbursts before each game and two during half time."

Brent Sandrock '01
English/Education

"I always wear my black socks under my white ones, same shirt, and I always switch shirts at half time."

Marvin Deal '00
Sociology

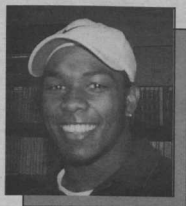
"I wear the same socks and spandex underwear."

Steve Middleton '99
Business Administration/Economics



"I shake my leg before every game on the bench."

Derrick Gwyn '01
Business Administration



"I walk in the locker room and do the same routine; put on everything in the same order."

Anthony Russo '01
Physical Education

"Say a prayer to my grandmother as a dedication... she loved football."

Joe Kendorski '01
Biology



AIDS quilt panels to be displayed at WMC for World AIDS Day

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

On December 1, voices from a choir of children will fill Ensor Lounge. Pictures drawn by elementary school students and paragraphs written by middle school students will cover the walls in observation of World AIDS Day.

Four panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will highlight Western Maryland College's observation of this national day of remembrance.

ASAP, which stands for AIDS: Support Awareness and Prevention, is the group responsible for bringing the quilt to WMC. Shannon Tinney, a junior sociology major and president of ASAP, hopes the quilt will impact WMC students.

"ASAP has been doing a lot of peer education and the AIDS Memorial Quilt is a very symbolic representation of how many people AIDS has killed," she said.

The quilt is composed of various panels which were made to remember victims of AIDS. The panels are usually sent to either San Francisco or Washington D.C. where the quilts are pieced together.

The last time the AIDS Memo-

rial Quilt was shown in its entirety was October 1996 in Washington D.C. "A bunch of us from ASAP went to D.C. when the quilt was shown. That sparked us to really want to bring it to WMC," Tinney said.

Four panels of the quilt, each of which is 12 feet by 12 feet, will be displayed. ASAP donated \$200 to the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Workshop and Education Center to bring the quilt to WMC.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt Ceremony will take place on December 1, from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM in Ensor Lounge. Community groups, such as the Carroll County AIDS Alliance and the Carroll County Arts Council, are helping to sponsor the event. Members of ASAP will serve as the masters-of-ceremony for the evening, which will include guest speakers and a symbolic ritual in which the names of people who have died of AIDS related diseases are written down and then thrown into the fireplace.

The theme of this year's National AIDS Day is "Children Living in a World with AIDS." Children will be incorporated in the ceremony by way of Carroll County Children's Choir and two WMC organizations, Students Teaching

America's Youth and Sense of Pride. Members of Students Teaching America's Youth have asked the elementary school students they tutor to draw pictures to hang in Ensor Lounge. Members of Sense of Pride have asked the middle school students they tutor to write paragraphs to be displayed.

Tinney looks at the ceremony as a way for WMC to collaborate with the community to create awareness and promote education. "It's nice that WMC is getting connected with the community," she said. She believes that over the past few years, awareness about AIDS has increased within the community.

"To use the AIDS Memorial Quilt to help bring an end to the AIDS epidemic," summarizes the purpose of the quilt, according to Tinney. The quilt provides "more tangible things to see [which relate to AIDS], especially with the more personal sections of the quilt."

The AIDS Quilt will highlight WMC's observance of World AIDS Day on December 1. The quilt will be displayed during a ceremony held in Ensor Lounge, from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. WMC students, faculty, staff, and members of the Westminster community are encouraged to attend.

Recruiters seek workforce at Fair

BY ADAM DEAN
Editorials Editor

Western Maryland College held its 1997 Career Fair on November 4 in Decker College Center.

Many recruiters from such diverse organizations as MBNA America financial institution, the FBI, Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., Target, Inc., and the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. participated in the event organized by the Career Services office.

MNBA, which is hiring entry level customer contact positions with salaries in the mid-\$20,000 range, was looking for WMC graduates. Linda Hall, representing MBNA America said "we have got some really good grads from Western Maryland."

When asked if she had seen any promising candidates, Hall answered "I have seen several people who look promising."

Previous good experiences with WMC alumni seemed to be a common theme among employers represented at the career fair.

Michele Phillips, from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, said that their experience with a WMC graduate she identified as Pete Riskman, class of '94, inspired them to come to WMC.

Although Riskman has now left Enterprise and runs his own bagel

business, Enterprise was sufficiently impressed with his work. They came to WMC in search of employees of his caliber.

"We haven't done much recruiting lately," Phillips said. "We are looking at liberal arts colleges because that is the type of person we are looking for."

Enterprise is hiring entry level management positions along with jobs in customer service, sales, marketing, and administration at starting salaries of \$26,800. According to Phillips, they offer "excellent opportunities for advancement within the company."

Government agencies were represented too. The Marine Corps, Air Force, FBI, and two police departments set up tables in Decker Center. Representing the Washington, D.C. Police were Detective Karen Zibrat and Investigator Elgin Wheeler.

"We are looking for qualified personnel," said Zibrat of the police department's decision to participate in the Career Fair.

There are 21 [police] agencies near the D.C. metropolitan area. To find qualified personnel we sometimes have to go to a more rural area."

The D.C. police were recruiting for positions as uniformed police officers with a starting salary of \$30,000 a year. The D.C. police recruiting unit can be faxed at (202)

645-0444, c/o Invest. Wheeler.

A large number of students turned out to take advantage of the potential employers. Senior biology/psychology major, Joe Hilton, attended the fair in anticipation of graduating in the spring and wanted to see what jobs were available in his field.

However, Hilton was disappointed with the lack of recruiters from organizations related to his major.

I wish there were more science or research oriented places here," Hilton said while exploring the various stations at the fair. All he found were "a couple of good ones" related to his psychology field.

Senior English major, Kathleen Beyer, said she was "just basically searching around" at the career fair, and added that it wasn't until recently that she had started to think about what she would do after graduation. Beyer labeled her trip to the career fair as "kind of a first step."

When asked what she had looked at, Beyer said internships with the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo caught her eye because she "feels strongly about animal rights."

Beyer said she eventually wants to find "a job that makes me happy. If monetary value comes along with it, Fine. But its not important."

Campus community delights in Terror's success as Saturday's game produces biggest turnout of season

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game, following every play. "This is one of the biggest games in recent history," he said. "We're all really proud."

Assistant Football Coach Allen Thomas said the win means that "Western Maryland has made a giant step forward from being a small average team to one that's competitive, exacting, and better known."

Many other people commented on the effect the team's success will have on the college's reputation. "A winning sports team pulls everyone together," said Dr. Chambers.

"It's great for the school as Johns Hopkins is such a great college," agreed sophomore Lubomir Ondercin.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dick Seaman said the win will "be good for Western Maryland College and everyone associated with it. Western Maryland can take great pride in what this group has achieved."

The coaches put the team's success down to a good off-season and great recruiting. "We had a lot of returning players who made a commitment to have a good, strong off-

season training program," said Thomas. "We had a great recruiting team; freshmen have made a big difference."

The crowd was made up of representatives of all areas of the WMC community. Dean of First Year Students Barb Horneff was waving green and yellow pom poms near the caboose. "I'm absolutely excited; they deserve it," she said. "I'm really impressed with the teamwork, the support for each other. They're a great group of guys on and off the field."

Terror alumnus Keith Able was standing next to Horneff. A member of the team from 1990-1994, he said that he noticed "a lot more team spirit" in 1997.

The community spirit of the college was evident at the game. The hospitality tent had a sign-up sheet for people to claim that they "witnessed the Green Terror's drive to victory." Posters spurring the team to victory were evident at the game and throughout the campus.

Many alumni commented on the change in the team. "The team was average when I was at school, nowhere near the caliber of this team," said Charlie Moore '71, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Everyone was obviously very happy with the team's performance. "It feels great," said Steve Gill, defensive line coach. "If there was a team that deserved [this honor], it was this team."

The Terror did not start out too well with Hopkins scoring a field goal that put them into the lead. "The turning point came with Jeff Groff blocking that punt," explained Gill.

Quarterback Ron Sermarini agreed. "It was a tough first half," he said. "The defense did a great job."

Emotions were running high after the game, with distraught Blue Jays weeping as they left the field. Terror fans made sure they obtained a souvenir of the game, leaving the field with pieces of the goal posts and first down markers.

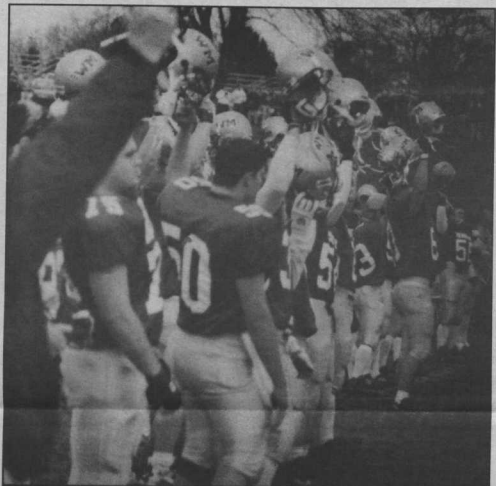
WMC players were ecstatic, hugging

friends and families in the middle of the muddy field. "[It feels] real good, real emotional, the last game on the field," said senior wide receiver Donte Abron.

Freshman Matt McVey scored the second touchdown with what was only his second catch of the season. "Catching that pass was like a dream, a good dream," he said.

People are already expressing great hopes for next year's team. "Although we have a couple of real key seniors graduating," said Thomas, "we have a strong team replacing them. Assuming good recruiting, the team could possibly be even better next year."

Additional reporting by Jessica Vermillion



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Just before the opening kickoff, the football team stood united in salute of the National Anthem by holding their helmets in the air. Team morale was evident from start to finish.



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Green Terror sophomore Mike O'Dell runs the ball with no close opponents on his back. WMC held Johns Hopkins to a lone field goal on Saturday, November 15. No field goals were scored by the Green Terror, but three extra points were kicked.

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Green Terror destroys Hopkins to proclaim themselves champs

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On fourth and two, Ron Sermarini lost control of the ball, recovered, and, was sacked by Albert.

The Terror defense quickly took revenge. Sophomores Tommy Selecky and Len Tucker sacked Roccia for a loss of 10 yards.

The defensive effort would give the Terrors enough of a charge to turn the momentum for the Terror.

When Hopkins failed to achieve a first down, WMC picked up a first down due to a pass interference penalty against Hopkins. The possession came to a close with a 35 yard punt by sophomore Bob Spruill.

Again the Terror defense took its toll on the Blue Jays. Roccia was forced to pass out of bounds on first down.

Junior Tom Lapato broke up Roccia's next pass. Sophomore Anthony Burgos nearly intercepted the third and 10 pass, and Bencivenni came on to punt for the sixth time.

Deal received the pass for a ten yard return but fumbled, and Hopkins recovered the ball. Three plays later, Marvin Deal intercepted Roccia's pass for a five yard return.

Junior Jay Tharpe rushed for 10 yards and a first down, but the Terrors couldn't get any farther. Spruill came on to punt.

Hopkins earned one first down on their possession. On second and ten, Selecky tackled McPherson in the backfield to set the Blue Jays back another yard.

With 3:22 remaining in the first half the Green Terror drove 20 yards on a completion to junior DeFreitas and Sermarini dashing himself.

The last of those three yards, Sermarini crossed the goal line,

and the Sandrock extra point was good.

The extra point put the Terror up 7-3 and gave Sandrock 52 points for the regular season. Each team would possess the ball one more time before the half, but the score would remain the same at halftime.

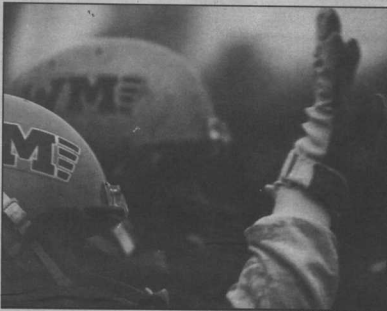
Western Maryland would receive the Bencivenni kickoff to begin the third quarter. Senior Donte Abron returned the ball for 16 yards.

On their own 30, the Terrors rushed for 17 yards and one first



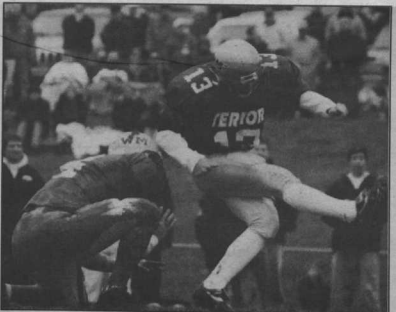
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Western Maryland sophomore Marvin Deal (22) carries the ball down the field accompanied by junior Mike Tice (63) followed by multiple Blue Jay's.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

A Green Terror player from the sidelines holds up four fingers signifying the last four seconds of their victory.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Punter Breni Sandrock punts the ball for an extra point attempt. The Terror's made all three extra points attempted.

Head Coach Scott Moyer succeeds in bringing team to competitive levels of play as well as togetherness

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hind Allegheny and Binghamton, who currently take the seventh and tenth spots in the polls. Overall, Worm again led the team finishing in third place. The Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic on October 8 was the next tournament for the golfers. Worm and sophomore Tony Santillo led the Terror to the top with third and seventh place finishes, respectively. The Blue Jay Classic served as a coming out party for sophomore Craig Zabora. A starting spot was up for grabs as Senior Kevin Marsh was sidelined after having corrective surgery. With seventeen players on the team, Coach Moyer has the ability to form two other teams to serve

as developmental teams that feed the "A" squad. Zabora had been competing for the "B" team when on September 22, he finished second at the Gettysburg College Invitational. This earned Zabora a spot in the Blue Jay Classic, where he did not disappoint, tying for ninth. "Coach Moyer gave me every opportunity to play and to achieve my potential as a golfer," noted Zabora. Moyer liked what he saw from Zabora in the fall. "He stepped up big time, we needed him to put up scores like he did, I am very proud of him."

The next victims for the golfers were the four teams at the York College Fall Invitational on October 12 and 13. Worm won his sec-

ond before punting.

Selecky hit Zajick for a loss of one yard. Roccia failed to complete his next two passes and Bencivenni came on to punt.

On the next WMC possession DeFreitas carried the ball 7 times for a gain of 16 yards.

On fourth and 12, WMC attempted to gain the first down, but Sermarini was forced to run and only picked up 3 yards.

Hopkins could not come up with a first down. Bencivenni punted, and Deal returned it 48 yards to the Hopkins 33 yard line.

Sermarini entrusted the ball to DeFreitas for the next four consecutive plays. He gained 25 yards, and Western Maryland was within 8 yards of another touch down.

Sermarini found freshman

McVey in the endzone. The touchdown was McVey's second catch of the entire season. Sandrock's extra point attempt was good, and WMC led 14-3.

The next Hopkins possession lasted only 42 seconds, as Senior Bill Parks broke up Roccia's first pass and he overthrew the next two.

Deal returned Bencivenni's punt for 11 yards. Again sophomore Sermarini went to DeFreitas the next three consecutive plays. This time the Green Terror gained 11 more yards and one first down in the series.

On fourth and 1, Wilcox punted the ball 28 yards and out of bounds.

Hopkins brought in Monica to play quarterback. He connected with Karish for 14 yards on the second play of the Blue Jay's possession.

Monica picked up the Blue Jays next first down on his own scrambling.

On first and ten and about to be sacked by sophomore Zack Galemore, Monica threw incomplete and was hit anyway.

Failing to gain any yardage, Bencivenni punted and the ball died in the mud at the Hopkins 48.

Sermarini struggled in the mud and WMC failed to pick up a first down.

Working from the Western Maryland 28-yard line, Hopkins

golf tournament.

Coach Moyer credits his players for an excellent fall season. Noting that through most of the season, he had two starters out of action, but his team was still able to secure victories. "This is far and away the most depth we've ever had," said Moyer.

Diehl, who is in his final go round as a college golfer, credits Moyer directly for his overall improvement and singled him out as one of the main reasons he came to WMC after high school. "He knows a great deal about the game, especially how to get the most out of his players," noted Diehl. "That's not something you see a lot at the Division III level. Since I

managed to get to center field. The Terror defense did not permit the Blue Jays to go any farther.

Three plays into the Terror's possession, they scored again.

This time it was junior Gavin DeFreitas charging through the Blue Jay defense for thirty yards for the Green Terror final touchdown.

The Brent Sandrock extra point was good and WMC now led 21-3. This was Sandrock's third attempt and third score of the game.

It would be Sandrock's, and the Terror's last score of the regular season, also, placing him only four points behind Hopkins' Bencivenni.

The touchdown came with 6:31 remaining in the game. Hopkins would be forced to punt on fourth and 16.

Bencivenni's 24 yard punt would be his thirteenth of the game.

His thirteen punts was a new record for punts kicked by one player in the series between Western Maryland and Johns Hopkins.

On their last possession neither team gained more than one first down in their separate attempts, and the final score stood at Western Maryland: 21, Johns Hopkins: 3.

have been here, Coach Moyer has helped turn this program around from an average team to a nationally ranked and highly competitive one."

Both Moyer and his golfers feel that their year is far from over. "Our objective is to be in the top ten of the national rankings," boasted Moyer. Diehl seems a bit more skeptical in stating, "as a team we don't want to look too far ahead into the future, but ultimately our goals include winning the conference and competing in the National Championship."

"Right now, we just need to concentrate one tournament at a time and let our play determine the outcome," added Diehl.

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TERROR GOLF COMPLETES BEST SEASON EVER

Although seventeenth in national rankings, head coach Moyer feels the year is far from over

BY KEVIN CULLEY
Contributing Writer

Surprise, surprise, the Western Maryland Football team is not the only club showing up in the national polls. After its best fall season in school history, the WMC Golf Team is currently ranked 17th nationally.

The 17 player squad that exists in relatively unknown circum-

hosted the 1997 Division III Golf Championship that saw Western Maryland finish 21st out of 23 schools. In a sport that designates a team winner and an individual winner, Mike Diehl shot a team-best 324 over four rounds, which was good enough for a tie for 67th in the 120 player field. The team used this experience and an 18th national ranking as a springboard into the fall season.

Worm, a junior from Salisbury, MD, spent his freshman year at WMC and has now returned to Head Coach Scott Moyer's squad. He continued his excellent play at the Bucknell Invitational on September 19-20. The tourney in Lewisburg, PA, saw Western Maryland defeat seventeen Division I opponents, finishing in second place to Division II, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

good play against schools in higher divisions. A direct result of the difficult opponents is WMC's relative ease when playing lesser opponents, because the golfers know they've played with the best. "We play against all of the opponents, because the golfers know they've played with the best. We play against all of the Division I programs and their scholarship players, giving us a strong schedule,

laxed in the long run. "We are used to playing in high profile tournaments, so when we get to the conference or national championships we are accustomed to the pressure that goes along with them," Diehl said. "Plus it's always fun to beat a Division I team when they have five scholarship players and we have none," he added.

WMC continued its excellent fall at the District II Fall Golf Invi-

"He knows a great deal about the game, especially how to get the most out of his players. That's not something you see a lot at the Division III level. Since I have been here, Coach Moyer has helped turn this program around from an average team to a nationally ranked and highly competitive one."

-Mike Diehl

stances has been a force for a year now. Last spring, the golf team became the first representative of Western Maryland athletics to advance to the NCAA tournament in the decade of the 90's. The Medallion Club in Westerville, Ohio,

This year's fall season began on September 13 when the team won its own WMC Invitational. After spending a year and a half at Salisbury State, a school that doesn't have an intercollegiate golf team, Tony Worm won his first tourna-

The Division I teams that show up frequently on the schedule send five players on scholarship to the team, something that would seemingly be a disadvantage to the Green Terror golfers. This difficult schedule serves as an incentive for

which helps us not get intimidated and to play well," says Head Coach Scott Moyer.

Team Captain, Diehl, a senior from Mifflinburg, PA, noted that the competitive nature of the tournaments helps his team be more re-

tational hosted by Binghamton University on September 28 and 29. This tournament included all of the top schools in District II, which runs from Maryland north through New York. The team finished third, be-

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Terrors clinch championship and playoff birth 21-3

BY JESSICA VERMILLION
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Green Terror defeated the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays 21-3, in the final game of the regular season on Saturday, November 15.

The Blue Jays were the only thing standing between WMC and a straight out Centennial Conference championship and a Division III playoff birth.

The field was in poor condition from the 4 inches of rain had fallen the night before. To say the least, as conditions worsened and the amount of pure mud increase it took its toll on the players.

Each play was a struggle, and every moment was charged with intensity and the desire to win.

Hopkins received the opening punt, and the first quarter began on what was to be a slow start. On fourth down with 7 yards to go, Hopkins senior Todd Bencivenni punted.

Only four plays later, being denied a first down, the Terrors fol-

lowed suit as freshman Steve Wilcox made a 29 yard punt which was returned for 21 yards.

As Western Maryland's defense struggled to corral the Blue Jay offense, they drove a total of 42 yards to the WMC 32 yard line.

The 32 yard field goal was entirely in Bencivenni's range.

The good field goal gave the senior 56 points on the season, enough to stay out in front of Terror place kicker Brent Sandrock.

The 3-0 Hopkins score was the first time all season that Western Maryland had ever trailed. The lead would stay intact for most of the half.

On the next possession WMC was again held to just four downs as Wilcox came on to punt for a second time.

The Terror defense began to come alive holding Hopkins to four downs as Bencivenni punted.

Junior Gavin DeFreitas carried for one yard, and sophomore quarterback Ron Sernarini connected with freshman Ryan Smith for a

gain of 7 yards.

Still, WMC could not reach a first down.

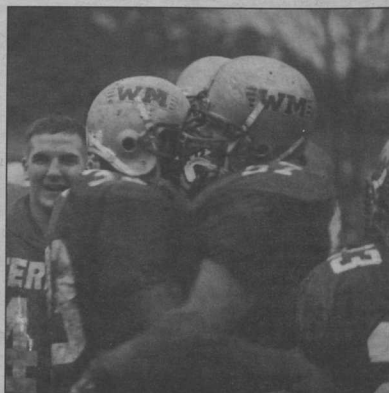
The last possession for each team at the close of the first quarter did not amount to much for either team.

The Terror defense found itself again on the opening possession of the second quarter. With the help of a 10 yard holding penalty called against Hopkins, the defense held Hopkins in check.

Sophomore Marvin Deal broke one pass, and the entire defense forced the Hopkins quarterback to overthrow his intended receiver.

After gaining one first down with the help of a fast mask violation against Hopkins, an illegal procedure penalty against the Terrors put them at first down and 15 left to go.

DeFreitas carried the ball for 12 yards earning, but the offense came up short two yards.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Two Western Maryland teammates embrace each other after defeating Johns Hopkins University in the Conference Championship game. The win also assured the Terrors a Division III playoff birth.

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JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Should WMC's Pub and Grille add alcohol to its menu?

Maryland colleges control drinking in on-campus bars

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Assistant News Editor

In an attempt to boost social atmosphere and curb drunk driving, three Maryland colleges are taking a more relaxed and less restrictive attitude toward drinking by opening alcohol-serving establishments for students of legal age to socialize and drink on campus.

Johns Hopkins University's E-Level Pub, Mount St. Mary's Pourhouse, and Salisbury State University's new Crossroads Pub are all full-functioning pubs situated right on the campuses.

"I think this is an idea we should explore," said Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs.

The idea of WMC having a monthly "Pub Night" in the Pub and Grille Restaurant was proposed at the most recent SGA meeting. "It'd be nice to start [Pub Night] early enough so it would be an all-campus event; faculty could stop by and have a beer with students," Sayre said.

If the proposal was put into effect, it wouldn't be the first time WMC's Pub served alcohol. According to Sayre, Decker College Center, which houses the Pub, was completed around 1978 when the legal drinking age in Maryland was 18. At that time, the Pub had no license to serve beer, but no hard liquor, to students of legal age.

The Pub lost its license in 1990 when Maryland's drinking age increased to 21, because the number of WMC students who could patronize the alcohol-serving Pub dropped from almost 1400 to just 300, Sayre said.

The loss in interest in the Pub was also motivated by other bars

opening up in the Westminster Area. According to Director of College Activities Mitch Alexander, with the opening of Tully's, Fiesta's Inn, and the conversion of Johanssens from a candy store to a bar, students could find plenty of places in town to drink without limitations.

Serving alcohol in the Pub was no longer lucrative, therefore couldn't be continued. To this day, a drinking establishment on the WMC campus isn't projected to bring in enough revenue to supply

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Underground fraternity pledge damages Dean's house

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre was awakened with a shock one night last month when a drunk WMC student drove into his front porch.

The student was a pledge of the underground fraternity known as Preachers and had reportedly been at an off-campus party where he participated in a hazing ritual involving large amounts of alcohol.

The fraternity lost its charter in the early 1980's "after a student was nearly killed in a similar alcohol-related hazing incident," according to a memo sent out by Sayre.

Sayre sent the memo to the campus community informing them of the incident, which occurred on October 23. He says that he issued it for two reasons. Namely, "to address the issue of alcohol abuse," particularly involving driving, and to ensure students are aware of "the status of the Preachers." He wanted to make sure students "recognize that they are not one of the sanctioned organizations."

In the memo, Sayre writes that

"my point is to remind you of the serious consequences of such irresponsible behavior, and to warn you about becoming involved with those who seemingly have little regard for common sense and safety."

Sayre was particularly anxious to ensure that the incident does not have a detrimental effect on college-sanctioned Greek organizations. "People worry about hazing," he said. "We try to deal with it within recognized Greek organizations." In these organizations he has "relative confidence that a student will have a hazing free pledging, but this is not the case with the Preachers."

The fraternity, whose official name is Delta Pi Alpha, was at one time one of the biggest and most influential at WMC. The name Preachers comes from the school's Methodist origins.

The Preachers lost their charter for eight years and in 1990 were encouraged to reapply by the college, but they chose not to do so. "We would like any organization that considers itself Greek to join the Inter Greek Council," said Sayre. He explained that he could not ban the organization from cam-

pus and students from wearing the letters Delta Pi Alpha.

"We cannot stop somebody from wearing clothing," he said. "I don't tell students who they can be friends with." However, "there is a long distance between that and saying we're going to recognize a fraternity," Sayre added.

Sayre also addressed the issue of speaking openly about alcohol abuse. "We do not try to sweep issues under the carpet," he said. In the memo he writes about the "ambitious alcohol education program," which the college has begun "in hopes of avoiding problems that have plagued campuses across the country — including ours."

He believes that "one of the ways to deal with [alcohol abuse] is to talk about it." He also asserted that most students are responsible about alcohol, "we have to recollect that most students aren't like this."

The student involved in the incident was brought before the Honor and Conduct Board where he received a number of penalties including suspension from college.

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Tuition increases less than 4% for next year

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

WMC will increase its comprehensive fee for tuition and room and board by 3.9% for the '98-'99 academic year, the seventh consecutive year the college will hold this increase of 4% or less.

"We are proud of being able to hold tuition down and maintain the quality of education and services at WMC," said President Robert H. Chambers.

Compared to some other private institutions, WMC's tuition and fees and their annual increases are much lower. Gettysburg College's comprehensive fee increased by 4.51% to \$27,468 for the '97-'98 academic year. Johns Hopkins University raised tuition and fees by less than 4% for this year, but this in-

crease reflected a tuition hike over \$1,100 from \$27,940 to \$29,055.

Chambers commented that Johns Hopkins' comprehensive fee will probably exceed \$30,000 next year.

WMC's total for tuition and room and board next year will be \$23,080, an increase of \$880.

WMC uses scholarships and financial aid to compete with institutions such as St. Mary's College and Salisbury State University, which are considerably cheaper than WMC, said Chambers. "In some cases, students might actually pay less to attend WMC than a state school."

During the early 1990's, the slow economy and annual rises in tuition and fees around 10% kept WMC's enrollment below

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U.S. students not using WMC Budapest campus

BY ARON VARGA
Contributing Writer

WMC Budapest has been in operation for four years but so far no American students have taken the opportunity to spend a semester studying there.

"We have students that are thinking about it for next semester," Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell said. She added that WMC Budapest is ready to receive and educate students from WMC.

One student who is considering the option is sophomore Sharon Klinder. "I want to have the international experience," she said. However, her primary reason for going is to do research on Raul Wallenberg, whose work was introduced in Budapest. "It is the perfect place for me," she said.

WMC Budapest currently operates with a combined sophomore and freshmen class totaling about

65 students. It offers approximately 20 courses in four majors: communication, political science, business administration, and economics, which are taught by about 15 faculty members.

"I don't think that many people know about it," sophomore Lara Henderson said. "I'd love to study abroad," she added, but unfortunately

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Consider This

Richard Smith

Even in 1997, men are still bragging about what female they have had sex with and whether it was good or not. This behavior is especially prevalent on college campuses where men and women just about live together. It is sad to see that a lot of young men just think about these women as sexual objects in the same way that they thought about them in the past, to be used solely for men's desires.

A young woman leaves her home to go to college to further educate herself. As soon as she gets to college, most of the time, this young woman like many college students, male or female, becomes very lonely and homesick. When she reaches out for friendship, what she will usually find is a young man who perpetrates friendship so that he can achieve what he really wants, sexual pleasure. Once the female opens her heart to him, and her legs as well, everything starts to go downhill from there. The young woman is used for sexual favors over and over again until the man gets tired of her. Then the young man just drops her. Leaving the woman back at that lonely state she was at before and causing her to repeat the same situation over and over again. Why do these men do that to these women? How could these men do that to women? Some women, because of the media, don't find themselves attractive physically; and the main way they build their confidence is by letting some loser of a guy exploit them, both physically and emotionally so that they can get attention and feel liked.

Another reason is because some women are just vulnerable and will listen to and believe the lies that guys tell them. There are also women who do not have any respect for themselves and who will allow guys to get all the pleasure they want out of them.

But it is not all of the women's fault; a lot of the blame is owed to men. Yes, the men, they are not innocent. These men know exactly what they are doing and they seek out and look for the vulnerable, low self-esteem female to take advantage of to partake in their nasty deeds. It is almost like a big game, of seeing how many women they can get in bed with, to these men. Then they go back to their friends and tell them about what went on during their sexual encounters. It is almost like they are keeping score between each other and who ever wins at the end of the school year gets a prize of feeling like he's something special when he is actually nothing but a womanizer. He's also a mental and emotional rapist because he uses a female in order to get what he wants when she is not in the right state of mind. He knows this so he capitalizes on this weakness much like someone who has sex with someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

What these men do not realize is that the way that they are treating these women is the same way that some guy had at one time tried to treat their mothers and/or

grandmothers. These women are the future mothers and grandmothers, but yet men still treat them as mere sexual objects with no feelings, almost to the point that they are just on this earth to satisfy the needs of men. Women are the most beautiful creatures on the face of this earth. They should be treated with the utmost honor and respect because they hold the most important roles throughout life. They are the carriers of the world's children. They nurture. They are the main care givers; and on top of that, they are the people that hold the family together. So why do women get treated the way that they do?

Today, most college aged men's minds are only in one place. They focus too hard on being a predator and using women as their prey, leaving them sad, hurt, and sometimes torn apart. Men take time to say all the right things at the right time in order to make females do exactly as they want until they, the males, tire of them. If these men would treat women with respect instead of with their penises, women would not end up with even half of the stereotypes that are given to them by those same men. Even more, men would find that they would feel much better about themselves if they take time out to see the inner beauty of a woman instead of trying to take advantage of her outer assets.

Richard Smith is the Phoenix's newest columnist.

Break Extensions

Maggie Kimura

Now is the time when the dorms close and students leave campus to spend the holidays with their families. We had our Thanksgiving Break, and soon Christmas Break will be upon us.

However, some students stayed on campus during this previous break—some for athletics, some because of travel reasons, but primarily for academic reasons.

Students in the Garden Apartments and the PA houses, if they wanted to stay over

papers, and prepare for any last minute tests or quizzes professors might give before exams.

However for the students who stay for academic reasons, especially during the Thanksgiving Break, the library, and writing labs, in fact everything on campus is closed. Not for one day, but for the entire break. These facilities open on the Sunday when all students get back.

have the option of staying, instead of making them move out for breaks, and then grant break extensions to students who don't really have the access to cook, stay, but have Glar close.

Since the PA houses and Garden Apartments are able to support students who stay over the Thanksgiving Break, it would be logical for them to have the option of staying over the break. If these students stay, and the other students

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break, also had to file a break extension. Why should students who have access to cooking facilities be forced to move out, while students, who don't have this access, can stay if granted break extensions?

Should the students in the Garden Apartments and PA houses have the option of staying over Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks, without having to file a break extension? And if they have this option, should the library, and other facilities be open, even for limited hours during Thanksgiving for students, non-PA house or Garden Apartment alike?

Break extensions are permitted for primarily academic reasons. Given that criteria, aren't all students eligible to receive a break extension? The weeks after Thanksgiving Break are especially busy since this is the time when students need to finish

Isn't this closing of the facilities ridiculous when students are allowed to stay primarily for academic reasons? If these facilities are closed, then why grant break extensions at all for Thanksgiving Break? Why close the library, Glar, and the writing labs during one break, but keep them open for another break? If this is the case, then why grant break extensions at all during the Thanksgiving holidays when everything is going to be closed?

Glar was closed during Thanksgiving Break, so wouldn't it make more sense to let the students who live in the PA houses or Garden Apartments stay when they have ready access to cooking facilities and are basically self-contained units?

It sounds logical to let these students

stayed, would it make sense also to open the writing labs, and library, even for limited hours, during and after Thanksgiving?

This editorial is not intended to advocate any particular groups of students. However, Residence Life should give more thought to the issuing of break extensions, and should think about letting the students in the PA houses and Garden Apartments have the option of staying.

How about the students who stay for academic reasons? Well, the facilities to help them should be open, even for limited hours, instead of granting the break extensions and yet, close these facilities.

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Staff Editorial: Bars on Campus

The Phoenix Editorial Board

In the 1980's WMC students could stop by the Pub on a Friday night and enjoy a beer. But this practice was discontinued when the drinking age was boosted up to 21.

Now those lucky enough to be 21 or have identification which says they are, must go off campus, while others are reduced to "chugging" a beer in their room.

The Phoenix feels that an on-campus bar would be a much safer place to consume alcohol and would improve the social life here at Western Maryland.

It is naive to think that students are not drinking alcohol and surely it is better to provide a controlled, fun environment in which they can do so.

We have had several incidents of alcohol poisoning already this semester. If students are left to drink in their rooms there is no way of monitoring how much they consume.

The argument has been given that bars in Westminster are providing students with a place to drink and socialize. *The Phoenix* would like to know exactly what establishments are being referred to.

True, "Down Under" ("Champs") has Thursday night specials but the atmosphere is

less than desirable.

The Westminster Inn is nice but out of range for many college students in both distance and in budget.

Fiestas is way out on route 140, and as for Ernie's, don't even bother.

Another issue in regard to an on-campus bar is drunk driving, a concern to many on this campus.

With "Champs" the only decent bar within walking dis-

Faculty and staff socializing in the bar with students could provide role models for responsible drinking. This would hopefully be a contrast to the drunks commonly seen in the local bars.

tance from the college, and a pretty long walk after a night drinking, students are practi-

cally encouraged to patronize drinking establishments that can only be reached by automobile. This is a formula for creating drunk driving incidents.

Although some students are responsible enough to designate a driver, not everyone does so.

Those irresponsible individuals who do not have a designated driver are forced to drive back after a night at a bar. They most likely have at least some alcohol in their systems, even if they are not technically drunk, a recipe for disaster.

One of the objections to a bar on campus is that WMC students can't handle alcohol. For example, Bonnie Bosley of Health Services believes that it would just promote alcohol use. We disagree.

The Phoenix feels that students are exposed to alcohol promotions and use every day through the mass media and through their peers. It would be a positive thing for the school to demonstrate responsible drinking.

Faculty and staff socializing in the bar with students could provide role models for responsible drinking. This would hopefully be a contrast to the drunks commonly seen in the local bars.

The Presidential Commission on Community Behavior and Alcohol Use from May, 1997 reports that 40% of WMC

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students can be classified as "light drinkers" and another third don't drink at all.

It seems that for almost three quarters of the WMC student body, an on-campus bar would be an ideal solution for the problem of what to do on a Friday or Saturday night.

Drinkers and nondrinkers alike could socialize in a non-threatening informal situation.

As for the remaining one quarter who have reported

blacking out at least once as a result of drinking, they would surely benefit from being in a situation where their drinking can be controlled.

The social pressures in an on-campus bar would help to discourage drinking to that extent.

Students are already allowed to drink at clubrooms and some forum parties, why not extend this privilege to all drinking age students and create an on-campus bar?

The Phoenix believes that providing a safe and controlled environment in which to drink is more important than pursuing a puritanistic crusade against alcohol use in any form.

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Some Helpful Hints on E-Mail Etiquette

Megan Martin

Chain letters, letters from mom, chains from Bill Gates, good luck turtles, mail from your best friend: we all know the benefits of e-mail, but does anyone stop to think about the people receiving e-mail? Letters from mom and from your best friend are great, but chain letters, urban myths, excessive forwards, and messages marked "reply all" are not.

Recently, I have noticed a rather large surplus of chain letters and other annoying pieces of junk mail, usually referred to as spam, in my inbox every time I open it.

This is mostly the result of, what I have entitled, "newbie syndrome." It occurs everywhere, not just here at Western Maryland. The main cause is a brand-spanking new e-mail address for a first time user. The symptoms are as mentioned above.

People just become overwhelmed by the power of sending messages to a faceless receiver, even though the receivers are usually our friends and family. It happens to all of us, but a lot of the "older" users have evolved into fairly responsible usage of e-mail.

Because of "newbie syndrome," forwards and chain letters pile up in my inbox everyday. It's not just me either. I have talked to numerous people, all of whom have the same complaint.

I'm not saying that I have never sent a chain letter or a forward because I have. Until last month, I sent out a lot of forwards, but then I realized just exactly how annoying they were.

Before, I was careful about who I sent forwards to, how many I sent out, and I tried to never send chain letters, especially since they are "illegal" to send according to most e-mail provid-

ers. Now, I try not to send out more than one or two a week.

E-mail has become a very popular tool. I think it is wonderful, but people need to learn to use e-mail responsibly.

First, chain letters have got to go, especially the ones that out and out state, "This is a chain letter."

Secondly, many of the chain letters I have received are for cancer research. Included in the body of the letter is the statement that the American Cancer Society will donate a certain amount of money for each person that sends the

amusing in it, cut out the parts that say this is a chain letter and you must send this on to 30,000 people.

Thirdly, forwards should only be sent to those who have not already gotten them. I find that within my different groups of friends one person will get a forward and send it to everyone in our group, and then two or three of those people will send it to the same people. It has gotten to be so ridiculous that people will send it to the person who originally sent it out in the first place.

Try setting up an e-mail tree where

sponsibly, the least you could do is be nice about it when someone asks you to stop.

E-mail is a wonderful way to keep in touch with your friends and family. I have found it to be a very useful and inexpensive tool. I am not advocating censorship in any way, here. All I am saying is use your common sense when you click that "forward" or "reply all" button. We all know they work.

Try to stay within reasonable limits when passing on forwards. Here is a hint, anywhere above seven in one week is excessive and annoying.

Chain letters should never be sent unless they are extremely amusing or edited.

Beware of urban myths. If it sounds hokey or you have seen it half a dozen times, do not send it on.

When replying to a mass forward, try not to send to everyone on the list, especially if you don't know them.

In the end, the people who receive your e-mails will be much happier and look forward to receiving more personal e-mail from you.

Because e-mail is not face to face communication, sometimes we forget that there is a receiver on the other end who can become annoyed or pleased by whatever is sent to them. Try to remember the receiver when you send e-mail to anyone on or off campus.

Parts of this article were inspired and paraphrased from: <http://ualvm.ua.edu/~crispin/>

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"People just become overwhelmed by the power of sending messages to a faceless receiver, even though the receivers are usually our friends and family."

chain letter on.

The American Cancer Society has been quoted as saying they do not support the use of chain letters and would never donate money because people send it on to others. They are pleased that people have a soft spot for cancer victims and are aware of cancer.

Judging from the number of times I have gotten the cancer chain letter, just with the names changed, people are very aware and supportive of cancer.

Somebody just made the letter up as a joke. The one about the black market kidney snatchers is also an urban myth. Also, the ones about the kids who want cards and e-mails so they can get into the Guinness Book of World Records as their dying wishes are made up, too.

If you get any of these, please do not send them on. If you want to send a chain letter on because it has something

one person only mails it to certain people. Another idea is to read the headers for e-mail addresses you recognize and e-mail often. If you see an address you recognize, do not send the message to them. If the headers are gone, then you have to use your judgment, of course.

Finally, people need to learn how to use the "reply" button. Not all that long ago, I got into a fight with friends of a friend of mine, people I did not even know, because they were replying to my friend's forwards and everyone on the original "send to" list. I got upwards of ten messages a day just from this.

One day, after two of these people got into a fight, I wrote everyone and asked them to stop it. It worked, but only after I got some replies I considered to be a bit on the nasty side. If you are not going to use the reply button re-

Hoover Computer Lab 24 Hour Opening is a Good Idea

Sarah Radice

Ahhh, the Hoover Microcomputer Lab. Such a melodious name, it falls merrily from the tongue. Just say it again, and savor the delicious feeling of pleasure. Because Director of Information Services Christine Matthews is hoping that you will be spending a lot more time there. According her, the Hoover Lab's hours will expand and it will be open 24 hours a day before May. This will undoubtedly be a great opportunity for computer-less geeks like myself to check my e-mail at two in the morning, but I have to wonder how much use the Lab will really get during the expanded hours over the course of the year. I know that around exam times it will probably be full throughout the day, but I'm not so sure how many people will be using it during the wee hours of the night (or should I say morning) during "normal" times. At a cost of \$25,000 to insure the security of the Lab and the students who will be working in it, this is no idle question.

Security is also a concern. Although I feel safe on this campus, the possibilities of

theft or crime do increase the later it gets. Key cards will be used to provide access to the Lab and fiber optic loops will be used to tie the computers together to prevent theft. This is the reason why it will take until around May to get the Lab running 24 hours a day—Matthews says that "keeping the students safe has been our top priority, and it has taken time to research the problem." Campus Safety has also had to be involved in the process, and there will be some kind of patrolling of the Labs. This is driving the cost up, but I personally think that this is a good thing, not only for the safety of the computers but for my piece of mind. I know I would feel a little bit spooky if I were sitting in the computer lab at 3 in the morning typing a paper with no one around.

Turning Hoover into an all-day computer Lab is clearly a substitute for buying more computers, which of course would necessitate a new computer lab being built or a renovation of some kind. It's a cheap way out, and I'm all for it as long as the Lab actually

gets used.

I'm no computer expert, but I have to wonder if having the computers on constantly will increase wear and tear on them and possibly result in the need for costly repairs. Matthews says that there is disagreement on the subject, but that her belief is that keeping them on all the time would be beneficial—"switching them on and off wears them out."

Matthews admits that one possible problem with the new arrangement is the fact that there will be no lab assistants during the extended nighttime hours. I agree with the reasoning behind this decision—it is being done both to save money and because it is uncertain how much use the Lab will get during those times—but the thought of being alone with a malfunctioning computer sends chills down my spine. I suspect that many others who lack technical computer knowledge would feel the same way. Therefore, I think the installation of some sort of hot line or emergency phone for tech support should be

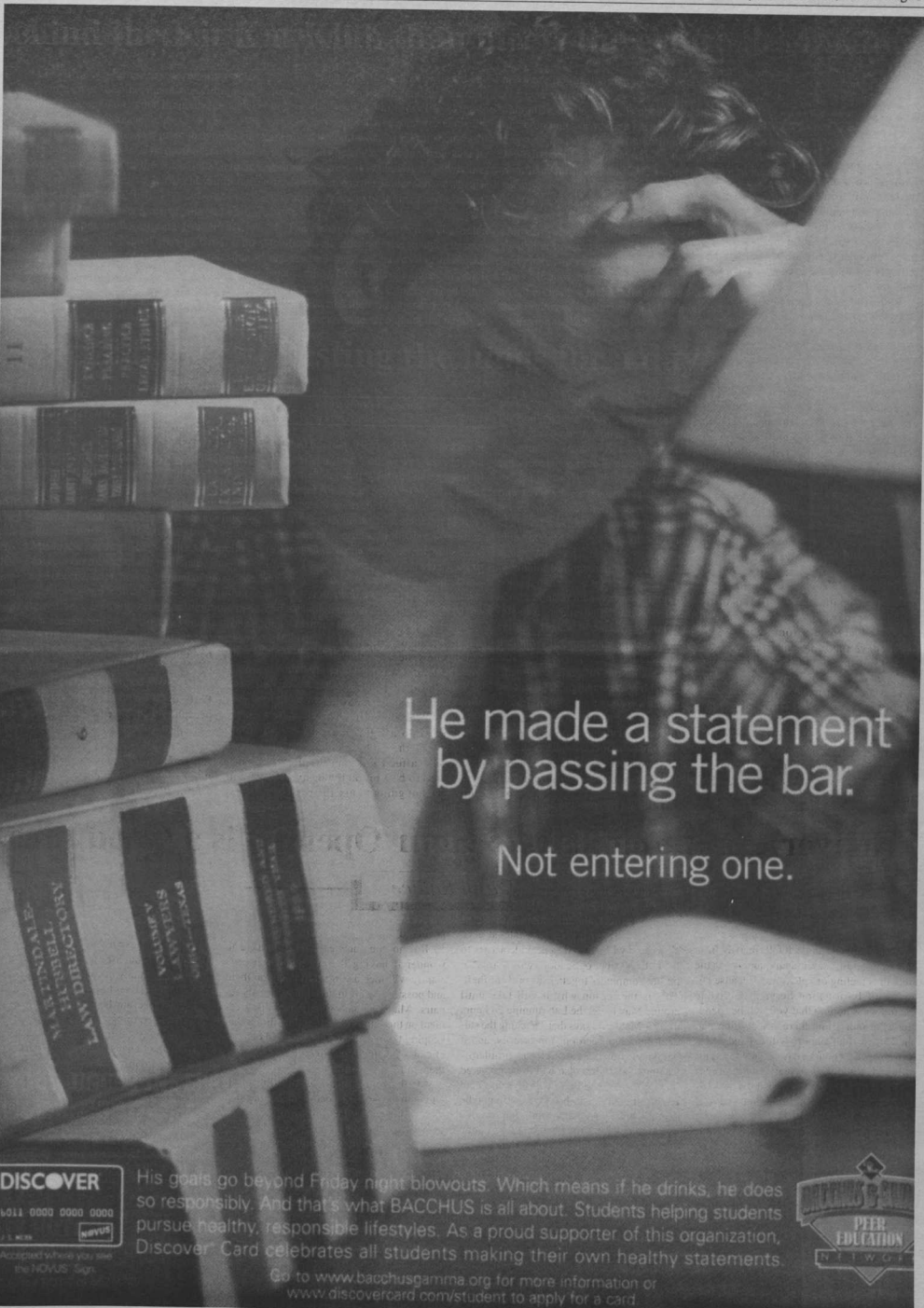
considered.

I think that expanding the Lab hours will probably turn out to be a good thing. Hoover Lab can definitely become a little bit crazy when many classes have papers and projects are due at once, and being open all day would help to space things out and insure access for everybody. But, it remains to be seen whether the Lab gets enough use during the other times to justify the expense of keeping it open around the clock.

The Maggie-Denham West Lab has also opened up for general use by students, and I think this will help a lot. I think that part of the problem with crowding in the Hoover Lab is due to the fact that a lot of students don't seem to know about the other labs available, such as the ones in Hill Hall and Lewis Hall of Science.

Increased student awareness and use might also alleviate the need for Hoover Lab to be open all day.

It's a big experiment, folks, and it's coming soon to a computer lab near you.



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Honors speaker addresses issue of world refugee crisis

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
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Anne Willem Bijleveld, regional representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) spoke at the annual Honors Program lecture on Thursday, December 4.

Bijleveld has dedicated his life to providing humanitarian relief for refugees. In his speech, which was held in McDaniel Lounge, he discussed some of the issues facing refugees, while encouraging WMC students to become involved with the problem.

"Today we're dealing with 22 million people of concern," said Bijleveld as he discussed the scope of the problem. One of the key factors causing an increase in the number of refugees is the increase in democracy across the globe. Although the spread of democracy is beneficial, there are currently 35 civil wars going on around the world according to Bijleveld.

Bijleveld's mission is to help individuals who suddenly find themselves in a war-torn country and decide to flee. In his speech, Bijleveld discussed the problem in finding a place for the refugees to go. "Fifteen years ago the refugee camps were accepted as a safe haven for people. Now the camps are being attacked and refugees are being killed," he said.

In some cases, this ends up leading a refugee to return to their homeland because they "have to go back if they want to stay alive," according to Bijleveld.

Bijleveld also discussed the problem of

statelessness in his lecture. This occurs when refugees find themselves without a nationality because of the breakup of their homeland. Bijleveld sees this as a very serious problem because "hundreds of thousands of people find themselves without a nationality."

In the middle of his speech, Bijleveld introduced Joanna Ritcey-Donohue, vice-president of USA for UNHCR. Ritcey-Donohue spoke about her role in the organization and the horror stories she often hears. "You have many a nightmare when you read and hear stories about these refugees," she said.

Bijleveld told the 100 people in attendance that there are no easy answers to the refugee problem. "In the world of today there are no more easy answers, there are no more solutions," he said. Bijleveld then told the students, "I shove the ball into your court," encouraging them to become involved.

A question-answer period followed Bijleveld's speech. The lecture lasted for about an hour. WMC President Robert Chambers introduced Bijleveld. After the lecture, Chambers shared his impression of the speech. "It was fantastic, an eye-opener. I think we saw two people here we've never encountered," he said.

Senior Valerie Kann is currently enrolled in the honors senior seminar which deals with immigration. "It was good to hear someone who had personal experience as a culmination to our class," she said.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

United Nations High Commissioner Anne Willem Bijleveld presents President Robert Chambers with a copy of his latest book about the refugee crisis.

Honors Program Director Nancy Palmer was impressed with the speech because it "raised an intellectual and humanitarian issue."

Palmer also feels that involvement with the refugee problem can provide students with an ideal way to impact the world. "Students are eager to go out into the world and act on impulses to change the world and make it a better place. He provided an opportunity to do that," she said.

According to President Chambers, part of the reason Bijleveld gave the lecture was to get two or three students interested in the refugee problem. "This is a marvelously interesting time to be involved with international relations," said Chambers.

Any students interested in becoming involved should contact Joanna Ritcey-Donohue at (202) 296-1155 or the UNHCR home page at www.usaforunhcr.org.

On-campus bars

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alcohol and keep itself open, Alexander said.

In order to make enough money, the college would have to do promotions and happy hours to bring in drinkers, but a "Drink Till You Drop" night isn't exactly compatible with the responsible drinking attitude the school tries to teach, Alexander said.

According to a report in the November 10 edition of the *Baltimore Sun*, the other Maryland schools have become "deliberately - and unapologetically - wet," so that students can enjoy beer, food, and entertainment without having to venture off-campus and risk possible drunk driving accidents.

Health Education Coordinator Bonnie

Bosley disagrees with citing fewer drunk driving incidents as justification for on-campus drinking establishments. "If people are going to be irresponsible, they'll be irresponsible on campus or off campus," she said.

Alexander said he wishes that a regular pub would work here again. On a personal level, he said it's "always nice to have a place for people to kick back." But professionally, Alexander recognizes that a pub wouldn't be a lucrative venture, and eligible students would see it as too limited to patronize it regularly.

WMC's pub originally made a lot of money, according to Alexander, going through almost eight kegs of beer a night.

But when furniture started being destroyed and the atmosphere got a little out of hand, the pub started enforcing a limit and cutting students off after a certain number of drinks, Alexander said.

Bosley said that having an on-campus pub would be "a mistake, because it gives a conflicting message." She believes that such an establishment would just promote alcohol use, which is "not why we're here."

Bosley also wonders whether it is just the alcohol or whether the hours and entertainment make these pubs so popular. She said that WMC's own "dry" Pub has become a lot more popular now that the hours have been extended.

She is also against the idea because she said alcohol isn't necessary in order to relax or have an atmosphere of school spirit.

However, "84% of WMC students believe that alcohol plays a 'role or significant role' in social life," according to a May 1997 report from the Presidential Commission on Community Behavior and Alcohol Use.

Another concern of Bosley's is how alcohol usage would be monitored. She believes that most college campuses have no drinkers in the "happy medium;" they either don't use alcohol at all or are binge drinkers.

However, the report from the Presidential Commission on Alcohol Use, of which Dean Sayre is chairman, reflects a different drinking atmosphere at WMC.

The report says that although "alcohol does play a large part in social life at Western Maryland College, the vast majority of students drink in moderation and responsibly." A survey showed that almost one-third of students at WMC drink rarely or abstain altogether, and 40% are classified as "light drinkers."

In response to the report, Sayre decided

that the best way to deal with campus alcohol problems wasn't to "clamp down" with policies, but focus on education and "lighten up" on drinking sanctions where there is no damage involved.

According to Sayre, the combination of providing more alcohol-free social events for abstaining students and events that stress responsible drinking for those who choose to use alcohol "would fit in with the spirit of this report."

It is still possible for campus organizations to sponsor events with alcohol at WMC. If a group wants the privilege of serving alcohol, they must fill out an Alcohol Beverage Request form and submit it to the College Activities Office.

Signing the form means that the organization agrees to the school's regulations governing alcohol use. These rules include no alcoholic beverages leaving the approved area of the event, alcohol only being served by a college approved server, and that only students able to prove that they are 21 years of age or older may be served any alcohol.

The organization must pay for all the alcohol and other supplies it requests, but everything is coordinated and provided by College Activities. According to Alexander, the total cost of such an event is about \$150, including a half-keg or two depending on how many people attend, cups, and servers.

Forum parties and Homecoming events are examples Alexander gave of typical alcohol activities. CAPBoard-sponsored comedians, magicians, and singers also sometimes include alcohol.

Alexander stressed that although beer is served, it is not intended to be the focus of the event, and said that it's "no different than having decorations at a party."

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Tuition increase

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capacity, said Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance. In 1992, WMC incorporated into its strategic plan a policy to keep yearly increases in tuition and fees at 4% or less. Seidel added, "High tuition hikes don't raise revenue, attracting students and filling empty beds [raises revenue]."

"When the economy is strong," said Chambers, "a lot of parents can afford to send their children to an independent college." This factor, along with financial aid and comparatively lower tuition, has increased enrollment close to capacity, Chambers added.

For several years now, WMC has announced tuition and fee increases for the following year during the fall semester. Seidel said this offers enrolled students' families an advanced opportunity to plan their finances for next year and informs prospective students about WMC's expenses while they are still in the decision-making process.

The Campus Budget Committee, comprised of seven administrators and three faculty members, develops the figures for WMC's tuition and fees and presents them to the Board of Trustees, which approved next year's comprehensive fee increase on November 9.

Combined tuition and room and board fees for recent years and their percentage increases over the previous year's total

'93-'94	\$18,990	3.88%
'94-'95	\$19,750	4%
'95-'96	\$20,655	3.92%
'96-'97	\$21,490	3.99%
'97-'98	\$22,200	3.3%
'98-'99	\$23,080	3.9%

Assistant Director of Annual Giving leaves WMC

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

After two and a half years as Assistant Director of Annual Giving, Vanessa Berger resigned from her position last month.

Berger accepted a position with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as manager of its Annual Fund with the responsibility of directing a fund-raising team expected to raise \$5 million. "It's a little overwhelming to move from a goal of \$1 million to \$5 million," said Berger, "but I'm looking forward to it."

"It was a hard decision to make," she said. "I feel like I've grown up here. I've learned a lot."

During her time here, Berger made many changes to the Annual Fund. She increased the number of volunteers involved with Fund's Class Agent Campaign and the amount of direct contact they have with the people they solicit.

The Phone Center's managers now handle more of the paper work involved with the Annual Fund. Berger added assistant managers to the Phone Center's staff to help the managers and student callers.

In addition, Berger added the

"Greek Challenge" to Senior Pride, the senior class's fund-raising campaign to buy a gift for the college. The Greek organization with the most participation in Senior Pride receives an award.

"Berger did an outstanding job while she was here," said Rev. Mark Lancaster, director of Annual Giving. "She is already missed."

Kelly Foley, a phone center manager, said that Berger was "great to work with. She expected a lot from us in the Phone Center, but she kept things on a personal level."

A 1994 of the University of Maryland at Baltimore County, Berger completed an MS in Educational Administration at Western Maryland. She said she plans to be active in WMC's Alumni Association.

Berger will remain the Phi Mu Sorority's Chapter Advisor.

Lancaster said he has assumed Berger's responsibilities since her resignation. A search committee is currently reviewing applications for the vacant position. Lancaster said he expects the new Assistant Director of Annual Giving to assume the position in January.



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Vanessa Berger leaves WMC to join the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Jan Term provides unique study opportunity

Early next year several WMC students will compare Hollywood's fictional version of life behind bars and the real thing.

Professor Lauren Dundes' course, "Correctional Facilities: Fact and Fiction," which will take students inside some of Maryland's toughest prisons, is just one of the not-so-ordinary classes offered during the January term.

A unique part of the WMC curriculum, the JanTerm has been offered since 1969. Students are able to take courses that focus on creativity and cultivate their special interests, according to Barbara

Horneff, the associate dean of Academic Affairs and director of the JanTerm program.

"It's a different kind of learning," she said, noting JanTerm courses thrive in implementing various techniques of teaching as opposed to straight lecturing. Many classes introduce books, movies, trips, or special projects to provoke learning. This learn-by-doing approach sparks enthusiasm in students, Horneff said.

"So many times I hear students say 'I love this class because I get to work in small groups' or they get to go on field trips," she continued.

Faculty members use creative means even when attempting to pick an appropriate title. Titles such as "Sex, Death, and Fly Fishing," a course on fly tying and casting, entice students to take the imaginative courses.

"Students gain a different appreciation for both content and the professors," Horneff continued. "They also gain new found respect for professors because so many teach outside of their own discipline."

Alex Ober, for instance, who annually teaches his literary class, "The Chronicles of Narnia," is a

professor of exercise science and physical education. He is an avid C.S. Lewis fan, according to other faculty members.

"Narnia," "America's Game: Baseball," an in-depth look at the game's past and present, and the term's new Internet courses are just a few of the many courses that are already filled.

"I am excited that students are taking a more educational approach to JanTerm this year," Horneff said. "The Internet courses are ones which students will be able to apply later."

Courtesy of Public Information

Students and faculty compete in Sekon Anyule Spelin Be

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

While most people rely upon spell check and a dictionary, some use their minds and show it by participating in a spelling bee contest.

At the Sekon Anyule Spelin Be — which means Second Annual Spelling Bee — on November 11, two WMC-based teams participated. And one of them took first place.

The "Think Dangerously Wordsmiths," the WMC Class of 2000, competed along with eight other Carroll County teams sponsored by local businesses. Both WMC teams participated last year as well.

Four WMC faculty/administrators of the Wordsmiths team were first round winners. They include Martha O'Connell, dean of admis-

sions; Nancy Palmer, honors program director; Jan Coleman, institutional research analyst; and Stephanie DeSanctis, an admissions counselor.

The words they had to spell included: mimicry, disperse, disguise, shroud, chenille, polarizable, pacificistically, and tercentenary.

Three sophomores representing the Class of 2000 team did not place at the contest held in Wilhelm Caterers in Westminster. Those students are Dave Meckley, Matt Gribbin, and Emily Murphy.

The words they spelled included: omission, retina, foreground, sedition, cauterize, paleontology, and seersucker.

Even though the Class of 2000 team has not won the spelling bee for the past two years, they plan to keep trying as long as Mills' properties remains their sponsor.

Meckley summarized his team's intentions in a few sentences.

"We are not really about winning. We are showing up, doing our best, and giving to the community. It's a lot of fun and it's worthwhile. Hopefully next year we will win so that college students can beat college professors and local businesses, but that is not the ultimate goal."

The event is a fund raiser for the Literacy Council of Carroll County. Proceeds benefit an estimated 28,000 county residents in need of literacy programs, according to the event pamphlet.

Nationally, one of every five people is unable to read at the fourth grade "functional reading" level, according to Terry Toney, chair of the Sekon Anyule Spelin Be committee.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

WMC students David Meckley, Emily Murphy, and Matt Gribbin make up one of this year's WMC Spelling Bee teams. This is the second time these students have competed in the contest.

WMC Budapest study abroad program

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nately she would have difficulties choosing courses at WMC Budapest.

O'Connell admitted that in general students are under-informed about the program. "We have to be more creative about it," she said. She explained that the reason students are unaware of the opportunity is that in the first phase of the program the college was busy bringing students from Budapest to Westminster. Now that things are established here they can start sending American students to Hungary.

"Last year we made a very big push" for the Budapest program and "we were very disappointed that nobody took our offer," Provost Joan Coley said. However, if students are still not aware of this option, "then it is our fault. We should be promoting it more."

"You can always do more. You can always push it more," said Director of Study Abroad Program Martine Motard-Noar. The reason for lack of interest in the Budapest program is that it is still new and "there is no word of mouth" about it. Also, there is a general feeling that it is too expensive, although this is not true, she explained.

WMC Budapest is "by far the least expensive" study abroad option at WMC and the only one "where full financial aid would transfer," Motard-Noar said. The only additional costs compared to staying in Westminster are a plane ticket and some pocket money.

Students who start their college studies in Budapest complete two years or less before coming to Westminster. Consequently, the courses that are offered in Hungary are generally freshmen and sophomore classes so juniors and seniors have a hard time finding courses, O'Connell said. But there are probably some courses already available for them and the Budapest program is working hard to add to its offerings.

Junior Craig Nagy of Ohio spent his first two college years at WMC Budapest, staying with his wife who was already attending medical school in the city. "I enjoyed [it] when I was over there. I think it is a wonderful experience," he said. It was interesting to learn from Hungarian and British professors, Nagy explained. He said he would encourage WMC students to go.

However, Nagy had some difficulties while studying at WMC Budapest. He thought there was no sense of community, mainly because there was no real campus in Budapest. He also felt that there was a lack



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Provost Joan Coley and WMC Budapest Director Gabor Drexler pose for a picture at Budapest Castle.

of communication between the two campuses, which he thinks is a key to the program's success. "Students had no idea what was going on on the main campus," Nagy commented.

O'Connell said they try very hard to keep in touch with Budapest as best they can but it is difficult because WMC Budapest is independent.

The final objective of the Budapest program is to establish not only a student exchange where WMC Budapest students can come to Westminster and American students can go to Budapest but also an exchange between the professors of the two faculties, O'Connell explained.

To start the faculty exchange program they would like to have one WMC professor go to Budapest and one WMC Budapest professor come to Westminster, Provost Coley said, but not until the next academic year.

"I had thought about teaching in Europe. I'd be interested," said Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics Michael Panunto. He thinks study abroad programs are a good idea because it is interesting to meet peoples of different cultures. "I wish I had been able to do it," he commented.

O'Connell feels that the advantages of a program like WMC Budapest are that it brings diversity to the college and it provides a relatively inexpensive opportunity for WMC students to study abroad.

Scrooge comes to the Hill

Legend has it that three ghosts haunt Alumni Hall. Although no one is sure if the theatre building is truly haunted there definitely will be four ghosts roaming the stage this Christmas season.

The quartet, including three holiday spirits and one miserable apparition of Jacob Marley, will join Scrooge, Tiny Tim and many others when Theatre on the Hill, a professional company in residence at the College, presents its adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale, "A Christmas Carol" from December 18-21.

"It's a pleasure to be able to bring the community one of the season's most popular stories of all time," said Ira Domser, associate professor of theatre arts and the show's producer/director. "It's just not Christmas until you hear Tiny Tim say, 'God bless us, every one.'"

The holiday production features several past and present Theatre on the Hill performers, as well as some WMC theatre students and local children. Ray Ficca, who has appeared in several of the company's summer shows, including "Greater Tuna," "My Fair Lady," "Noises Off," "Barnum," and "Lend

Me a Tenor", takes the lead as the miserly-turned-charitable Scrooge. Also in the cast are company veterans Dara Breitkopf Manheim ("Bedroom Farce"), "Camelot" and "Ruthless!") and Dallas Munger ("Camelot", "Barnum" and "The Tortoise and the Hare"). WMC students in the production are Roxann Ingram, Elton Keith and Erin Owen.

Kimberly Pitrzella of Westminster will make her company debut as Tiny Tim. Other area children include Andrew Johnson and Matt Shilman, both of Westminster; Alyssa Al-Dookhi of Uniontown; Laura Erikson and Alyssa Ray, both of Hampstead; Janna Ridenour of Mt. Airy; Joshua Welsh of New Windsor; and Heather Zukowski of Finksburg.

Performances of "A Christmas Carol" will be held Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$8 for all seats. For tickets or more information call the WMC box office at (410) 857-2448.

Courtesy of Public Information

Honor and conduct board

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Tuesday, November 11, 1997, involving a student charged with violating the college's policies on destruction of property, endangering the health and safety of others, and drinking underage.

The student was found responsible for all charges and was suspended from the College for the Fall 1997 semester and the 1998 January Term.

The student is also required to enroll in an alcohol treatment program, pay restitution for damages, write a reaction about the consequences of alcohol consumption due to peer pressure, and losing parking privileges through the Fall 1998 semester.

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•On 11/21 at 2:34 a.m. in BWH Greek Letter organization were documented for prescriptions of conduct.

•On 11/23 at 9:04 a.m. in ANW DoCS responded and took a report for malicious destruction of property due to graffiti damage in the stairwell.

•On 11/23 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library DoCS responded and took a report from a student for theft of personal items.

•On 11/23 at 6:30 p.m. in Englar Dining Hall DoCS responded and took a report from a student for theft of personal items.

•On 11/24 at 12:27 p.m. in the Tower Parking Lot DoCS responded and took a report from a student for damage done to his/her vehicle.

•On 11/24 at 12:12 a.m. in Rouzer DoCS took a report for harassment from an employee.

•On 11/24 at 10:50 p.m. DoCS escorted a disorderly nonstudent from college prop-

erty for trespassing.

•On 11/30 at 2:24 a.m. in Decker DoCS responded and took a report for breaking, entering and theft from a college office.

•On 11/30 at 3:00 p.m. in McD DoCS was notified by a student and responded to a malfunctioning fire alarm.

•On 12/2 at 8:17 p.m. in PELC DoCS responded, evaluated and treated a student for an injury.

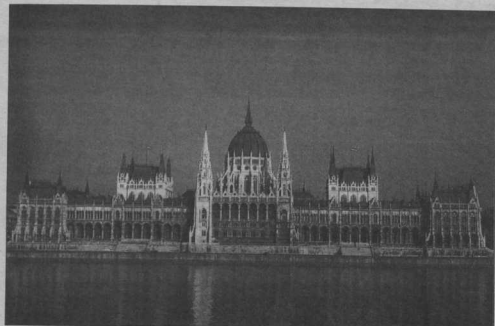
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•On 12/3 at 2:36 p.m. in Library DoCS responded and took a report from Library personnel for a theft of equipment.

•On 12/3 at 8:30 p.m. in Dining Hall DoCS responded and took a report from an employee for theft of a personal item.

•On 12/3 at 9:42 p.m. in Rouzer DoCS responded, evaluated and treated an ill student.

•On 12/3 at 8:30 p.m. in Decker DoCS responded and took a report from a student for property damage for a broken window.



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WMC's Budapest campus is situated in Hungary's capital city. American students studying in the city will be able to see sites such as the Parliament building on the Danube river.

Trashed and Resurrected

by Mike Puskar, Art Editor



The Phoenix staff would like to thank everybody who participated in its "Design a Masthead" Contest. Though many of the entries were excellent, the Phoenix staff felt they were too elaborate for a newspaper masthead; in other words, the staff was looking for something simple. This splash-page exhibits most of the entries.

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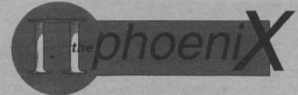
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WMC honors December graduates for the first time

Recognition reception to be held at the President's house during finals week

BY TONI RANDLE
Contributing Writer

What will you be doing on the Friday of exam week? If you are a December graduate, you will be attending the first Western Maryland College December graduate recognition reception, to be held at the president's house.

Presently, there is no graduation ceremony held for those students who are eligible to receive degrees in December. Typically, these students can either wait to walk with the class graduating in the spring, or they simply have their college degree mailed to them.

There are currently 43 students listed on this year's December graduation list. Carol Arrieta, of the registrar's office, guesses that the final number will drop to approximately 30-35 students.

She notes that some students will need another semester to earn credits for graduation and therefore carry over to next May, or next year. She says that other students may not even realize that they are on the December graduation list.

Number of December Graduates is Growing

Registrar records show that the number of December graduates has been increasing every year from 18 in December 1993, to 21 in 1994, to 23 in 1995, to 30 in 1996.

Another fact to consider is the increase in college enrollment over the years. This year, WMC admitted its largest freshman class, 512 new students (both part-time and full-time), compared to only 258 new students in the fall of 1993.

Arrieta predicts that the December graduate number will rise due to this dramatic enrollment increase. She also points out that

with the four-credit system, some students are finding that they can graduate in three-and-a-half years. However, these results will not be seen for a couple of years because the entering class of 1995 is the first class to follow this new system in its entirety.

Barbara Horneff, dean of first year students, said holding a December graduation ceremony raises a number of questions.

These include, when would a ceremony be held? How quickly could results turn around to report who graduates? How many faculty would be required to be involved (obviously a procession would not be available)? And finally, how many December graduates have come back in May for commencement

institutions contacted provide only a May commencement. The eighth institution, Gettysburg College, which has 2,211 students, does hold a "December Recognition Ceremony".

Sherry Hefflin, of Gettysburg College's president's office, said that an invitation is issued to December graduates and their families. At Gettysburg, December graduate numbers have averaged between 20 and 30 students a year.

Hefflin reports that a small service is held in the auditorium in which the president, provost, and dean each make a few remarks. Then the dean asks each student to stand, and a few words are said about the individual.

takes, it is so worth it."

First-ever Inquiry into a December Graduation

The next step at WMC is to take the idea to the provost, Joan Coley. She said she is more than open to the December graduation idea, and that it is certainly worth discussing.

She remarked, "Run it up the flagpole and see if anyone salutes." Coley admitted that a December ceremony has never been held because no one has ever asked. At least until now.

The idea and proposal of using Gettysburg College's December Recognition Ceremony as a framework for a future WMC December ceremony was added to the agenda and discussed at the Administrative Council meeting on November 3.

Members of the Administrative Council represent all facets of the WMC community. At the November meeting the council decided that a recognition for those graduating in December is a good idea.

In an attempt to trial-run the idea, President Chambers has proposed a wine and cheese reception for students and their parents at his house.

He noted that the May commencement takes an entire year to plan, therefore, planning something as grandiose in one month is out of the question.

Invitations to the casual reception are being sent to the parents of all December graduates.

Attendance at the reception will determine whether or not the administration will spend the upcoming year to plan for a more significant December 1998 reception and ceremony. The 1997 ceremony and reception will take place on December 19 at 5 p.m. at the president's house.

"Run it up the flagpole and see if anyone salutes"

Provost Joan Coley on the idea of a December graduation ceremony.

in past years?

She added that honor societies, clubs, and leadership awards cannot be overlooked. Despite the working out of details, Horneff said, "I think it's a great idea. I think about all the people missed. It's a great way of closure for three and a half or four and a half years whatever time you have spent here."

Carol Arrieta has no record of the number of people who have returned in past years to walk in May. The only record is the dialogue read at commencement which is thrown away after the ceremony. But she thinks the number of December graduates returning for commencement to be low.

Gettysburg College Ceremony Could Provide a Framework

Calls to several colleges, including Dickinson, Washington, Mount St. Mary's, and Swarthmore, reveal that seven of the eight

The ceremony is followed by a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception in the art gallery, Hefflin said.

Gettysburg holds their recognition ceremony at the end of finals week. This is convenient since most parents and family are there to pack up their students at this time.

The December Recognition Ceremony does not necessarily mean that all of the students are graduating. Final exams and marks are pending.

But Hefflin notes that this has yet to be a problem for Gettysburg. By the time finals roll around, most students know if they are graduating or not. Not one student has come to the ceremony that did not graduate that December, said Hefflin.

Students are also invited back to commencement in May where they will then receive their degrees and any other honors or awards. Hefflin said, "For the little effort it

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Alien resurrection serves effectively

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Art Editor

Torn over how to destroy the queen-child ready to hatch from her breast, Lieutenant Ellen Ripley stood sweating at the edge of a fiery bath. To save mankind as she knew it, she leapt into the basin. The beast thrust its head through the heroine, screeching in the agony of its species' doom.

Ironically, the death of Ripley in *Alien*—which was meant to bring finality to the *Alien* film franchise—incited a desire in fans for more. Yet, the domestic gross of \$56 million and this death of its protagonist allowed for no sensible way to produce a fourth installment in the franchise; or so many thought.

Many fans, probably unaware of the delicacies of writing, believed it would be easy to bring Ripley back—they suggested making the third movie a dream sequence. Yet, industry heads and writers felt this would be a cop-out, one that would totally undermine the purpose *Alien*' in the first place.

So, after much deliberation, a story popped up that would seemingly serve as a prologue in a sort of second trilogy (the movie's conclusion with the arrival at Earth supports such).

With the lack of favorite characters, such as Bishop and Hicks and the fact that the setting is now 200 years after *Alien*, the story allows the writers to start anew, and even reshape Ripley's character.

As the naive scientists had cloned beasts in *Jurassic Park*, the same occurs in *Alien Resurrection*, the fourth film in the series. Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) returns in the tradition of what *Alien*'s Bishop had first planned—to clone beasts, the aliens, for medical purposes.

Her clone has now become part alien, with its acidic blood and superhuman endurance.

Using her internal struggle of man versus beast, depth is added to Ripley's personality and emotional response, which is the move that has made this movie successful.

Whereas most action flicks are all spectacle and very little substance, *Resurrection* has both—the spectacles are all there (like its awesome underwater scene of alien swimmers), and affective content exists.

Though the story does take place 200 years after *Alien*, its plot is not a cheap jump through time. The writers make sure that previous attempts at cloning existed.

As Number 8, Ripley is only one in a line of genetic mishaps. Fortunately, she has gained biological advantages from the alien DNA, but her sisters aren't so lucky.

When she and her new comrades (e.g., Ron Perlman, Winona



Winona Ryder as an android and Ron Perlman as a pirate come face to face with the alien nemesis in *Resurrection*, the latest in the series of *Alien* movies.

Ryder) search for a safe way to reach the Betty, a ship at bay in the space station, they stumble across a room labeled "7+1."

Ripley opens it to find her sisters—the first seven attempts at

This may be a perverted analogy in that the Newborn bites off the heads of several characters, but it nonetheless helps the viewer relate to Ripley's situation.

Finally, there is the emotionally

The gleam in its eye, as it cocks its head, gives it the look of a guileless puppy.

Thus, viewers are as torn as Ripley is.

She sees an innocent child, her child, reacting out of instinct, not evil, yet she knows its capabilities of destroying human civilization.

When Ripley finally does initiate the creature's demise, the audience must sit through minutes of seeing it suffer, the camera sadistically cutting back and forth between different views of the torment.

In this duration, the creature screeches in agony, a screech that sounds like a child calling "Mama!"

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cloning—stored in formaldehyde, either twistedly human or horrifyingly alien in appearance.

The characters learn, however, that one is still alive, writhing in agony with tubes inserted throughout her body.

The scene becomes powerful when the malformed seventh clone asks Ripley to play Kevorkian.

The clone's pain, as well as Ripley's empathy, tend to tear at the heart of the viewers.

They know that their heroine is all at once healthy, dying, and dead. The emotion is further fed by rogue Perlman's ignorance of this.

The only scenes that tug similarly at the emotions are those of the Newborn—a hybrid creature born of the queen alien with a skull and breasts that resemble those of a human and the overall body of an alien.

Upon finding herself in the queen's nest, the walls of which are layered with cocooned people, Ripley is in full-view of the Newborn's birth, and its rending the queen asunder.

Ripley is then approached by the infant alien, that is full-grown, and it snuggles with her as if she were its mother.

The emotional power of this scene exists in the reflection of human birth. Many mothers can say that there's nothing more special than giving birth to a child and then holding it for the first time.

Festival to celebrate holidays

Religious groups unite to light candles

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Members of several different religions will light candles at the Festival of Lights on Dec. 12 to celebrate their group's holiday.

The Black Tradition, Buddhism, Baha'i, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, will be represented, according to Mark Lancaster, the Western Maryland College coordinator of religious life.

"While we all need to worship our traditions, we have a need to share what we have in common," said Lancaster. "Anything we do in college builds in students that we are different and there is beauty in it. But we are very much alike."

Each religious group celebrates its holiday in a different way, said Lancaster, but they are all alike in that a flame is used during their services.

Lancaster noted that the Native American tradition won't be portrayed. "I hesitate to represent for somebody their tradition," he said. "It seems false to me."

The Festival of Lights will be held in Baker Memorial Chapel. At 7 p.m. the audience will have an opportunity to sing carols. At 7:30 the college choir and Westminster choir will perform and the religious ceremonies will be held. At 8:30 Eric Byrd will play piano at a reception in Ensor lounge.

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More lies behind the Kit Kat Klub than meets the eye

BY KATE HAMPSON
News Editor

There was a Cabaret, and there was a Master of Ceremonies, and there was a city called Berlin in a country called Germany.

"It was the end of the world..." When American writer Clifford Bradshaw (Mark Resch) arrives in Berlin in 1930, he finds a society in the midst of an economic depression, politically dissatisfied, and uncertain of the future. A meeting with Ernst Ludwig (Dan Franko), a small time smuggler, opens the doors to the Kit Kat Klub, a place where Germans can forget their troubles for a time and enjoy the Cabaret.

This club is the main setting of the musi-

ed Milliner. Later, the developing anti-Semitism of the other characters culminates into a hatred so great that Fraulein Schneider breaks off the engagement.

Cabaret provides far more than mere entertainment. It is an eye-opening portrayal of the infiltration of the Nazis into German society, designed to leave the audience shocked and disturbed.

The characters represent a broad spectrum of positions, ranging from Ernst, a member of the Nazi Party, to Cliff, who leaves the country disgusted with the situation. These extremes encompass characters such as Sally, who ignores the situation, unable to see how it can possibly affect herself. Her selfish desire to achieve fame as a

The chemistry between Townsend and Resch is not compelling, and it is hard to believe that they are in love. The scene in which Cliff and Sally become romantically involved is confusing. At first it seems as if Cliff admits he is gay, yet a minute later he embraces Sally. It is unclear as to whether this is a mistake in the production, or whether it is an inference to his hidden homosexuality.

The Cabaret acts are well orchestrated to effectively illustrate the changes in society. At first they are bawdy but harmless, such as the "Two Ladies" number in which Gross and two dancers, Erin Owen and Elton Keith, describe their menage-a-trois.

However, in the second act the numbers

are more politically charged. "If you could see her," performed by Gross and recent alumnus Chester Stacy, is about the Master of Ceremonies' love for a gorilla. The end of the song reveals the gorilla to represent the Jewish people, demonstrating how anti-Semitism infiltrated all aspects of German society.

The production is well performed and the singing and dancing are generally of a high caliber. *Cabaret* is an enjoyable show, although at times it could use more charisma and energy to capture the audiences' affections. It does, however, succeed in portraying the chaos which confronted the world during the rise of Nazism and the emotional confusion faced by society.

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cal *Cabaret*, recently brought to Alumni Hall by WMC Theatre. Cliff becomes entangled in the lives of the club's rather shady customers as he falls in love with the British starlet Sally Bowles (Megan Townsend).

The story of their relationship is punctuated with various show routines by the Master of Ceremonies (James Gross) and the Kit Kat Klub Dancers. Gross has a dominating stage presence which captures the attention of the audience. With his clown-like makeup and exaggerated gestures, the Master of Ceremonies provides an ironic commentary on the state of society, which borders on the grotesque.

As the musical progresses, the influence of the Nazi party over the German people is more apparent. Cliff's landlady, Fraulein Schneider (Kim Hall), becomes engaged to Herr Schulz, a Jewish greengrocer played by

performer leaves her oblivious to the threatening political climate.

Another character who refuses to accept reality is Herr Schultz. In spite of the difficulties he is already facing, he cannot imagine the horrific affects of this hatred. Milliner's portrayal of Schultz's bumbling naivete is chilling to the audience who, unlike the character, knows the end of the story. Townsend's small build and childlike appearance are well suited for the ironic innocence of Sally. Her singing voice is strong and in spite of a wavering British accent, she shows promise in her first main WMC Theatre role.

Resch, a seasoned WMC performer, is very believable as a struggling writer, disturbed and confused as he watches events, which he is powerless to stop, unfold before him.

Resting the lungs for a day

BY NIKKI KASSOLES
Assistant Features Editor

On Thursday, November 20, smokers at Western Maryland College were asked to put away their cigarettes for the day as part of The Great American Smoke-Out which featured events sponsored by Substance Free.

"To get people to stop smoking for one day," was the purpose of the day, according to Dana Jacobson, president of Substance Free. Three different events were held to encourage students to abstain from smoking. A t-shirt swap, a cigarette butt cleanup, and a candlelight ceremony highlighted the day's activities.

Outside of Glar, between the lunch and dinner hours, Substance Free set up a table at which individuals were invited to receive a Great American Smoke-Out tee-shirt one of three ways: by turning in a tee-shirt with a cigarette logo or design, by turning in a pack of cigarettes, or by donating \$3 to the American Cancer Society. According to Jacobson, all 50 of the tee-shirts were gone by the time the swap ended.

The next event was a cigarette butt cleanup. About 20-25 students helped to

pickup all of the cigarette butts left lying on Red Square. One penny from each of the cigarette butts collected was donated to the American Cancer Society. Jacobson said that Substance Free is planning to put all of the butts in a jar to let WMC students guess how many were collected. Jacobson was surprised how many butts were in Red Square. "I myself was totally surprised; nobody in our club thought we would collect nearly that many," she said.

Senior biology major, Sarah Chenoweth, collected the most butts at the event. It took her an hour to amass almost a zip-lock bag full of cigarette butts. "It was interesting because I knew just where to go [to pick up the butts] because you always walk by the areas where people are smoking," she said. Chenoweth chose to participate in the event because "I thought it was a good message and a good thing to be involved with."

The Great American Smoke-Out at WMC culminated in a candlelight vigil entitled "Light a Candle Not a Cigarette." The candles were lighted in memory of those who have died of lung cancer. As each candle was

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Celebrating storytelling

BY SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Little Red Riding Hood. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. What person does not remember with fondness the excitement and wonder of being told stories as a child? Yet, it was not always the story itself that made the experience fun, but rather the skill of the storyteller.

Interest in honing that skill was what took 15 WMC graduate students to Gettysburg, PA. on November 22 to participate in Tellabration '97. The storytelling event was held in and sponsored by The Center/El Centro community education and cultural facility, and was promoted by the National Storytelling Association.

The WMC students were all members of the Art of Storytelling class. They presented stories especially for preschoolers and their families as well as stories for all ages. Special presentations included Greg Allison's performance of Laura Krauss Melmed's *The Rainbabies* in American Sign Language, interpreted by Beth Ann Momm. There were also presentations by local youth.

"I love it!" exclaimed Joanna Hay in de-

scribing the Art of Storytelling class she teaches. The Art of Storytelling class began in 1993, when Dr. Montgomery decided to reintroduce the class after it had not been taught for several years due to lack of student interest.

The goal of the class sounds deceptively simple: to teach students how to tell stories. Yet, "there is a lot of work involved in being a good storyteller," Hay said. Students learn to select reasonable stories for telling, the process of story learning, and presentation techniques, such as how to relate to an audience, and how to make a story entertaining.

Although storytelling can be a subjective art, Hay said she grades students on "concrete things such as use of voice, gestures, body language and story delivery in order to give them feedback." Many students are either teachers or are graduate students studying education or library studies.

While audience turnout for Tellabration '97 was not what was hoped for, public reaction was favorable. "I wasn't surprised, because storytelling just hadn't been presented in the area before," commented Hay. But she added that the overall experience was very positive.

60 Seconds

What are your tips for fellow classmates on how to study for and handle the stress of exams?

BY JESSIE WATTS
Photographer/Staff Writer



"Don't stress out, it's not worth it. Study, but don't burn yourself out."

Sandra Mendes '98
Communication/Art History

"Just chill."
Richard Hamilton '98
Communication

"Drink lots of coke, sleep well, and don't go psychotic."
Maggie Kimura '99
History



"Budget time between exams. Don't cram, it doesn't work. Make a review sheet."

Kevin Sayer '00
Business Administration



"Have sex all week-end."
Ahsan Latif '99
Business Administration/Economics

"Make sure you've read the material; review your notes and old tests. Flash cards or note cards really work."
Mary Cannon '98
Biology/Biochemistry



Gearing up for semester's end

Smith House and organizations help to ease exam stress

BY NICKI BELANGER
Senior Writer

It's that time of year again. The stockings are hung by the chimney, the malls are packed with shoppers, and students are pulling their hair out over term papers and final exams.

"Strain, or pressure," is the definition of stress according to Webster's Dictionary. Students at Western Maryland College feel this strain and pressure increasing during these final two weeks of the semester.

Not only is there holiday shopping to somehow get accomplished, but also an onslaught of papers, oral presentations, and final exams to struggle through. It's enough to turn anybody into a Scrooge.

Most everyone has felt the effects of stress: nervousness, burned out, fatigue, inability to function properly.

"We see a lot more generalized illnesses, like sore throats and upper respiratory illnesses at this time," said Dana Plevyak, RN at Smith House.

When the body is under stress,

agement tips and studying skills, as can the 504 office, the academic skills center.

"Most of the time we know these things, but we don't always do them," Glore said, citing common sense approaches as the best way to deal with stress. "This is a tough time of year to deal with stress," she added.

Next semester she plans on helping people look at stress, study skills, motivation, and ways to improve techniques for dealing with stress throughout the semester so people aren't panicked at the end when finals are looming near.

"There isn't much that's going to help you if you haven't done the work in the classes until the last minute," Glore warns.

Student organizations, such as sororities, also help students deal with their stress. Alpha Nu Omega holds a study break for members to feast on pizza and hot chocolate and to be loud during quiet hours.

"It's a chance to get out of our rooms for an hour," Karen Williams, president, said. They also have "secret Santas" and exchange small gifts for each other, revealing their identities at a party the

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the immune system is run down. Many students also pull all-nighters, grabbing junk food from the vending machines, and sitting for long periods of time, which runs down their bodies even more. Plevyak and other medical professionals at Smith House treat the symptoms first and give their patients advice on dealing with the stress, emphasizing the need to rest and eat properly.

There are other school officials who can help students deal with stress during exam week. Susan Glore, director of counseling services, has several pamphlets telling students what stress is and tips on how to manage it.

Glore also plans on providing a relaxation program for students in Whiteford Hall soon. Small groups can come into her office to ask for help in relaxation techniques.

She can also provide time man-

Sunday before exams.

"We have a holiday party with our advisor to have fun one last time before exam week," said Amanda Hofstetter, president of Phi Mu. They also hold a study break to get together during exam week.

Most students who were asked about their ways of dealing with stress laughed at the idea of being able to deal with it.

"I don't really deal with it. I just struggle through it," said senior, Debbie Bosley.

Another senior, Mark Resch, said that he doesn't deal with stress either. "My freshman year I was stressed out. Now I just do everything I can to stay calm," he said.

Junior Debbie Ott said that she tells herself this stress is nothing compared to the stress she deals with during the holidays. "I exercise a lot more," junior Jen Whelen

added.

It is important for students to remember that there are ways of dealing with stress and people who can help. And most important, that exams will be over soon.

Tips from Professors:

"Start studying for finals two weeks before finals."

- LeRoy Panek, professor of English

"Take a break from studying and exercise, like taking a walk. Eat right and avoid sugar, which will only make you more tired."

- Carole Molloy, exercise science and physical education lecturer

"Divide studying into small intervals. Look at exams as fun and challenging. Get plenty of rest and stay in an optimistic frame of mind."

- Ronald Miller, associate professor of theater arts

"Don't put it off till the last minute. Try to eat and get some sleep before you take the test. If a student thinks he or she is in a bind, try to meet with the professor beforehand."

- David Heflocker, professor of chemistry

"There's no substitute for starting early. Try to be well-organized. Plan on spending a set amount of time studying for each subject and taking a break in between sessions."

- Margaret Boudreaux, associate professor of music

The Great American Smoke Out

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lighted, a statistic about the effect of cigarette smoking was read. Substance Free member, Stacy Dobres, was disappointed that only about a dozen people attended this event. "I was hoping there would be a better turnout," she said.

However, Jacobson views the day as a success. "I think it was

effective. Several people turned in cigarettes, and if we can get one more person to stop smoking for a day, then we've done good."

The Great American Smoke-out raised some concerns about the littering of cigarette butts.

According to Aaron Corbett, SGA Vice-President, the SGA has discussed getting canisters for cigarette butts.

rette butts.

The issue has been discussed in the All College Council and at a recent faculty meeting.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice-president of the college, is now looking at different types of canisters to purchase for the school. Seidel adds that the issue of banning cigarette smoking in Red Square is also being addressed.

Lapato on District Academic All-America team for second straight year

WMC junior Tom Lapato, of Mount Airy, MD, has been selected to the GTE Academic All-America College Division II football team, announced on Monday, November 17 by district coordinator Bob

Sheve, Sports Information Director at Gannon University.

The district selection made by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) from Dela-

ware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, enables Lapato to move into the national balloting with the student athletes picked from CoSIDA's seven other districts.

The recognition is the second in a row for Lapato, one of four repeaters from the 1996 district squad.

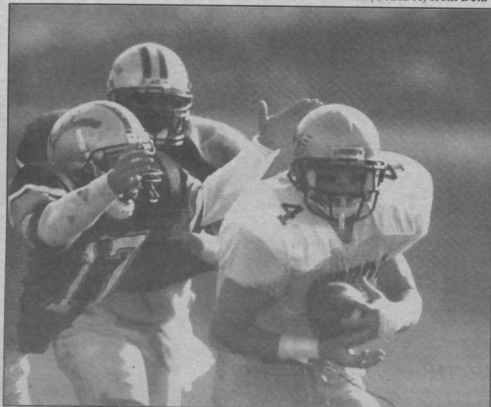
The College Division includes National Collegiate Athletic Association Divisions II and III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Lapato garnered one of the four spots for defensive backs on the district team as a mathematics and computer science major with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

The starting strong safety for Green Terror made 46 tackles to finish fourth on the team and tied for second on the squad in pass breakups with five. He also forced a fumble and recovered two others.

A Dean's List student with highest honors in all four semesters thus far, Lapato also was named to the Centennial Conference (CC) football Academic Honor Roll each of the past two years.

He also earned a spot on the All-Centennial Conference second team, which was announced Wednesday, November 19.



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Junior strong safety Tom Lapato carries the ball down the field, escaping the grasps of opposing teammates during a 1997 Centennial Conference game. Lapato had 46 total tackles.

Men swimming well, women fighting for air

BY CAROLYN BARNES
Sports Editor

Swimming at Western Maryland has been balanced so far this season, with the men having a fair season, while the women have yet to win.

The men's team opened its 97-98 dual-meet season with a 106-89 win at Susquehanna Saturday, November 15.

The men were paced by Chris Drawbaugh and Aaron Corbett. Drawbaugh won the 200 and 500-yard freestyle events, while Corbett touched first in the 100 free and 200 individual medley.

Drawbaugh also swam a leg on the victorious 400 medley relay to open the meet, while Corbett added a fourth-place effort in the 100 backstroke.

WMC then lost a match to Franklin and Marshall 106-73, but went on to beat Albright 63-32.

Saturday, December 6, the men competed against Swarthmore.

Junior Aron Berenyi won two events, but it was not enough to prevent Swarthmore's 55.5-35.5 win in a Centennial Conference men's swimming meet at Harlow Natatorium.

Berenyi captured the 50-yard freestyle in 22.92 seconds and the 100-free in 49.53 seconds.

Freshman Chris Clemmens was the only other Western Maryland individual winner, placing first in the 11-yard backstroke.

The women were handed their first defeat by Susquehanna on November 15 by 112-84 to earn the Crusader's a split for the meet overall.

Sophomore Barkley Dameron had individual wins in the 50 and 100 free for the Terror women, in addition to being a member of the first-place 200 free relay unit.

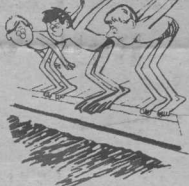
The women lost two more games. First, they lost to Franklin and Marshall 118-74. The second of the two was a 76-18 loss to Albright.

Swarthmore swept the December 6 meet against the Green Terror as the women swimmers also lost by a score of 62-29.

Sophomore Barkley Dameron won the 100-yard freestyle in 58.60 seconds while freshman Kara Wnukowski came in second in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100 breaststroke.

The Green Terror men are now 2-2, while the women are 0-4.

Courtesy of Sports Information



Wrestlers place in top ten in last two tournaments

BY CAROLYN BARNES
Sports Editor

Western Maryland placed fourth out of ten teams at the King's College Monarch Invitational on Saturday, November 15.

The Green Terror combined 62 team points to finish behind champion Elizabethtown (103.5) and runner-up Messiah (90).

Freshman 126-pounder Rodney Stine, junior 134-pounder John Wert and senior 142-pounder Steve Smiddy were the top placemen for WMC, all coming in third.

Green Terror sophomore Charlie Conaway earned fourth place at 167.

Saturday, December 6, the team placed tenth in the 28th annual Jerry Petroses Invitational held at Lebanon Valley College.

A runner-up effort by John Wert led the team to their victory.

Wert, the sixth seed in the 134-pound weight class, won three decisions to reach the championship round.

In the title bout, he was pinned in the second period by Messiah's Mike Gaugler, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Senior captain Steve Smiddy placed fourth at 142 and freshman heavyweight Brian Jones sixth for Western Maryland.

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run in the first four minutes and 20 seconds of the second half, which gave WMC its biggest lead at 55-33. The senior had nine points and one assist in the rally.

Mary Washington fueled a comeback attempt, which saw the Eagles pull to within 74-70 with 2:43 remaining.

After Mary Washington trimmed the lead to four, sophomore forward Karl Friedheim had five points in an 8-0 Green Terror spurt. Friedheim posted career highs of 16 points and 14 rebounds for his first career double-double.

A 3-1 start for WMC matches the best start since the 91-92 season.

Three days later on December 4, the men fell to Randolph Macon 84-77 in a non-conference game.

WMC trailed 38-33 at halftime, but rebounded to take lead at 43-42. The Terror pushed its advantage to 51-48, but Randolph-Macon responded with a 14-2 run for a 62-53 lead.

Marshall topped WMC and all scorers with 35 points, while Brian Billman contributed 19. The Terror also shot the ball well, hitting 55.2 percent from the field (32 of 58) and 90 percent from the foul line (9 of 10).

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Women's basketball team undefeated in 97-98 season

Men's team also looks promising; begins season with 3-2 record

By CAROLYN BARNES
Sports Editor

Starting off the season for Western Maryland, the women's basketball team seems to be taking after the 1997 football players as they currently compete with a 5-0 record. The men, on the other hand, are playing about .500 basketball.

On Friday, November 21, the Green Terror ladies traveled to York, Pennsylvania to start off their season competing in the York College Lady Spartan Tournament. Western Maryland won the tournament beating William Paterson 77-75 in overtime and York 67-63.

Graduate student Erin Murphy was named the tournament Most Valuable Player and Katie Haley earned All-Tournament honors.

Hale also posted game highs of 24 points and 16 rebounds to lead

Western Maryland over Ursinus 74-59 in the Centennial Conference opener for both teams.

Haley compiled 18 points and 12 rebounds in the final 20 minutes, as WMC rallied from a 35-28 deficit early in the second half. The Green Terror took the lead for good at 42-21 on two free throws by sophomore guard Dena Morgan, part of a 14-2 Western Maryland run.

Murphy added 16 points for WMC, which outrebounded Ursinus 47-29. The Green Terror, which won despite committing 36 turnovers, is 3-0 for the first time since the 1993-94 season.

The lady Green Terror's continued on their spree of victories as junior forward Kathi Snyder made eight consecutive shots from the field on her way to a season-high 22 points to lead WMC over the College of Notre Dame 92-51 in a non-conference game. Sixty-one of the 92 points scored by the Ter-

ror were scored in the second half. Snyder hit her first four attempts in the first half and her first four after the intermission. She finished nine-of-12 from the field, made all four of her free throw tries, and also posted game highs of 11 rebounds and four assists.

Haley, topped Western Maryland with 23 points, while freshman center Jill Ibbex had her first double-double for the Green Terror with 12 points and 10 rebounds off the bench.

Again, upping their undefeated record to 5-0, WMC beat York College 81-69 on December 6 in a non-conference game.

Forward Haley led the team with 18 points and guard Murphy followed with 14.

Haley, and junior center Michele Jarman keyed a 25-2 WMC run which extended over both halves. York tied 28-23 after a Tina Litz jumper with 4:20 left in the first half. The Green Terror then

scored 14 of the last 16 points before the intermission, and the first 11 in the second half for a 48-30 advantage. In the decisive stretch, Haley and Jarman each had seven points.

In addition to leading all scorers, Haley grabbed six rebounds, handed out six assists and made five steals. Murphy, a senior who went seven-of-nine from the field, also contributed five rebounds and four steals.

This is the first time the Green Terror Ladies have been 5-0 since the 1989-90 season.

Hosting their leadoff game with a WMC/Converse tip-off tournament played on November 21. Placing second in the tournament, WMC beat Felician 87-79 in the first round while losing an extremely close competition to Virginia Wesleyan 82-80 in the Championship Round.

On November 25, senior for-

ward Will Marshall posted game highs of 23 points and 11 rebounds to lead WMC past St. Mary's 76-64 in a non-conference game.

Marshall's effort included an 11-of-12 performance from the free line. Junior guard Brian Tombs added 15 points for the Green Terror, which also received 13 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots from sophomore forward Karl Friedheim.

WMC upped it's record to 2-1. The advantage in having twice played a factor in the Green Terror grabbing a 44-26 halftime lead over the Seahawks, who were in their season opener.

The men increased their record to 3-1 on Monday, December 1. Forward Marshall scored a season-high 29 points to lead WMC to an 85-74 non-conference win over Mary Washington.

Marshall keyed a 19-8 WMC

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Western Maryland places 15 on All-Conference football team

Sophomore quarterback Ron Sermarini is Offensive Player of the Year

WMC quarterback Ron Sermarini of Toms River, New Jersey, was selected as the Centennial Conference (CC) Offensive Player of the Year in balloting conducted by the conference's eight head coaches.

Sermarini headed a list of 15 players from the conference champion and undefeated Green Terror named to the All-CC team, announced Monday, November 17. Along with Player of the Year honor, the sophomore was picked

as the first-team quarterback. He was the All-CC second-team pick as a freshman last season.

The Green Terror signalcaller threw for 18 touchdowns this year, a school record which surpassed the 17 tossed by Brian Van Deusen in both 1993 and 1994. He also ran for five six-pointers this season, tying Van Deusen's 1995 school record of 23 touchdowns responsible for. Sermarini completed 135 of 204 attempts for 1,675 yards, and threw just three interceptions.

Joining Sermarini on the first-team offense were junior guard Ryan Hines of Monrovia, MD, and junior tackle Mat Mathias of Westminster. It was the first all-conference selection for both linemen.

Representing Western Maryland on the first-team defense are senior tackle Justin Lavis of Columbia, MD, sophomore tackle Zach Galemore of Spring Grove, PA, sophomore inside linebacker Tommy Selecky of Claymont, DE, and sophomore Marvin Deal of New Carrolltown, MD. Deal made the first team as both a defensive back and a kick returner.

Lavis made his third consecutive appearance on the All-CC team after earning second-team

status in both 1995 and 1996. This season, he tied for second on the team in sacks with 4.5, had ten total tackles for loss, and 37 stops overall.

Lavis also grabbed an interception and broke up three more pass attempts.

Galemore ended the regular season with 49 total tackles, 11 of them for losses, and four pass breakups. All of those figures were good for third place on the team. Selecky topped the team in total tackles with 77, tackles for loss with 19 and sacks with 8.5. He also recorded an interception and four pass breakups. Both Galemore and Selecky earned their first All-CC selections.

From his cornerback spot, Deal made 26 tackles, three interceptions and five breakups. He also set school single-season records for the number of punt returns with 42 and punt-return yards with 591. The yardage figure and the 14.1-yard average per return are new conference highs.

Deal was an All-CC honorable-mention defensive back in 1996.

On the second team offense for the Green Terror were junior running back Gavin DeFreitas of Seabrook, MD, senior wide re-

ceiver Donte Abron of Baltimore, and freshman kicker Brent Sandrock of Pittsburgh, PA.

DeFreitas, who received his first All-CC recognition, was WMC's top rusher with 955 yards and nine touchdowns on 225 carries. He also led the receivers with 29 catches, including one for a touchdown, and 313 yards. With 60 points scored, DeFreitas also finished first on the team in scoring.

Abron became a three-time All-CC performer, after earning a first-team spot last year and a second-team nod in 1995. This year, he made just 14 receptions but six of them resulted in touchdowns. The catches totaled 290 yards, and he added 159 more and touchdown on four kickoff returns.

Sandrock set a WMC mark for extra points in a season with 33, making his last 26 in a row and missing just five. He added seven field goals in 11 attempts for 54 points, second on the team behind DeFreitas.

WMC players on the second-team defense, all of whom gained their first All-Conference honor, were freshman nose guard Kevin Kramer of Port Charles, FA., junior inside linebacker Joey Gar-

rison of Clarksville, MD, sophomore cornerback Anthony Burgos of Wyandanch, NY, junior strong safety Tom Lapato of Mount Airy, MD, and sophomore punter Bob Spruill of Silver Spring, MD.

Kramer, who missed the final two regular-season games with a knee injury, was second behind Selecky in sacks with six and tackles for loss with 13. He finished with 30 total tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Garrison was the runner-up in total tackles with 68, of which eight resulted in losses. He also forced a fumble and broke up a pass.

Burgos was WMC's leader in pass breakups with six. He also grabbed three interceptions, recovered two fumbles, blocked an extra point, and made 29 tackles.

Lapato tied for second in pass breakups with five, and finished fourth in total tackles with 46. He also pounced on two opponents' fumbles, and had seven tackles for loss.

Spruill averaged 40.5 yards per punt in 25 kicks. He missed tying the school's single-season record for average by just one-tenth of a yard.

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Sophomore quarterback Ron Sermarini



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Accidents plague holiday season

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Managing Editor

This year's winter break was marred by three severe car accidents involving WMC students.

The first of the tragic events occurred on December 13, just before finals week, when freshman Kimberly Charlesworth was a vic-

tim of a car accident in Prince George's County.

Charlesworth was rushed to Prince George's Medical Center, and is now recovering at University Hospital's Shock Trauma ward in Baltimore.

Less than a week later on December 19, Martin Oswiecimka was involved in a fatal automobile accident. Oswiecimka, originally from Westminster, was killed while driving home from his job at Sears in Cranberry Mall in the early hours of Friday morning.

According to Don Schumaker, associate director of Public Information, the crash was truly an accident, and didn't involve any other cars. Schumaker also stressed that alcohol played no part in the crash.

Junior Cate Trego was severely injured in a car accident on the evening of January 16 while driving home from North Carolina. The

car in which Trego was a passenger hydroplaned on a puddle of water and careened into a guard rail. The driver was not seriously injured.

Trego was immediately taken to Duke Medical Center in Durham, NC, where she remains in treatment but is no longer in the Intensive Care Unit.

Within a week of the accident she underwent three surgeries to mend internal injuries.

Trego's roommate, Junior Crystal Zagorny, said that although weak, Trego is trying to keep in high spirits and be positive."

There are plans to transport Trego from Duke Medical Center to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore by the end of the week. However, she will be spending the rest of the Spring 1998 semester in recovery and plans to return to WMC next fall.

Phoenix updated

BY ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

Major changes are being made at *The Phoenix*, with a new masthead and a new editor-in-chief, it seems *The Phoenix* is gearing up for the 21st century.

The Phoenix's new editor-in-chief, sophomore Kate Hampson, is looking to continue the changes that began with the new masthead, introduced last December, in an effort to further update *The Phoenix*. "I want to get *The Phoenix* ready for the 21st century," said Hampson, who also has plans for an online edition which will be launched later in the semester. Other superficial changes, such as changing fonts and moving the editorial section further back in the paper, will be made as the semester progresses. "The paper had a pretty old fashioned look," Hampson said. "We want to make it more modern."

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Guatemala tragedy raises study abroad concerns

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

The WMC community is surely aware of the tragic rape and robbery in Guatemala that recently affected 13 students and three staff members from St. Mary's College. Many may be wondering if this will have any impact on WMC's Jan Term trips and study abroad programs.

In the late 1980's, WMC sponsored a series of Jan Term study tours to Mexico and Guatemala which were incident-free, said Dr. Martine Motard-Noar, WMC's director of Studies Abroad.

Likewise, St. Mary's professors and students did not encounter any problems during the college's three previous anthropological study trips to the Central American country. However, reports of rape, robberies, and kidnappings involving U.S. citizens in Guatemala have increased in recent years, according to the State Department which has warned travelers to Guatemala about such incidents.

"The incident that occurred in Guatemala would affect my decision to study abroad if I wanted to study in Latin American," said sophomore Spanish minor Jason Valentine. "I'd feel safer going to Spain, which is less prone to such problems."

However, tragedies like the one

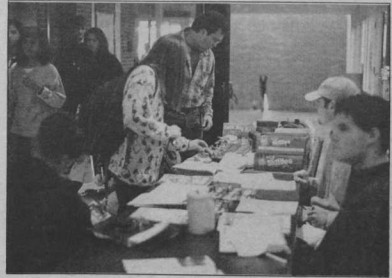
in Guatemala are not limited to any specific region of the world. "Random acts of violence can happen anywhere at anytime," said Motard-Noar. "There is no absolutely safe place."

Motard-Noar said she will spend more time researching programs in "unsafe" countries if any future students express a desire to study there.

Since WMC students study abroad through other school's programs, Motard-Noar said that if a school believes that living in a certain country may place students in potentially harmful situations, then the school would cancel the program. "This acts as an additional safety-net," she added.

Traditionally, most WMC students choose programs in Western Europe, Australia, and Mexico; however, in recent years a few students have studied in Thailand and Chile. Currently, three WMC students are studying in Spain, England, and Ireland, and several students have recently returned to campus from college-sponsored trips to Europe and the Bahamas.

Prior to all departures for a semester abroad, Motard-Noar addresses cross-cultural awareness to students. However, she stressed there is no way to prepare students for the terrible incident that occurred in Guatemala.



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

Students are often attracted to the free gifts offered by credit companies. Representatives are regularly seen at WMC enticing new card holders.

Credit card debts trap college students

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

For most students, college is a time to learn something. And for some, the subject is debt. Not the debt you learn about in an economics class, but credit card debt. Lots of it.

Credit cards are easy to get, easy to use, and — as many find out the hard way — easy to abuse. In fact, credit card debt can be an enormous problem for college students.

"The credit card companies lure you in," said Robert Watts, a Towson University graduate of 1995.

He recalls when he got his first credit card.

"I was walking through the lobby of the student union and some guy yelled out 'Hey, you want a free Snickers bar? Just fill this form out.'"

As most any college student would, he took the free food and signed up for a Visa card.

Credit card companies also target students in less conspicuous

ways, noted Kim Martins, a junior commuter student at WMC.

"When I go to the bookstore and buy something, there are all these little papers in the bottom of the bag," she said. These, of course, are credit card applications.

Once they have the cards, students find that using them is as easy as saying "charge it."

"It's convenient," said Martins. "I don't have to worry about going to the bank to get money all the time."

For others, it is easier to throw a piece of plastic on the counter than to give cold hard cash.

"It might be harder to pay \$50 than to use a credit card. You don't feel the effect as much," said Laura Olsen, a junior at University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

"When I pay cash I feel it." A WMC junior who wishes to remain anonymous said that at one point he had four cards and "charged every credit card up to the max and even beyond."

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College students saddled with credit card debt

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His total debt reached \$8,500 before he decided to cancel the accounts on all of them. "I am not ashamed to admit it," he said. "I am ashamed that I did it."

This student got one of his cards the same way Watts did: From a representative in the student center who was giving out free stuff to people who signed for a card. In his case, it was a Discover card.

"It was a free gift," said the student. "I figured, let's see if I can get another credit card. I don't remember what the free gift was. Maybe candy."

Yet, Mitch Montagna, spokesman for AT&T Universal Card Program, a company that issues MasterCard and Visas, claimed that, "No one thinks that a frisbee or toy would necessarily incentivize anybody to get a credit card. It is just a way of getting attention in a crowded and noisy environment in a student union."

Now the unidentified WMC student is trying to pay off his debt and has found it to be a slow process.

"For the past three years all I have done is pay off credit cards," he said. His balance is now down to about \$7,300, he said.

He has paid about \$2,000 so far. But most of that was for interest alone, not the principal, he acknowledged.

The problem is that the minimum payment for each bill is almost as high as the interest rate charged for the month, he ex-

plained. So, in essence, his monthly payments barely touch the principle.

"How am I going to pay that off?" he asked himself. "I don't know. I really don't know."

American Express tries to make sure students know what they are up against before they are given a card, said Monica Beaupre, the assistant manager of communications.

"When students apply, we make available a wide array of brochures, pamphlets so that we are sure they are aware of how to stay in good credit," she said.

Obviously, the best thing to do is not get debt in the first place.

MasterCard sponsors a Web page called Credit Talk that people can access for suggestions on how to prevent credit card debt. The address is www.credittalk.com.

"Don't spend more money than you can afford to pay back," is their first budgeting tip. "Just figure out your expenses and plan a budget."

Once a student builds up that much debt, some turn for help off-campus. One option is Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a community service, non-profit organization that offers assistance to people in Maryland and Delaware.

CCCS has three goals, explained Linus Campbell, the director of education and marketing. 1) Offer education programs to the public relating to money management and budgeting, as well as answering consumer credit questions. 2) Give free, confidential, and non-judgmental counseling services to the public. 3) Help the public with its formal debt repayment program. For example, CCCS contacts the creditors and requests a reduction in payment.

Their centralized appointment line phone number is 1-800-642-CCCS.

Campbell added, "We do see college students all the time but it is not overwhelming. Most students go to mom and dad."

For example, Olsen's parents pay her credit card bills and they will continue to do so until she is out of school, she said.

"I don't see the effects of going to restaurants and buying gas. But I never shop. I never spend money except for food and gas," she said. "I am very conservative about it."

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NATHAN BIRDSALL

WMC students using the Hoover lab will soon be able to work at the computer at all hours.

Hoover lab to open 24 hours

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

WMC students will have 24-hour access to Hoover Library's computer lab later this semester.

These plans were finalized last semester, said Christine Mathews, director of Information Services.

All that remains is the installation of the lab's new security measures.

Edward Fell, director of Facilities Planning and Capital Improvements, is currently negotiating a contract with Honeywell to install the new system.

Fell expects that the installation will be completed by Spring Break.

When Hoover Library is not open, students will use key cards to access the lab through the side door in the library's vestibule.

The library's architect designed the building this way so that students can enter the lab when the library is closed, said David Neikirk, Hoover Library's director.

To further ensure security, the key card system will be linked to a computer which will maintain a log of who accesses the lab, said Mathews.

No student aids will be scheduled to work in the lab past midnight.

"The lack of staffing [past midnight] will not be an insurmountable problem," said Mathews.

"Students would rather have access to the lab even if no one is there to staff it."

The lab's machines will be further secured, and an alarm system will connect the lab to Campus Safety "to be sure students are absolutely safe," added Mathews.

Some students, like senior Michelle Marrero, have concerns about working in the lab into the early morning hours.

"I'd feel more comfortable working late in the lab if other students were around," said Marrero, "but after I'm finished my work, I will call Campus Safety to walk me back to my room."

Many students are glad that the Hoover lab will be open 24 hours a day.

Senior Sara Beth Reyburn said, "I have two senior-semester to write this semester, and I know I'll be in the lab well past midnight several times to get my papers finished."

According to Mathews, the Hoover lab will remain open 24 hours a day while students are on campus. Lab hours will be reduced when classes are not in session.

Honor and Conduct Board

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Thursday, December 11, 1997, involving two students.

One student was charged with and found responsible for failing to comply with previous sanctions, disorderly and indecent conduct, and violating the college's policy on alcohol.

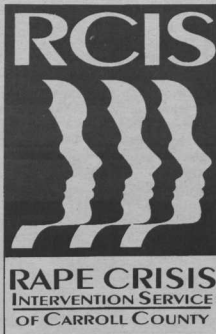
The student was suspended from the College through the end of the Spring 1998 semester, restricted from entering the residence halls in the future, and required to participate in an intensive alcohol treatment program off campus.

The other student was charged with and found responsible for falsifying information to Campus Safety and intentionally obstructing an investigation.

As a result, the student was required to submit an apology to Campus Safety and placed on disciplinary probation through the end of the Fall 1998 semester.

The Honor and Conduct adjudicated another case on Friday, December 12, 1997, involving one student charged with endangering the health and safety of others, disorderly conduct and violating the college's policy on alcohol.

The student was found responsible for all charges, relocated to another residence hall and placed on conduct and alcohol probation through the end of the Spring 1999 semester. The charges in this case were overturned upon appeal.



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Hoover and Carroll County libraries CLiP together

BY RICHARD HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Users of Hoover Library, Carroll Community College, and Carroll County public libraries are in for a treat.

The computerized reference systems of these libraries will eventually link, resulting in a speedy retrieval of widespread information.

"I only see good things happening," said Christine Mathews, director of Information Services, explaining that the merge will enable WMC students to see what is also available at Carroll County public libraries and Carroll Community College's library through just one terminal.

In addition, community college and public library patrons at all eight branches will be able to view Hoover's holdings as well as each other's.

The three libraries formed CLiP, the Carroll Library Partnership, not only to better serve the WMC and Carroll County communities but to save on finances. "We can buy one single hardware unit for all three libraries and share the cost," said Mathews.

Currently, each library has its own IBM RISC 600 hardware unit. However, CLiP plans to get rid of these individual units and replace them with a single upgraded IBM RISC 600 model. The new unit will be housed at the Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) headquarters office in Westminster.

Another reason to replace the hardware is that the present models are incapable of running the latest versions of software. "The hardware is at the end of its lifetime," Mathews said.

David Neikirk, director of Hoover Library, agrees. "We need to modify now," he said.

Hoover's computer terminals, which do not have enough memory or speed, have been in use since 1991. "We will move from a text-style system to a multimedia environment, to go into the multimedia on-line interactive world," said Neikirk.

A new Netscape system, complete with a graphic interface, will replace the text interface. Also, Netscape will enable users to click on commands with a mouse instead of pressing keys.

However, Hoover Library's acquisition of these Netscape terminals will take time. Neikirk said that Netscape P.C.s will replace the old terminals "bit by bit" and not all at once. The policy in this case is driven by cost," Neikirk explained.

Funding must be provided to ensure CLiP's success. Carroll Community College (CCC) and CCPL must go to the county government for financial support, whereas Hoover Library must appeal to WMC for a budget increase. Neikirk said he will know later this semester whether or not Hoover's request is granted.

Mathews estimates the cost of the new system, including the pur-

chasing and maintenance of the hardware and the software's licensing and maintenance, will total \$200,000.

She adds, however, that CCPL will finance the largest chunk, whereas WMC will pay the medium percentage. CCC, the smallest entity, will contribute the least.

Reactions to CLiP's proposition were favorable. "That's cool," said junior Stephanie Kairis. "It'll be nice to see if books and journals are at the public library or community college right away."

"I think it'll be a good help," said Karen Eberwein, a senior.

Another junior, Ahsan Latif, said the new terminals would be great but added that the system should be as simple to understand as possible.

Neikirk agrees and plans to hire someone to help students get used to the new reference system.

Asked about expanding CLiP, Neikirk replied, "The partnership is elastic." Carroll County public schools, for example, have expressed interest in joining CLiP but made no commitments.

"CLiP is beneficial to the community," said Mathews, adding that WMC's participation shows community spirit.

Mathews, along with Neikirk and other members of the WMC community, feel that it is extremely important for small schools, including WMC, to combine with other outlets to save money and be more current in the latest computer technologies.

News in brief

•Richard F. Seaman, vice president of Institutional Advancement, has been named the Professional of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's District 2. Seaman has primary responsibility for the organization, planning and conduct of the College's advancement programs, including public information, alumni affairs and fund raising.

from February 2-6 or at the door the night of the event.

•Looking for something to do Friday night? Come see the comedienne CHOCOLATE in Alumni Hall. Her material ranges from the music industry to some risqué topics. The laughter starts at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$1 for WMC students, faculty, and staff, \$3 for all off campus attendees.

•Buy your ticket now for Circle K and S.E.R.V.E.'s auction called "Reach Out WMC" on Monday, February 9, 1998, at 5pm in the Forum. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for faculty/staff. Tickets can be purchased outside the Pub or Dining Hall

•Five members of the music faculty at WMC have put together a concert celebrating the most romantic day of the year. The free Victorian Valentine's Day Concert will be held Saturday, Feb. 14, at 7 pm in McDaniel Lounge.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

The new "mall-like" entrance to Englar Dining Hall was originally part of Glar's renovations two years ago, but there was not enough money in the project's budget to complete it at that time. The Administration recently chose to improve Glar's outside appearance during Jan Term, since completing such a project is easier when there are fewer students on campus.

WMC faculty and students react to latest Clinton scandal

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Features Editor

The recent opinion polls claiming Americans support President Clinton obviously haven't come from students and staff at Western Maryland College. With the majority of people polled supporting the possibility of impeachment, Clinton may need to do some serious campaigning on campus.

"If they can prove that he's perjured himself, then it's grounds for impeachment," senior sociology

major Tom Gordon said.

With more than a week of scandals rocking the White House, most Americans have strong opinions about President Clinton, who allegedly had an affair with intern Monica Lewinsky.

Lewinsky, who is keeping a low profile, signed an affidavit denying the affair, but many people suspect Clinton of asking her to lie.

Although the idea of the president having an affair bothers some people, it's the possibility of him lying that most people find disturbing.

"Who's going to trust a lying President? He should be impeached for lying to the people of the United States," Patti Walsh, pub attendant, said, also adding that if Lewinsky is the one lying, her punishment should be just as severe.

"My strongest opinion is that if he did perjure himself, that's going to be his downfall," said Sue Letsch, receptionist in the financial aid office.

Some people believe that impeachment would be going too far, however. Dottie Jennings, pub manager, said that we need to

look at what he's accomplished before the scandal hit the headlines. She agreed that there should be punishment for lying to the public, but impeachment would be too stiff of a penalty. "Maybe his salary should be cut," she suggested.

"Impeachment is just too strong. These are stupid things to get in trouble over," Joy Hoffman, a senior English major, said.

And how is the media handling the scandal? Not very well, according to the people polled.

"The media needs to wait until the facts come out before they print anything. It's getting too sensational," Gordon said.

Junior Richard Tillman agreed. "It needs to be reported, but there is too much. They're causing people to form opinions without getting the facts," the art major said.

The portion that is getting the most media, the sex part, has nothing to do with his being the president according to Letsch, who also adds that the media tends to go overboard on most issues.

Some defend the media's difficult position, though. Nicki Kas-

solis, a junior communications major, stated that the media is under a lot of pressure.

"We live in an age where there's so much media and it's so aggressive and they're constantly trying to get new information. There's a lot of pressure," she said.

Corrie Leshon, a junior English major, agreed. "They're only going overboard because [scandals] have been covered up in the past. Now they have to face it."

Most agreed however, that they were already tired of hearing about the latest scandal. "It gets so boring, with the same scandals over and over again," Tillman said.

Another surprising consensus among the students and staff was the belief that Clinton was just the unfortunate president to get caught in a line of presidential scandals and cover-ups.

The faith in the office of the president seems to have diminished long before Lewinsky came into the picture.

"Presidents have been lying since Washington. He just got caught," said Glenn Wishner, a jun-

ior Education major.

"Other presidents have done the same thing," Hoffman agreed.

Letsch also believes that it's probably happened before, and Clinton was just unlucky enough to get caught.

"I wasn't surprised," she laughed. "Not with all of the things that have happened in the past."

There is some hope for President Clinton at WMC. Some commend his work as a president and feel that it should not be diminished because of this latest scandal.

"I think he's doing a really good job," Wishner said.

The alleged affairs haven't affected his presidency, which should be the most important aspect of the scandals, according to Hoffman.

Others simply don't want to hear about Clinton's private life and feel the state of the nation is the president's focus.

"I feel it doesn't interfere with national security," Letsch said.

Jennings agreed. "Whatever he does outside his office and if it doesn't affect the nation. Who cares?" she said.

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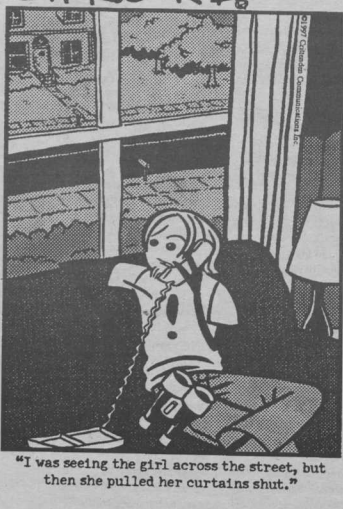
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CAP-italizing on the community

CAPBoard—what does it mean? Definitely, it is an acronym for “College Activities Programming Board,” however, in reality, the prefix has come to reflect its Latin transliteration—“head.” For several years now, the executive panel of CAPBoard (and not the group’s advisers or plebeian members) has held itself to be head and most meritorious of the Western Maryland College community.

As a programming group, CAPBoard may have no say in college policies and legislation, but technically it has more or equal the power of the SGA, which in theory should be at the top of the pyramid of student organizations.

Most major events on and off campus are organized by CAPBoard, and with full right, but the representative power of the Student Government is thereby quite limited.

Only three student groups receive their funds directly from the college budget committee: the media board, the allocations to whom are slight in comparison with the others; the Student Government; and CAPBoard, which is thereby

*Mike Puskas discusses
CAPBoard's relationship
with the college
community.*

equated with the preceding group.

The first of the aforementioned groups, the media board, is a panel consisting of the college media. Perhaps, in reform, CAPBoard should be set up similarly, with the executive board including the heads of various organizations, for college activities entail all groups.

When planning activities the CAPBoard executives seem to represent their own personal interests. As several student government representatives noted, the CAPBoard executives over the years have been chosen for social reasons, rather than by the interests of the student body; in other words, CAPBoard executives have been a sort of “clique.”

A recent incident concerning CAPBoard’s egocentricity is December’s trip to Radio City Music Hall. Many people were unaware of this event. CAPBoard and Student Government Vice-

President Aaron Corbett explained that everything CAPBoard does is announced on its bulletin board. However, the November board did not mention the trip and by December the tickets were sold.

The trip was limited to only 48 tickets, nearly half of which were reserved for CAPBoard members before sales at half the cost. CAPBoard may deserve to pat itself on the back every now and then, but it should not when it amounts to around half of the trip’s \$3466 price tag.

It is a group representing all students’ interests; if it were to represent a select few as do religious organizations, special-interest groups, fraternities and sororities, clubs, and honor societies, then it should be on par with them.

No campus organization other than the three previously mentioned groups ever receives nearly \$2000 from the college to satisfy its own special needs.

If CAPBoard wants to use a great deal of money on such efforts, it should receive its money from Student Government allocations as do other organizations.

The Soapbox

Does our jury system still work as originally intended? I don’t know myself, but I have some doubts about it.

Right now, the system is under scrutiny with the Clinton scandal which throws doubt on the possibility that Clinton will be convicted even if he did what he is accused of.

Juries making bone headed decisions seem to have been in the news quite a bit these last years.

*Will the jury system be just
to Clinton? Adam Dean
expresses doubt.*

be an affront to everyone.

These four examples of unjust decisions made by racist, ignorant or just plain weak juries that are subject to the capricious will of a judge are the kind of horror stories that make the news. But what don’t make the news are the thousands

seems to be the jurors themselves.

No one wants to be forced to do jury duty. It takes a person away from their life and pays less than a job at a McDonald’s drive-thru. So, why don’t we have some professional jurors?

It could be argued that people have a right to a Jury of their peers. But all a “peer” is someone who is on a equal footing before the law. Since we have no nobility in the US, everyone could be considered

*This kind of excessive judicial power is found in the People's
Republic of Massachusetts, and we all know what screwy things
come out of chowder country.*

Starting with the O.J. Simpson verdict this trend has continued. It is a mystery to me as to why both Terry Nichols and the Unabomber are not now sitting on death row. If there ever were people who deserved to be on the receiving end of society’s ultimate retribution, it is these persons.

Then we have the Louise Woodward, British au pair story (“shaken, not stirred”). The Jury gave one verdict and the Judge worked around it to effectively change it into the one he wanted.

Now, this kind of excessive judicial power is found in the People’s Republic of Massachusetts, and we all know what screwy things come out of chowder country (Remember Ted Kennedy, the Salem Witch Trials, and Willie Horton anyone?). That such a system can exist in this country should

of times a year that juries arrive at good, responsible decisions.

They don’t make the news because aren’t unique. Juries do make good decisions all the time. But, in high profile cases skilled attorneys can and do manipulate the jury system to their client’s advantage.

They pick people to be on the jury based on whose slew of reasons. This is of course understandable. They want people on the jury who will have sympathetic feelings toward their client. He will have a better chance of being freed than that way, and freeing him is the lawyer’s job.

So what can be done about this situation? Restricting attorney representation for people accused of breaking the law is not the answer. The power of the judiciary in Massachusetts to basically ignore a Jury’s decision must be curtailed, of course. But, the real problem

a peer because, theoretically, everyone is equal before the law. There is no reason why professional Jurors would be any less one’s “peers” than amateurs.

Professional Jurors would be able to gain knowledge of, and experience with, the laws. This would enable them to see around any misleading statements or trickery the attorney’s throw up at them and might very well lead to more accurate and just decisions.

Professional Jurors would also benefit society in another way. There would no longer be any reason for anyone reluctant to serve on a Jury to be forced to. No unwilling persons would be ripped away from their jobs and their families, from their entire lives just so some accused criminal could get his day in court.

*Kate Hampson offers an
international viewpoint on
the Clinton scandal*

Politicians and sex scandals have been connected since George Washington’s alleged affair 200 years ago. President Clinton is not exactly breaking the mold with his alleged indiscretions involving women from Jennifer Flowers to Monica Lewinsky.

What has changed is people’s reactions to these scandals. Our fascination with the lives of celebrities has reached a frenzy; the consequences of which were painfully demonstrated with the death of Princess Diana last September.

It is our obsession with the intimate details of the president’s affairs that has led to the absurd situation this country is in now. The head of state, the representative of the American people, is being brought before a court because he allegedly can’t control his sexual appetite.

Theoretically, all are equal before the law and Clinton should not be an exception to this. However, it is questionable whether he should have to undergo this trial. We should not create equality by bringing everyone down to the lowest common denominator.

The media has had a field day wondering whether Clinton will have to display his “distinguishing characteristics” before a jury. Does this country want to have the national representative humiliate himself in this way?

Outlook

As an International Student I don’t have such a personal involvement in this issue, although I am pretty used to politicians being caught with their pants down. In Britain we seem to have developed sex scandals into an art form.

Among other excitements, former government ministers have published intimate diaries; including one which contained an unapologetic account of a threesome with a married woman and her grown-up daughter.

As for the French, news of such goings on would barely cause them to pause and look up from their red wine. There, keeping a mistress is practically considered part of the job.

One pattern that has emerged is that even when the guy (and it almost always is a man) loses his job over the scandal, he usually manages to make a comeback. Perhaps this is due to our liberal European morals, but I doubt it. The English are not exactly known for their free and easy attitude towards sex.

Even if Clinton is proved to have done everything he is accused of, a situation not beyond the bounds of possibility, it may not do him too much harm. Already, his State of the Union Address has done wonders for his damaged approval rating since the Monica Lewinsky affair first broke.

In an ideal world the president would be perfect but as a human being this is not possible. Perhaps it’s time to balance more carefully the affairs of state with alleged affairs in the Oval Office.

Jan Term adventures take WMC students around the globe

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

From the National Gallery in London to the castles of central Europe to the crystal clear waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Western Maryland College students spanned the globe this January.

An art tour of Northern Europe, a glimpse of the "Treasures of Central Europe," and a study of marine biology from the Bahamas provided WMC students with an alternative to the traditional January term class.

Dr. Mohamed Esa, assistant professor of foreign languages organized the trip which explored Central Europe. Twenty-one students and two adults accompanied Esa on the two week tour.

The trip began in Berlin where the students spent two days studying the history and culture of the German capital. From there, the students went to Prague, located in the Czech Republic. The next stop was Budapest, Hungary. The cities of Vienna and Salzburg were next on the trip's itinerary. The group then concluded the trip in the German cities of Munich, Heidelberg, Oberammergau and with a tour of two of Ludwig II's castles in southern Germany.

"I wanted the students to cross borders six or seven times," said Esa, who adds that seeing so many different countries gave the students "a feeling for Europe and what's going on in Europe now."

Esa encouraged the students to adapt to the European way of life during the trip. "It's a different world; you have to accept the people as they are," he told them.

Junior Dave Rogers was one of the students on the trip. "It was the time of our lives; we had a blast. Prague was the best city of all," said Rogers who celebrated his 21st birthday in two different countries while on the trip.

For Esa, the highlights of the

trip included an evening in Vienna when he attended the ballet at the State Opera and the drive from Munich to the castles in the south.

Twenty-four WMC students spent their Jan Term studying landscapes and other works of art in Northern Europe. The trip was titled "Northern Europe through the Lens," and included stops in England, Belgium, and Holland. According to Associate Professor of Art Susan Bloom, who coordinated the trip, the purpose of the trip was "to give students the opportunity to go somewhere that would interest them."

This is the fourth time Bloom has taken students on trips which explore the art of various regions and the first time to Northern Europe. While in England, the group explored sites in London and the surrounding area.

Then it was off to Belgium, where the students visited Brussels, the capital, and the cities of Bruges, Ghent, and Antwerp. For Bloom, the day spent in Bruges was memorable. She describes the town as a Medieval city with wonderful buildings and waterways. "It's like stepping back in a Grimm's fairy tale," she said.

Junior communication major Amanda Greening agreed. "Bruges was beautiful with all of the water, streams, and canals. It was a quaint city," she said.

From Belgium the group went to the city of Amsterdam where they visited different art museums. Bloom feels it is important for students to see famous works of art in person. "It brings the paintings alive," she said.

"The paintings were impressive to see up close, especially Van Gogh's paintings," said Greening.

Students who went on the Jan Term trip to the Bahamas did not have time to look at works of art because they were too busy studying marine life. Sixteen WMC students accompanied Professor of

Biology Dr. Samuel Alspach to the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas. Faculty members Susan Glor, director of the counseling center, and Dr. Herbert Smith, professor of political science, also went on the trip.

The group spent time "snorkeling, and looking at and talking about animals in the coral reef system," according to Alspach. Other highlights included a tour of a bat cave, a trip to a lighthouse, and time spent on the island side of the water where the students "flocked" in hyper-saline lakes, which are saltier than usual salt water.

"We had a great bunch of students. Every day was a good day," said Alspach.

For sophomore business administration major Ryan Bowman, the trip was enjoyable. He liked the sights, the seas, and the marine life. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends from WMC. "The highlight of my trip was the last night when my friends and I built a fire on the cliff," he said.

Students on all three trips had to complete a project to receive credit. Dr. Esa required his students to keep a daily journal, make a photo collage, and either write a 4-5 page paper or create a web page.

Students on the trip to Northern Europe had to keep a journal and take pictures with a common theme, like churches or doorways.

The students who went to the Bahamas were also required to hand in a journal and to do a project or give an oral report while on the island. Topics included medicinal plants, birds of the island, starfish and how they turn, and politics of the island.

Whether they were studying the culture of Central Europe, the art of Northern Europe, or the marine life in the Atlantic Ocean, Western Maryland College students were given interesting alternatives to traditional Jan Term courses.



COURTESY OF DR. MOHAMED ESA

Above: Students find "Treasures of Central Europe" in Vienna. Here they pose with Dr. Esa, following a classical music concert.

Left: WMC students catch some rays while studying marine biology in the Bahamas.

You Know Jan Term Is Over When...

- You don't practice for the tetris competition in the game room.
- You quit reading for fun.
- Checkers and Chess Night is no longer the highlight of the week.
- Your classes don't start at 1 pm.
- You get written up.
- Signs for knitting classes disappear.
- Board games are no longer a major source of entertainment.
- You can't find a table in Glar.
- The Pub is actually open when you're hungry.
- Passing someone you know on campus isn't the most exciting part of your day.



COURTESY OF DR. SAM ALSPACH

Wag the Dog: new movie proves that life imitates art

BY JENNIFER VICK
Senior Writer

There is a scandal brewing in the White House. Accusations of sexual relations between the president and a young woman threaten the future of our country's leader. But there just might be something to deter the salivating media - a war.

No, this is not yet another headline about the alleged naughtiness of Clinton and intern Monica Lewinsky, coupled with the imminent loom of a less than cooperative Iraq. Rather, it is straight out of Hollywood as the plot of the recently released film *Wag the Dog*.

Chock-full of notable actors and directed by Baltimore-bred filmmaker, Barry Levinson (*Rain Man*, *Disclosure*, *Sleepers*), *Wag the Dog* tells a fictional story, although a very ironic one considering the latest scandal out of the Capital. The film depicts the president of the U.S. who is

threatened with the accusation of sexual misconduct with a Firefly Girl (this movie's version of a Girl Scout) two weeks before an election.

A White House crisis team immediately organizes and appears in the movie's opening scene. Conrad Brean (Robert DeNiro) and various White House officials discuss the situation in hushed tones in a dark room somewhere deep within the White House. Brean is a so-called presidential spin doctor who has been brought in to find a way to divert the attention of the American people, and most importantly, the media, from the scandal that could affect the president's reelection.

Brean is well aware of the public's tendency to believe everything they see on TV, and he is a master at manipulating this. So with the help of Stanley Motss (Dustin Hoffman), a famed Hollywood producer, a fictional war is created and played out on the nightly news in order to absorb the

country's attention.

At Motss' Los Angeles mansion, he works with an entourage of writers and a director, played by Denis Leary, to iron out the details. The U.S. is at war with Albania; a result of Albanian terrorists' attempts to smuggle a "B-3 suitcase bomb" into the U.S. The American people fall for the trick and the president's approval ratings quickly swell from 17% in favor, to 89%.

Motss and his movie-making cronies provide the funniest scenes of the movie, although *Wag the Dog* consistently emits a chuckle throughout. While sitting pool side at Motss' estate, they gleefully mold the state of the country using their creative minds. Motss at one point says, "This is politics at its finest," although he later admits to never having voted in an election.

Hoffman, as Motss, puts his Academy Award-winning talents to work and creates a character who is absolutely hilarious. Likewise, DeNiro, as usual, delivers superb act-

ing as the fast-talking Brean. Other appearances include Willie Nelson who plays Johnny Green, a country singer recruited to write a patriotic song for the war effort. Woody Harrelson is a psychotic convict chosen to play the role of the unsung hero of the U.S./Albanian war. And Craig T. Nelson (*Coach*) plays the president's running mate who continually pops up in TV ads to smear the president's good name.

Wag the Dog does an excellent job of entertaining, not only through strong performances by some fine actors, but namely because it is a mirror for American viewers. With irony, parody, and a touch of exaggeration, *Wag the Dog* shows society's tendency to lean toward the absurd. It also points out the sometimes blurred lines between politics, the media, and show business. Most importantly, it makes the viewer, at least this one, sit back and wonder - could the American people be suckered that easily?

A Closer Look...

A new feature about individuals at WMC

By Nikki Belanger, Features Editor

As the head of a small group of fly fishermen on campus, junior **Richard Tillman** stands out at WMC.

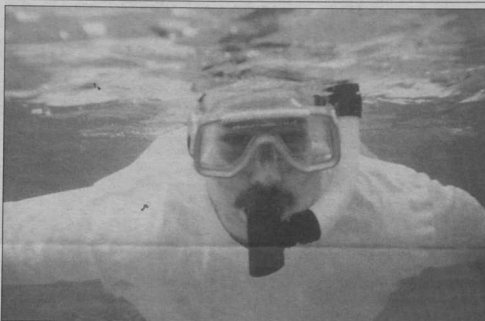
Tillman first came to the college because he was drawn to the 504 program and more importantly because of his family history. "My grandmother is one of the last three or four surviving alumni from the class of 1925," Tillman said.

From Timonium, Tillman is an only child. An art major, he enjoys drawing and eventually hopes to get into anatomical design or fly design, his passion. Right now he ties

for a few people around here and for one man in the Florida Keys.

Besides the fly fishermen group, Tillman has also done some theater work around campus. Last semester, he and his father made the scoreboard signs and other signs around the football field.

Throughout the day-to-day life on campus, Tillman finds some classes more interesting and fun than others and claims it's the professors who make the difference. "The teachers that have been the most relaxed with me are Ira [Donner] and Dr. Smith," he said.



COURTESY OF RICHARD TILLMAN

Richard Tillman enjoys snorkeling, as well as fly fishing and art.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

For two decades, students have heard Sabo's friendly voice when they call for information.

Even if you don't know her, chances are you've heard her voice.

Since 1978, **Dora Sabo**, telecommunications coordinator and receptionist, has directed lost souls to the proper phone destination. Seated behind the information desk in Ensor Lounge, she greets students and staff walking through as easily as she greets those on the phone.

Originally from West Virginia, Sabo now lives in Finksburg, working part-time at the college's switchboard. Although she has officially retired, she says she just isn't ready to leave yet.

"I enjoy the students," Sabo said, stating that she has got to know many on a personal level and enjoys watching them pursue their careers. Some still send her Christmas cards and pictures of their children.

Sabo's own children, a son and daughter, graduated from WMC. She also has another daughter and six grandchildren.

Throughout her twenty years at WMC, Sabo has had many memorable experiences.

"One old gentleman used to sing me old songs over the phone. It was hard to answer calls and listen to him at the same time," she laughs.

Another time, bomb threats were being made to the school. Sabo answered the calls. "It was exciting, but frightening." Officials finally caught the person after a month and things returned to normal.

When she's not answering phones, Sabo likes to read, listen to music, and garden. In fact, she often brings her roses in to brighten Ensor Lounge.

BY SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

Everybody knows what stepping is. The foot is lifted, the foot is set down again, and the body moves from one location to another. It's boring, prosaic, a natural function as exciting as breathing. But stepping also has another definition: a pulsating fusion of song and dance that blends ancient Africa and modern America for an experience that's as exciting to watch as it is exhausting to perform.

WMC students will have the opportunity to experience stepping, the modern rendition of the West African boot dance, for themselves next week. On February 14 at 7 pm, the "Steppin' Back to Africa '98" Step Show Competition takes place in Alumni Hall.

Founded by Angela Harris, a graduate student and WMC's new Residence Life Coordinator for Special Housing, "Steppin' Back to Africa '98" is WMC's second annual step show. "I wanted to expose people on campus to different cultural aspects, attract new people to WMC and heighten visibility," Harris said.

Sponsored by CAPBoard, the Black Student Union, the Multicultural Student Association, and the Interregional Council, the step show features black Greek orga-

nizations from area colleges and universities. They include six of the nine historically black national fraternities and sororities. The opening act will be the same as last year: the Westlake High School step team from Waldorf, Maryland. There will be a \$500 prize for the best performance; judged on appearance, creativity, diction, and skill, as well as the successful incorporation of the theme of "steppin' back to Africa."

BSU president Diane Drakes explains that her organization cosponsored the event because "it's a positive event in black history month, and it gives BSU members a chance for more exposure to the black Greeks." The BSU is also sponsoring the After-Party, with music by DJ Q. One highlight of this event will be the "party walks" performed by the fraternities and sororities. Each group will separately circle around the party-goers, performing their own special dances with calls and responses from the "audience."

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children with an "early bird special" taking place on February 2-13 in Ensor Lounge, where tickets will sell for the reduced price of \$5 for adults. There is also a faculty special with tickets for \$7. Ticket prices include admission to the After-Party in the Forum. Tickets only to the After-Party cost \$5.

Steppin' Back to Africa '98

60 Seconds

What message would you put on a candy heart for Valentine's Day?



"If I had someone special, then nothing would be better than saying I Love You."

Nick Wissel '00
Biochemistry

"I have a mattress in the back of my pick-up."

Chris South '99
History/Secondary
Education



*"Jag Alskar Dig!"
(Swedish for "I love you")*

Joanna Kraft '01
Communication

"Mi Amor"

Lori Schenck '01
Undecided



"My plan for world domination, a dissertation on gastro-esophageal reflux, and my phone number, if there's room."

Mike Conroy '00
Art



Coping on campus the NonTrad way

BY MAUREEN MCVIER
Contributing Writer

While most undergraduates jumped straight from high school to WMC, one group took a different path. Nontraditional students are over the age of 25 and attending classes to complete a baccalaureate degree. These students often have kids, jobs, and community responsibilities to uphold.

Meet Pat Miller. She's a full-time student on her way to a music and psychology major, and wants to become a teacher. At home she is raising four children, ranging in age from 11 to 20, one of whom has special health needs. She also works 12 hours a week for the U.S. Postal Service.

Miller describes having an off-campus life on top of student responsibilities as "insanity." Her advice to any struggling student: "Don't sweat the small stuff."

Associate Dean for First Year Students Barbara Horneff has in the past been a NonTrad advisor and a NonTrad student. She says her days as a NonTrad student taught her the organizational skills she relies on today.

Like many NonTrad parents, Horneff felt guilty about going to school. "I didn't want to cheat the children," she said. So Horneff took care of those responsibilities

by day and tackled school work during the after-hours.

Miller echoes the strategy. "Give up sleep, let the housework go," she says, then adds a more serious tip: "Stay ahead of the game, instead of playing catchup."

Nick Gough, this year's president of the NonTrad Association, has a six-month old and commutes from his home in Baltimore. "My main enemy is time," he says. Gough heads the organization that is designed to support NonTrad students at WMC. "I want the organization to be a resource for people who have questions," he says.

Recently Gough teamed up with the Commuter Students Association to draft a letter to the faculty. When a student signs up for a class, he says, sometimes there are time requirements that aren't spelled out in the course description packet, such as field trips. Gough points out that while it may be no big deal for a local student to take such a trip, some NonTrads and commuters are coming from 45 minutes away and would have to take even more time away from their family and jobs.

"No one's asking for special treatment," he says. "We just want professors to be aware of the unique problems we have." He noted that many times an alternative project can provide the same

learning opportunity without making undue demands on the student's other responsibilities.

As for coping skills, Gough would tell students not to be afraid to talk to the professors, "99% of them are very responsive." He also urges NonTrads to get in touch with other NonTrads, many of whom are facing the same issues of difficult scheduling and juggling several responsibilities.

Horneff stressed there are also very positive sides to being a NonTrad that aren't always evident. "Number one is the modeling we give to our kids." She feels children learn the value of education when they see how much a parent sacrifices to pursue it. Horneff says studies indicate that children rise to the education level of their mothers, and she encourages NonTrads to realize what a gift they are giving their children.

Gough also has some ideas about reducing stress for NonTrads. He wants to organize a few get-togethers, such as family day for students and their spouses. "Get a group discount and go to the theater, the zoo, aquarium," he says.

Make every minute count, keep a balanced view of family life and school, and have a little fun. In a nutshell, these are the words of veteran NonTrads to any student who can use them.

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A grant may cover the cost of materials for such projects. It may cover travel expenses to libraries or special collections. These are merely examples; Dean Coley would like to see what kinds of creative proposals students may devise, in consultation with appropriate faculty.

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Women's basketball

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On Tuesday, January 27, the women's winning streak was cut short by Johns Hopkins University by a score of 61-44. Johns Hopkins scored the first six points of the game, and extended its lead to 37-21 at half-time.

The closest WMC came in the second half was 40-32 with just under 12 minutes to play.

Haley again topped the Terror with 13 points.

Two days later, the women traveled to Gallaudet University and again faced a loss of 86-67. Haley was the only WMC player to reach double figures with 14 points, including a 10-for-10 effort from the foul line. Ibex contributed eight points and seven rebounds off the bench for the Terror.

Head Terror football coach receives national title

Keating named Division III Coach of the Year

Head football coach Tim Keating has been named the 1997 Schutt Sports/American Football Quarterly Coach of the Year for NCAA Division III.

Keating and the winners from the other NCAA divisions (I, I-AA and II), the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the junior-college level received their awards on January 5 from Julie Nimmons, president of Schutt Sports, and Barry Terranova, publisher of American Football Quarterly, at the American Football Coaches Association convention in Dallas, Texas.

"From top to bottom, these are truly the top [coaching] performances in college football in 1997," said Terranova. "From traditional powers reaching back to reclaim their perches at the top, repeat performances and relative newcomers registering surprising success, this group is truly representative of the finest pedigree of teachers and coaches in the game today."

Keating, in his fifth year at Western Maryland, directed the Green Terror to a 10-0 regular-season mark for only the third unbeaten and untied record in 103 seasons of football at the College.

The Green Terror won its first Centennial Conference (CC) championship in 15 years of competition, and made its first appearance in the 34-year history of NCAA playoffs, losing 27-13 to Lyncoming College in a Division III first-round game.

The outstanding season raised Keating's record at Western Maryland to 27-19-3 and his overall collegiate head coaching mark to 53-42-3. Keating was 26-23 at Wesley (Del.) College from 1988 through 1992.

Western Maryland used a suffocating defense, a productive offense and fine special teams play to fashion its perfect regular season.

The Green Terror finished third or better in Division III in four defensive categories, topped the division in kickoff returns, placed 10th in punt returns, tied for eighth in turnover margin and wound up 29th in scoring offense.

The 23rd head coach in Western Maryland's football history, Keating began his collegiate coaching career with two years as an assistant at Georgetown (D.C.) University from 1978 to 1980. He then served a two-year stint as an assistant at DePauw (Ind.) University, during which time he earned a master's degree in physical education.

From 1982 to 1986, Keating was an assistant at the University of Pennsylvania, before concluding his assistant coaching assignments with two years at Rice (Texas) University.

Keating received a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Bethany (W.Va.) College in 1975. He is a native of Amherst, N.Y., and is a graduate of Amherst Central High School.

The other Coach of the Year winners are: Lloyd Carr of the University of Michigan (NCAA Division I); Paul Johnson of Georgia Southern University (Division I-AA); Joe Glenn of the University of Northern Colorado (Division II); Carl Poelker of McKendree (III, College (NAIA); and Scotty Conley of Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College (junior college).

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Second-string wrestlers play an integral team role

BY KEVIN CULLEY
Contributing Writer

"Nobody likes being second," proclaimed WMC Assistant Wrestling Coach Brandon Totten. "But to us in the coaching ranks, those second and third stringers are as important as our starters are. In a way, they are coaches too."

Evidence is overwhelming that a non-starting wrestler is vastly different from a player who doesn't see much action in other sports.

This kind of attitude is very important for the 1998 WMC wrestling team.

"Wrestling is different," said Totten. "If you are third string with a 0-28 record and you beat the starter, then you become the starter. That is the great thing about wrestling. No one can argue wins and losses; the subjectivity is completely taken out of coaching."

The sport of wrestling is different from other team sports because there is only one wrestler who takes the mat in each weight class.

This sets up a high amount of competition for that elusive spot. This competition allows for better practices with everyone pushing each other to the limit.

118-pound sophomore Jon Pitonzo was the only wrestler in his '96-7 weight class, a situation

which forced him to practice differently from everyone else.

Last year I was practicing with the 126 pounders, Julian Tai and Josh Kurjan. Though they are excellent wrestlers, they weren't in my weight class so they couldn't really push me," noted Pitonzo.

However, '97-8 has been different for him with two 118-pound newcomers. "Every day I'm fighting to keep my position; it really makes me work," he said.

"When I recruit, I tell the kids they have a chance to start, but they

and members leaving the team for various reasons.

The wrestlers have still managed an impressive 15-8 record through the January 30 match, including an impressive win over national ranked Messiah and Centennial Conference foe Gettysburg.

With only 10 weight classes, each carrying one slot, and 30 wrestlers, there will always be people sitting out. However, that is a good thing in wrestling.

"The competition in practice is the best it has been since I've been

West Virginia. "This is the first time in college that I push myself and others every day. I can see everyone getting better. When I'm a senior, we are going to be a powerhouse," predicted Riley.

Riley also commented on freshman Andrey Brenner, the two-time Ukrainian national champion who suffered a broken ankle at the Trenton Invitational on November 9.

Amazingly, Brenner is out of his cast and wrestling after two months. "This is just an example of how much drive we all have. When

Totten's near-legendary collegiate career at Delaware Valley began rather quietly at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

He was admittedly wooed in the recruiting process, and "pretty much sat at Rutgers. I was the little fish in the big pond and I didn't like it."

After his freshman year, he transferred to Division III wrestling powerhouse Delaware Valley, where two years later he was national champion.

"I feel I can relate to both the kids who are out of the loop right now and our starters, because I've been both places. I've sat and felt sorry for myself but I've also been on top, too."

Lowe's collegiate years were spent at Washington and Lee where he didn't see time on the mat until his junior year. "I didn't like sitting, but I accepted it as my role," he said. "I felt a whole lot better than when I was the twelfth man on my high school soccer team and felt lost in the shuffle. In wrestling I controlled my own destiny."

When someone is wrestling at a meet, the backups are supporting him because they have something at stake. "When someone loses it is like everyone loses because they feel they didn't push each other enough," proclaimed Lowe. "That's part of their drive now."

"When I recruit, I tell the kids they have a chance to start, but they will have to work."

Head Wrestling Coach John Lowe

will have to work," said Head Wrestling Coach John Lowe. "A great example of this was Kurjan, who as a third-stringer wrestled in 17 matches last year."

Lowe nearly doubled the size of his team with an impressive 17-man recruiting class.

"We purposely schedule many dual meets, both to give the recruiting class a chance to wrestle and to [allow them to] show us what they've got," added Lowe.

Depth has been very important this year for a team that has been plagued with unexpected injuries

here," said Lowe.

"I'm really being pushed this year in practice," added Pitonzo.

Sophomore David Riley is on the outside looking in at the 150-pound weight class.

"Right now I'm considered second string," he noted. "I don't like being second, but when the guy ahead of me wins a match, I feel good because we've made each other better, so I've had a part in his win."

Riley is a first-year Green Terror wrestler, having transferred from Davis and Elkins College in

Brenner was out of commission, he was working as hard as anyone else to get better," noted Riley.

When Brenner was on the sideline, he was schooling the wrestlers on Russian technique.

"It all comes down to coaching; our coaches know how to be hard on us in a positive way," said Riley. "All the credit goes to them."

Riley noted that Totten and Lowe are one of the key factors in the overall improvement in the WMC wrestlers. The main reason for this is that both of them can relate to everyone on the roster.

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Sophomore center Brian Billman takes a shot over a Johns Hopkins defender.

JOSE JUBA SIQUEIRA

Johns Hopkins defeats Green Terror in final moments of game

The men's basketball team was knocked off its four game winning streak Saturday when it lost to Johns Hopkins at home 69-63.

Senior Johns Hopkins forward Greg Roehrig scored nine of his team-high 20 points in the final five minutes, leading his team to victory in a Centennial Conference game.

With Western Maryland leading 61-58, Roehrig pulled the Blue Jays to within one with a lay-up at the 2:32 mark. Exactly a minute later, senior guard Kamau Coar put Johns Hopkins in the lead for good with a three-pointer.

Western Maryland missed a go-ahead three-point attempt on its next possession, and Roehrig extended the visitors' advantage with a short jumper with 35 seconds remaining.

After another Green Terror miss, Coar iced Johns Hopkins' seventh straight win with two free throws.

Coar and sophomore forward Joel Wertman added 10 points each for Johns Hopkins, the fourth-ranked team in the NCAA Division III Middle Atlantic Region. The Blue Jays are now 14-4 overall and 6-1 in the Centennial.

Western Maryland forward Will Marshall topped all scorers with 22 points. The senior has been a consistent high scorer and was named Centennial Conference Men's basketball player of the week for the games of January 19-25.

With this defeat, the Green Terror fell to 9-8 overall and 5-3 in the conference. Western Maryland was victorious in its four previous games, defeating Haverford 66-57, Swarthmore 80-69, Gettysburg 74-63, and Franklin and Marshall 74-68.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Women's basketball currently ahead despite mixed season

BY CAROLYN BARNES
Senior Writer

Sunny days mixed in with occasional storms, snow, and showers. . . Sound much like the local weather report? Possibly, but the Lady Green Terror netters may associate the description with their season so far.

Currently, the sun outshines the clouds as the team holds a winning record, both in the Centennial Conference (CC) (6-4) and overall (10-8).

The women have some strong experience leading the team this semester with senior forward and leading point-scorer Katie Haley, along with senior guard Erin Murphey, both returning for their fourth season. Also, juniors Kathi Snyder, Kristin Miller, and Michele Jarman return for their third year on the team.

On Saturday, January 10, the women met Bryn Mawr on their turf and won a landslide victory with a score of 108-29. WMC eclipsed the 100-point mark for just the second time in its 31-year women's basketball history.

Junior forward Kathi Snyder scored 20 points in 20 minutes and did not miss a single shot in the competition. Snyder made all seven of her shots from the field and all six attempts at the foul line. She also pulled down eight rebounds.

Senior forward Katie Haley added 18 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds. She nearly duplicated Snyder's perfect

shooting, going six-of-seven from the field after misfiring on her final attempt at hitting free throw tries.

Western Maryland racked up 60 first-half points, hitting 24 of 37 shots from the field (64.9%). All but one of the 14 Green Terror players scored, with everyone playing at least ten minutes.

After demolishing Bryn Mawr, the Terror followed with a three-point loss against Alvernia College in a non-conference game.

Haley topped the Terror scorers with 17 points, while Snyder registered her second double-double of the season with 14 points and a game high 11 rebounds.

Although losing to Alvernia, WMC jumped back to win another high scoring game against Dickinson College by a score of 93-74. Freshman center Jill Ibe came off the bench to score a season-high 21 points to lead Western Maryland.

Haley followed with 24 points and nine rebounds.

Senior guard Erin Murphey added 13 points, and became just the seventh player in the Green Terror's 31-year women's basketball history to surpass the 1,000-point plateau with 1,001.

The Lady Green Terror pushed their winning streak to two upon defeating Haverford on January 17. Haley scored the go-ahead basket with just over a minute to play to win 66-63 in a CC-game.

Haley again topped WMC and all scorers with 24 points, and also grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds. Murphey and Snyder added 12

points each, and freshman center Jill Ibe contributed 10 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

Another close competition took place three days later as WMC met Gettysburg. In this instance, WMC lost by three, 54-51. Haley registered her sixth double-double of the season, leading all scorers with 20 points and 15 boards.

Bouncing back again to defeat Washington College, the Green Terror scored 67 points in a Centennial Conference game, while Washington only scored 55. Haley and Snyder scored 16 points each.

Haley also was the game's leading rebounder with 11 boards for her third straight double-double effort in a row and seventh of the season. Snyder also grabbed six rebounds, handed out three assists and made four steals.

WMC forced 29 Washington turnovers in the match.

Continuing to win, the women defeated Swarthmore 63-50 at home on Saturday, January 24. Snyder fell just one rebound and two blocked shots shy of a triple double, leading the Green Terror. She was the only Green Terror to reach double figures in scoring with 13 points, in addition to grabbing nine rebounds and blocking a career-high eight shots. She had seven points in WMC's 19-2 run over the opening eight minutes of the second half.

Ibe came off the bench to score nine points and pull down a team-high 10 rebounds for WMC.

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JOSE JUBA SIQUEIRA

Green Terror co-captain, senior Will Marshall, was the top scorer in the game against the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays.

One-point victory for women's swim team

Western Maryland's women's swimming team won a meet in the final event for the second straight Saturday, edging Bryn Mawr 128-127 in a Centennial Conference match-up.

The Green Terror trailed 121-117 heading into the 200-yard freestyle relay, but Kara Wnukowski, Sara Gregg, Tasha Berry and Barkley Dameron combined for a time of 1:50.80 to win the event by nearly five seconds. The 11-6 margin in the event gave Western Maryland the one-point victory.

Last Saturday, Wnukowski, Gregg and Dameron joined with Jennifer Weddle to win the 200 free relay against Ursinus, which lifted Western Maryland to a 50-44 triumph.

At Bryn Mawr, Dameron was a triple winner individually with first places in the 50 and 100 free, along with the 100 butterfly. Meghan Joyce won the 200 breaststroke and 200 individual medley, while Wnukowski claimed the 100 breaststroke and 500 free.

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Several RAs turn in resignations

Resident Assistants unable to handle stress of the job

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

Six RAs have resigned since the end of last semester, leaving three of the four positions in Whiteford Hall vacant.

The RAs handed in their resignations for various reasons ranging from conflicting priorities to accepting an off-campus internship.

One of the factors that prompted junior Krissy Kurtyka to resign was a "lack of support" from her supervisors. "I was on duty every night for the second half of Jan-term, and my supervisors did not offer to take just one night for me," she added.

"There's so much more to [the RA job] than residents don't see. We do more than just write people up," said Kurtyka, who had been an RA for three semesters.

"Being a bad guy sometimes did make [being an RA] difficult," commented Carolyn Read, a sophomore who resigned from her

position in Whiteford after one semester. She added that the programming and working with the other RA's was enjoyable.

RA's are responsible for nights on duty, building programming, bulletin boards, training, room checks, lockouts, attending meetings, and paperwork, explained Scott Kane, assistant dean of Student Affairs. "All these responsibilities are outlined during the interviewing process."

Kane pointed out that the RA position did not involve any extra duties this year. With a \$5,000 compensation, "being an RA pays students more than they would make doing something else," he said.

The nature of the building programming did change this year, Kurtyka admitted. "Instead of following six rigid categories, it became less regimented and more flexible, which was a welcome change."

Even though the RA responsibilities did not change since last year, Kurtyka said that "expectations were more strictly adhered to." She described having to spend time every week with each of her 65 residents as "unreasonable."

Given their academic schedules, some of the RA's who resigned found their jobs overwhelming.

"I didn't have enough time to study," said junior Chrissy King, a former RA in Blanche Ward Hall. "By the end of the semester, I was one big stress ball." A member of the Phi Mu Sorority, King was also treasurer of Kappa Delta Pi, the Education honor society, in addition to her duties as an RA last semester.

Becky Cockerill's experience last semester paralleled King's. An RA in Whiteford since last spring, Cockerill, a junior, said, "My classes got harder this year. Juggling them and my RA job was part of the difficulty."

"Having to assist residents when bogged down with tests and papers probably added to some of the RA's stress," said Nicole Gallup, residence life coordinator for first-year students. "Being an RA impacts your time to study just as any job would."

Many of the resigning RA's mentioned that a personal conflict with the Residence Life Staff did not prompt them to leave their positions.

"I got along [very well] with my area supervisor [Dina Leytush]," said junior Kevin Culley, who resigned from his position in ANW.

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Dean Sayre fields questions regarding the renovation of ANW in the summer of '98 at the recent SGA Open Forum.

Open Forum discusses renovation concerns

BY ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

The proposed renovation of ANW in the summer of '98 was the hot issue at last week's Open Forum sponsored by the Student Government Assembly.

Several current residents of the building were there to express their displeasure with the proposed plans.

According to Dr. Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, who spoke about the renovation at the Open Forum, the college plans to construct a firewall on each floor of ANW which would divide the hallways in half. The placement of the firewalls would create seven entirely separate living areas. This is an effort to, as Dean Sayre said, "create more suite areas in our [residence hall] system."

Representatives from Phi Alpha Mu and Sigma Phi Epsilon, the two Greek organizations residing in ANW, attended in order to protest the addition of the firewalls. Mem-

bers of Phi Alpha Mu explained that they object to the firewall because the suites created by the wall will only accommodate 19 students and will not be large enough to house all 23 members of the sorority.

Also as part of the renovation, the college will replace all of the windows in ANW and will repair and repaint as necessary.

Another issue addressed at the Open Forum was the change in the WMC e-mail system. Director of Information Services Christine Mathews, who spoke about the change, said the change in systems would allow complete internet access to students who have Rolm data phones in their rooms. She anticipates the system to be up and running in four to six weeks.

SGA Vice President Aaron Corbett discussed a revote for the campus concert. Corbett said the revote is needed because the

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WMC to have new meal plan

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

As part of the on-going changes at WMC, students will have a new meal plan for next year. The plan involves meals purchased in blocks, late night dinners in the Pub, and longer opening hours for the cafeteria.

The plan is designed to give students "a better value for what they pay, with more flexibility," said Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance.

Seidel announced the plan to the SGA at a recent meeting, and it was a topic of discussion at last week's Open Forum.

The creation of the new plan is in response to students' concerns in recent years about altering the board plan, said Seidel. After considering many options, such as "a la carte," the administration in conjunction with Sodexo, WMC's food service provider, the SGA, and the Food

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Members of the WMC community gather in the newly-decorated BSU clubroom for the Open House. The group's vice president, Latrice Quickley, announces upcoming events before the discussion begins.

BY RAINI WRIGHT
Staff Writer

In honor of Black History Month, the Black Student Union hosted an "Open House Discussion" which welcomed students and faculty members of all races.

The primary topic of the discussion was *Coming Through the Fire*, a new book by Professor C. Eric Lincoln of Duke University.

The BSU, described as a "support network" for African-Americans and other minorities by its president Diane Drakes, held its Open House earlier this month in the organization's clubroom.

According to Drakes, one of the Open House's purposes was to dis-

pel the negative perception that the BSU is a group of "militant, angry black people" and to promote unity on campus. "That's why [the Open House] welcomed people of all races," Drakes added.

The BSU also held the event "to promote conversation about race relations," said James Felton, the BSU's co-advisor and the director of Multicultural Services.

The evening opened with BSU Vice President Latrice Quickley announcing upcoming events, and then the discussion on the review of *Coming Through the Fire* began.

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Seaman wins Professional of the Year honor

Richard F. Seaman, vice president of Institutional Advancement at WMC, has been named the Professional of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's District 2.

Seaman was honored at the joint CASE Districts 1 and 2 Conference in Toronto, Canada during a recognition luncheon on Feb. 2.

The selection of Seaman was made by a committee of his peers representing professionals in the fields of alumni relations, communications, and fund raising.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education is an international association of colleges, universities, and independent elementary and secondary schools. CASE District 2 stretches geographically from Maryland to Canada and has a combined membership of over 700 institutions and 6,000 individuals.

As vice president at WMC since 1991, Seaman has primary responsibility for the organization, planning and conducting all the College's advancement programs, including public information, alumni affairs and fund raising.

He is the architect and primary administrator of Western Maryland College's \$40 million comprehensive fund raising campaign, now in progress with \$32 million in gifts and pledges raised to date.

It is the sixth such campaign in which Seaman has been involved during his 37 years in higher education, at Oberlin College, Brown University, Skidmore College, Bowdoin College and WMC—27 years of which have involved fund-raising efforts totalling nearly \$350 million.

In the midst of his advancement successes, Seaman has been active in various capacities at CASE during the past 15 years.

Seaman served on a number of special task forces, advisory and long-range planning committees, including service as chair of CASE's national educational fund raising committee and participation in the defining Greenbrier II conference that charted the future of the profession in the 80's.

He served on CASE's board of trustees from 1986-88. From 1990-93, he was one of only 13 nationally known college administrators and faculty members who served on a national task force to study the ethics of advancement in higher education.

The panel, sponsored by CASE and the Dartmouth Ethics Institute and supported by grants from the Lilly and Kellogg foundations, recently published a book called "The Ethics of Asking," in which Seaman authored one chapter and contributed to another.

Throughout his professional career, Seaman has served as a community volunteer, most recently as president of the Carroll County Chamber Board of Directors; a member of the Westminster Rotary, the boards of the Carroll County Family YMCA, Chamber Music on the Hill, the East Pond Association (Maine). He has also been active with the Independent College Fund of Maryland.

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The WMC Theatre Department will present "Psycho Beach Party," the hilarious comedy by Charles Busch. The production, a takeoff on the Gidget surfing movies of the '60s, will open Friday, February 27. Other performances are scheduled Feb. 28, March 1, 5, 6 and 7. All performances are at 8 pm in the Dorothy Elderidge Studio Theatre in Alumni Hall. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, seniors and WMC community members.

WMC will hold its 12th annual Christopher Bothe Memorial Lecture on Tuesday, March 3, in McDaniel Lounge. The lecture will feature novelist John Douglas and members of

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the WMC English faculty reading from Jack Kerouac and other Beat Generation poets. WMC music lecturer Eric Byrd will provide jazz improv accompaniment. This annual event is named for Christopher Bothe, a member of WMC's Class of 1972, a poet, award-winning journalist and printer who died in 1984.

WMC's Sundays of Note Series kicks off 1998 with a concert featuring award-winning pianist Bill-John Newbrough at 2 pm on

Sunday, March 8, in McDaniel Lounge. Newbrough is currently working on a doctor of musical arts degree at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Admission to the series concert is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors. All students are admitted free with a valid ID.

The Westminster Chapel Choir of Rider University will perform at 8 pm on Tuesday, March 10, in Baker Memorial Chapel at Western Maryland College. The concert will feature an 80-voice choir of the newest undergraduates of the choir college in Princeton, N.J.

New meal plan for next year

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Committee has opted to offer students a "block plan" for their meals.

Through such an arrangement, students purchase a block of 220 meals for the semester which will cost \$2,710, the current cost for a 17 meals/week plan.

However, unlike the current system, students will be able to use these meals anyway they prefer. Students living in the Garden Apartments or the Pennsylvania Avenue Houses may opt for 90 meal plan for \$1,310.

At last week's Open Forum, students expressed concerns about selling unused meals back at the end of the semester or carrying them over to the following semester.

Currently, this is not an option for the plan. Seidel explained that most students will use most of their meals.

In developing the plan and the number of meals allocated, the administration used statistics regarding the frequency of student use in the dining hall, he added.

"The new plan is a little bit an experiment...designed as best as it could've been," commented Seidel. "We're keeping an open mind about it."

Students with the 220 meal plan who choose to purchase additional meals may buy them in blocks of 10 at discounted rate of \$40, Seidel explained.

Similarly, students with 90 meals may purchase extra meals as blocks of five for \$30.

The rate for additional meals for this plan

is higher because students with the plan could ultimately buy up to 220 meals for less than \$2,710, he added.

Next year's new plan will contain an additional feature.

Students with 220 meals for the semester will have 15 meals in the Pub and Grille automatically built into their board plan.

However, this only applies for the hours between 10:00 pm and midnight.

This "fourth meal option" will entitle students to one entree selection, one side-order, one prepackaged item, and one beverage with no substitutions.

Those students with the 90 meal plan will have five of these options for the semester.

In addition to the new meal plan, the Englar Dining Hall hours will be extended as well. "There will not be much time during the day when the dining hall will be closed," said Seidel.

Hot breakfast will be served from 7:15 to 9:00 am, and continental breakfast from 9:00 to 10:30 pm.

"I'm glad the morning hours will be extended," said junior Heather Bonadonna. "I can go to breakfast every once in a while. I can never get [to GLAR] before 9:30."

In addition, lunch will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, and dinner will start at 4:15 and end at 7:00 pm.

Theatre on the Hill announces auditions

Theatre on the Hill, WMC's professional company in residence, is holding auditions for its upcoming 17th summer season.

All auditions are by appointment only and will be held at the college's Alumni Hall Mainstage. Roles are available for adults and children. All adult company members are paid and housing is available.

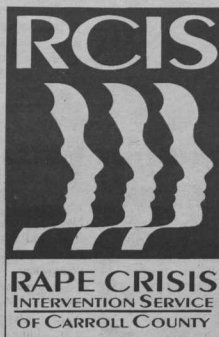
Auditions for adults will be held from 10 am-5 pm on Saturday, March 14.

Those interested are asked to prepare a short, contemporary monologue, one song (bring sheet music in correct key), and be dressed to dance. An accompanist will be provided for all participants.

This year's shows are "The Sound of Music," "The House of Blue Leaves," "Gypsy," and "Aladdin." The company also will present a late night post-show cabaret after several of its Saturday performances. The season opens June 18 and runs week-ends through August 8.

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RAs resign

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"[Leytush] was very supportive."
"It's not like I can accuse Residence Life of preventing me from studying," said King. "The job was more involved than I thought it was going to be."

But, not every RA experiences this problem.

"The more things you do, the more organized you are," said senior Tasha Berry, who recently replaced Chrissa Moyer's RA position in McDaniel Hall.

Moyer resigned because she is interning in Washington DC and finishing her studies at American University this semester.

Berry is a member of the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, the swim team, works in the phone center, and is writing her senior thesis in political science this semester.

Likewise, Whiteford Hall RA Sushama Rajapaksa, a sophomore who works in the Admissions Office and Hoover Library, said she does not characterize her job as "overwhelming."

"My supervisor [Gallup] is very supportive," said Rajapaksa, who plans to reapply for an RA position for next year.

All of the RAs who resigned spoke very highly of their residents.

"I got along well with my residents," said Cutley. "[Being on the third floor of ANW] is a different environment and a more difficult situation."

Cutley, hired last spring, was the RA for McDaniel Hall's third floor before being assigned to ANW this year.

"Leaving my residents was the

hardest part of my decision," said Kurtyka. "The residents are the best part of the job. If we just had to deal with [the residents], the job would be perfect."

For approximately a week, Rajapaksa was the only RA in Whiteford Hall. The three vacancies in Whiteford have recently been filled.

Despite the recent under staffing, Whiteford residents have not experienced any major problems.

"I know that if [Rajapaksa's] not on duty, I can call an RA in Blanche or McDaniel for assistance," said first-year student Bushra Ahmad.

Likewise, Whiteford resident Lindy Rinck said she never really noticed there was only one RA in the building.

The recent situation did not create much extra work for Rajapaksa, said Gallup. "The [RA] staff has pulled together to help out, and even the Hall Council has helped out with bulletin boards."

Rajapaksa assisted with training the new staff members and has had more lookouts and flyers to take care of, Gallup added.

"I've been carrying on as normal," said Rajapaksa, who added that the Whiteford residents have been very cooperative.

Since Rajapaksa did not have duty every night while Whiteford was understaffed, the calls made by residents needing assistance were forwarded to the RAs on duty in Blanche and McDaniel.

This hasn't created any problems, said Berry. "We have to go

over to Whiteford anyway for rounds."

RAs in Blanche and McDaniel have had some extra duty nights while the Residence Life Department was filling the vacant positions in Whiteford.

"I just step-up and take the extra night," said Berry.

Residence Life has been able to fill the open positions rather quickly because the department started advertising for next year's positions last semester, said Kane. "We're finding [RA] candidates from the pool the search process has already generated."

There has been concern about first-year students filling any of the vacant positions in Whiteford.

Students must spend a semester on campus and have achieved sophomore status to become an RA.

"If [Residence Life] can't find candidates who meet this criteria, the positions will be filled by the best candidates," said Beth Rosko, assistant director of Residence Life.

All but one of the new hires has met the criteria, said Gallup.

Joanna Kraft, a first-year student of nontraditional age, recently accepted an RA position in Whiteford.

Joe Gruszka and Tootchuwu Okorie have assumed the vacant positions in ANW and Blanche.

Rebecca Porter is the new RA for the Pennsylvania Avenue Houses, a position which reopened last October.

SGA update

The following vacancies have been filled:

Kristin Harkins
Representative for the Class of 2000

Bernie Schwartz
Representative for the Class of 2000

Dana Jacobson
Appointed President of the Class of 2000

Andreas Kalisperis
Representative for the Class of 1998

Allocations process will be complete for the Spring of 1998 as of February 18th.

The SGA Campus Clean-up is set

for April 25, 1998 so mark your calendars.

SGA meetings are held on Mondays at 9:00 pm in Hill Hall, Room. 104.

All are welcome. An organizational representative meeting is held at the last SGA meeting of each month. The first one of the semester is scheduled for February 23.

FUN FACT:

Did you know...the SGA is the only group on campus that gives money away to other groups to better serve the interests of the campus?

Open Forum

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choices from the first vote are unavailable or have failed to respond. "We are still waiting to hear from Reel Big Fish," said Corbett. However, he indicated that a revote is necessary to ensure that the concert will still be held.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance, discussed the proposed change in the meal plan that will go into effect next fall. Seidel said the theory behind changing the meal plan is to "allow students more flexibility." The major change will be that students will no longer lose unused meals at the end of a week.

Provost Joan Cooley stepped up

to the microphone to get feedback and suggestions for changes in January Term. Many students at the forum expressed the desire for the January Term curriculum to be expanded to include BLAR requirements. Others suggested Art courses for non-majors, while others requested less conventional courses such as cooking classes.

The brief open microphone session held at the end of the Open Forum opened up discussions on the ANW mouse problem, the campus bookstore book buy-back and mark-up, and laundry machines for the Pennsylvania Avenue houses.

WMC delegates gain 'international' experience in Boston



that 3,000 students with similar interests attend it each year, said Dr. Neal, professor of Political Science. "Students are not accustomed to this as undergraduates. They get the opportunity to compare their learning experiences with other students."

Some of the best colleges and universities in the country, such as Yale University and the University of California-Berkeley, attend this conference annually. Yet, any "inferiority complex" that WMC students may have disappears within the first 25 minutes of committee sessions, Neal commented.

WMC students compete very well against students from well-known schools, said Dr. Weber, professor of Political Science. "We're right there with them, if not ahead of them."

"[The conference] gives us the opportunity to put into practice everything we've learned at WMC," said Andy Kalisperis, one of this year's head delegates.

Delegates usually walk away from the conference with a sense of accomplishment.

"I think we gain some type of professional experience that will be vital after graduation," said Becky Thotho, this year's other head delegate. "Debating and caucusing

with other delegates teaches us how to interact with one's peers and sharpens our communication skills."

Some of the delegates became very active in their committees this year.

Schnabele said she participated in formulating three resolutions with fellow delegates from her voting bloc.

This year's delegation represented Spain.

"We tend to stick with countries that require a delegation of about 20 members because it's easier to manage," said Neal.

"Spain is a good country because it deals with two voting blocs, primarily with the Western Bloc, but sometimes with the Middle Eastern [Bloc]," Schnabele commented.

Throughout its 44-year existence, HNMUN has maintained the basic structure of the United Nations adding an ad hoc or emergency committee when needed.

One new change this year was the addition of non-governmental organizations whose representatives acted as lobbyists floating among a few committees to persuade delegates to have favorable views towards their issues.

"I liked acting as a pressure group in the Human Rights Commission and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees," said Chad Weller, a WMC delegate who represented Amnesty International at HNMUN.

Students and faculty benefit from attending the conference in other ways as well. They dine together and explore the city of Boston when committees are not in session.

"A bond forms between students and professors that go to Boston," said Weber. "The trip adds another dimension to their relations."

Students look forward to the trip every year.

"I couldn't wait to go back after last year," said senior Sara Beth Reyburn. "Going to Boston was a good way to get to know people in the [Political Science] department."

WMC has sent a delegation to HNMUN for 27 years. Weber, who will retire after this year, started this program at WMC. "Sending students to the conference is a good legacy. I'm glad I started it," he commented.

The WMC delegation generally consists of junior and senior members of the Political Science Department and two or three students from Carroll Community College.

WMC delegates have their traditional dinner at Dargin Park Restaurant while taking a break from the heated debate in their committees.

BY CHRISTIAN WILBOH
News Editor

While most students were still readjusting to classes and dorm life, 17 WMC students recently spent a long weekend in a Boston hotel attempting to resolve some of the major international issues of our time.

At this year's Harvard National Model United Nations Conference (HNMUN), students from across the country and five continents gathered to debate and formulate resolutions on topics ranging from the arbitrary arrest and execution

of political dissidents to the freedom of association for workers.

"My committee debated female genital mutilation (FGM)," said senior Kathy Schnabele, who represented WMC's delegation at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

A woman who went through this procedure addressed the UNICEF committee explaining FGM's cultural relevance, despite the fact that Western countries believe that FGM is a violation of human rights, Schnabele said.

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The Soapbox

Adam Dean speaks out against inappropriate slogans on T-shirts

Recently, I have noticed a small trend on campus and in the outside world that I find troubling: the wearing of T-shirts bearing designs whose sole purpose seems to be to shock, insult, or offend.

Many of these shirts feature profanities, improper illustrations of the feminine form, and allusions to human sexual organs.

Wearing a shirt of this type shows a total lack of respect for one's self and for others. It also shows the world that the wearer is an ignorant, pompous ass whose only pleasure is to try and lower others to his own dismal level by flashing obscenities and uninformed insults at the public at large.

Shirts of this type also can be a danger to the wearer. Many of these rags seem to be designed to start fights. I myself have seen fools in shirts featuring slogans which were insulting and offensive to me. In one case I introduced myself to the idiot wearing the shirt and informed him I was one of the "a—

holes" mentioned and didn't appreciate being commented on like that by some ignorant buffoon who didn't even know me. He was smart enough to leave the situation, and I was smart enough to swallow my pride and let the matter stand as it was. No trouble erupted as a result of this. But, had there been alcohol or drugs involved there was a very good chance someone would have found themselves in a hospital that night.

Why anyone who believes in self preservation would want to walk around wearing a rude, insulting slogan on their chest is beyond me. Yes, your slogan may be offensive to the 96 year old grandmother across the street, but it may also be taken badly by the 300-pound biker standing at the corner. Anyone who is foolish enough to wear something like that is writing checks they can't cash. This is a very poor survival strategy.

It all comes down to respect. Someone who wears something designed to offend, for no other purpose than a cheap thrill, shows a lack of maturity and respect for himself, his community, and everyone else. No one likes to be disrespected.

Squirrel Spirit

Anne Butler offers some humorous ideas about campus squirrels and on-campus jobs.

There are too many squirrels on campus. Something should really be done about them. Now I'm not proposing that we exterminate them, far from it. In fact, I think these squirrels have a lot of hidden potential that should be harnessed and used to the college's advantage.

The squirrels could boost school spirit tremendously. Why not use some type of non-toxic paint in order to color the little buggers in our college's proud colors of green and gold? They are college squirrels after all. I'm sure there must be some type

of a little wooden doorknob that's sure to be willing to donate one to this worthy cause. Once in a great while, I conjure up enough courage to hold my breath long enough to check my e-mail. However, usually if I walk to Hoover and find the door to the computer lab shut, I immediately turn around and walk to the Writing Center.

During the homecoming parade the floats could be pulled by lots of squirrels (who are given treats afterward), thus saving manpower and the money spent on tractors.

Or, the homecoming king and queen could be escorted by a "royal guard" of green and gold squirrels.

Perhaps we could hold "squirrel races" or "squirrel nut hunts" in order to raise money for school events and charities.

The squirrels could become popular attractions here. The school would attract new students based solely on our famous trained

The squirrels could become popular attractions here. The school would attract new students based solely on our famous trained squirrels! People would come from all over the country, maybe even the world just to learn about these fabulous furred wonders!

of spray or mix that wouldn't be harmful to the little fellows. And the college could even use work-study or campus employment students to keep them painted.

Once the squirrels are all decked out, why not go to the next step?

Why not train the squirrels in order to add a sense of flair to the cheerleaders' routine during a game?

Especially during a basketball game, these fluffy rodents would be effective in many ways. We could get a lot of the buggers and train them to run out onto the court during halftime or before a game.

After the squirrel's little "run" we could have experienced squirrel-catchers (yet another job for work study/campus employment students) to round them up for the next performance.

The Doorstop Dilemma

Eric Barry on the scent of problems with Hoover computer lab

What is that smell? Is it Glar? Is it a Rouzer bathroom? Of course not. It is the Hoover computer lab. The smell of the lab is worse than the previously mentioned places, eight out of ten visits.

A lot of stuck-up students on campus want everything catered to their needs. Many students are always complaining about something. I would not place myself in this category. However, I would like to think that asking for the computer lab not to stink is a reasonable request.

The easy cure for this stink problem is to place a door stop in the door to keep it propped open. There is nothing more gross than walking into the Hoover computer lab and seeing a whole bunch of sweaty people nervously writing (plagiarizing) their research papers or, better yet, some horny freshman downloading porn. Almost instantly upon entering this computer lab, you are bombarded with stagnant stank air.

If Hoover is worried about the cost of a little wooden doorknob then surely someone must be willing to donate one to this worthy cause. Once in a great while, I conjure up enough courage to hold my breath long enough to check my e-mail. However, usually if I walk to Hoover and find the door to the computer lab shut, I immediately turn around and walk to the Writing Center.

I am not going to be self-centered and ignore the feelings of the rest of the students. Many students at WMC have spent more than half their lives in a locker room and most definitely love this salty stench I am talking about. The smell problem has clearly been covered so let me move on to the next problem.

INCONVENIENCE. When this door isn't propped, it is so difficult to get in and out of the lab. If there are people talking to the lab assistant at his/her desk, good luck in trying to get in and out. Even when there is no one talking to the lab assistant, a small guy like myself finds difficulty in opening the door to leave. I practically have to stand on the lab assistant's desk to open the door.

To add to this dilemma: What if there was a fire? If there was a fire, I wouldn't wait the 15 seconds for the emergency exit to open. Surely others would go straight to the main door also, and if everyone crammed up against that door, it would open just nicely (sarcastic as ever).

The dumbest solution to this problem is to stack books up against the door to keep it propped. That was a good solution until 30 people tripped over them. Whoever wants to take credit for that idea may do so.

I myself would enjoy donating a doorstop to the Hoover computer lab, but I wouldn't want to upset all those students that enjoy the stench of the lab and the inconvenience of "the door."

Letters to the Editor

CAPBoard responds

Each year the College Activities Programming Board is faced with questions and concerns regarding the functioning of the organization. Perception of the organization, according to a recent *Phoenix* editorial entitled "CAP-italizing on the community," is that CAPBoard is comprised of a self-serving group of executives who are "chosen for social reasons."

Hopefully, this letter will serve to clarify this misconception and bring to the students a greater understanding of the way in which CAPBoard operates.

First, it should be known that the Student Government Assembly, over 10 years ago, created and established the organization of CAPBoard in order to meet the activities programming needs of the student body. Since that time, CAPBoard and SGA have played distinctly separate but equally important roles in campus life.

While the general function of the board does not involve itself with college legislation, the All College Council and other special task forces of the college seek representation from CAPBoard when discussing various college policies.

The executive board is composed of four leadership executives and six committee chairs. The board meets once a week to evaluate past events, share information regarding upcoming events, and discuss issues related to the overall functioning of the organization.

Decision-making with respect to specific events and performers occurs at individual committee meetings held by each committee chair, and the decisions are reported back to the rest of the board. As such, it would be difficult for the executives to serve their own personal interests when the decisions are made based on the interests and opinions of committee members.

CAPBoard has always held an open invitation policy for all of its committee meetings. All of our meeting times and office hours are posted on the CAPBoard office door located across from Englar Dining Hall, or you can contact our

which we are successful is naturally limited by the number of applicants.

With regards to specific concerns raised about the Radio City Music Hall trip which CAPBoard sponsored in December, an excerpt from a letter submitted to the SGA in response to their considerate inquiries follows:

"Due to the popularity of Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular among the general population, CAPBoard must order its tickets during July. The decision to purchase only 48 tickets to the show (46 of which are available to the student body because the

policy to provide executives and committee members (of the committee sponsoring the show) a discount on the price of an event as a reward for the time and effort they donate to CAPBoard.

The observation that CAPBoard seems to "serve the interest of itself and not that of the campus" is a challenging one. Any organization is limited by its resources and WMC students are a major resource to CAPBoard. We only hope that we can find willing and energetic people who wish to plan fun and exciting events that appeal commonly to WMC students.

Every year, CAPBoard makes

aspect of respect in our schools, families, workplace, politics and overall aspect of society. Kids today and even young adults want all the benefits of being an adult but none of the responsibilities.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my responses to these two issues.

Jason Nunneley
via e-mail

Campus Concert Update

Dear WMC Students,

As the Campus Concert Committee (CCC) chairperson, I want to explain the process the CCC goes through in order to pick a band for our Spring Concert. The band selection process is a difficult and timely process. In August, I received a list of over three-hundred bands from approximately five different agents. This list included the anticipated fee for each band and the bands' proposed plans for the Fall and Winter months. From this list a smaller list of affordable bands was compiled. As the months went by, more information was received from the agents and our list became more specific.

In the beginning of November, the campus was invited to attend a CCC meeting in order to help in the selection process. At this meeting, approximately 25 bands were chosen. As the agent chair, I then consulted the agents for their opinions on each of the twenty-five music groups. From this list, the CCC then selected the bands which the campus had the opportunity to vote on.

After the campus voted, a bid was submitted for the campus' top choice, Reel Big Fish. We then waited for a reply from the band. However, because of deadlines, if the band does not reply within a certain specified amount of time, we must submit a bid for another band, the next band on the list. We repeat these steps until a band accepts our offer.

Because of recent occurrences, a re-vote for the Western Maryland College Concert was necessary. Unfortunately, the bands previously voted on were no longer viable choices because either the band was not available or the band was no longer in our price range. Thus, a re-vote was necessary. As soon as a band accepts our offer, I will be sure to let you know. If you would like more information, please call me or attend a CCC meeting. CCC meetings are Sunday nights at 8:00 pm in the Leidy Room.

David Meckley
Concert Committee Chairperson

In actuality, 5 executives attended the trip, and the remaining tickets were given to people on the waiting list.

office at x759.

March 23rd applications for executive board positions will be available to the student body at the information desk. The board is selected through an application and interview process.

In general, previous experience as a committee member of CAPBoard is helpful. However, there are a number of students who are not members of CAPBoard, but who have the experience and capabilities to be an executive. A major goal of the board is to cultivate the potential of students and develop them into successful leaders in the college community.

Each year the board attempts to select a group of students who are qualified and who represent a range of student interests. The extent to

advisor and committee chair are required to attend) was made after careful consideration by the committee chair and the advisor.

"The magic number of 48 arises because a coach bus seats 48 people. The length of the drive to New York City precludes the use of a WMC van or school bus; thus, we would have to purchase (and sell) another bus and 48 more tickets in order to be most cost efficient.

"This is only CAPBoard's third year sponsoring the Radio City trip, and while interest has risen, we cannot determine that the increase is enough to ensure we would sell 48 more tickets. The cost of holding this event plays a major role as well. At a fee of \$47/ticket, \$15 of which was paid by the student, CAPBoard paid \$1,586. Additionally, the coach bus to NYC was \$1,200. This one event used over 1/3 of the Cultural Arts programming budget for the entire school year!

"Thus, it is fairly plain to see that in order for CAPBoard to offer more tickets one of two things would be required to happen: the cost to students would have to increase or other programs would have to be cut. Neither of these options is particularly appealing."

As Aaron Corbett described to the SGA, it was an original intent of our executive board to attend Radio City as a banding experience. Therefore, executives were reserved tickets in advance.

We agree with the SGA that this action was unfair to the student body. The use of an event for executive bonding has not been done before, should not have been attempted, and will not be condoned in the future.

In actuality, 5 executives (one of whom was the committee chair of the event) attended the trip, and the remaining tickets were given to people on the waiting list. In fact, every person on the waiting list was able to attend Radio City.

The board does have a general

a concerted effort to inform students of our events and to show them how to become involved in the decision making process. It is the students who attend committee meetings and offer suggestions and opinions who decide what performers and events CAPBoard sponsors.

Thus, in this sense, CAPBoard could be seen as serving its own interests. As the SGA noted, this can sometimes be successful as was the case with the winter formal. The formal was started two years ago because a group of committee members desired to have a formal dance in the fall semester and worked to make it happen.

The executives of CAPBoard sincerely hope this letter has clarified some student concerns and given students a better view of the functioning of the organization. We always have and always do welcome questions, concerns, and ideas which students might have. Please come by and see us or give us a call. Thank you for your previous and future support of CAPBoard activities.

CAPBoard Executive Board

Phoenix articles hit the mark

I just wanted to drop a line concerning two articles I read in the most recent issue of *The Phoenix*.

The first article, "Credit card debts trap college students," was a very real experience for me when I was a freshman at Catawba College in North Carolina. I had racked up \$2,000 dollars in debt from two credit cards and have just recently paid one completely off.

The second article was the commentary by Megan Martin concerning destruction of dorm property. The line highlighted in the middle of the column sums it up best: "What has happened to respect for other's property, not to mention respect in general?"

We in America have lost the



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Pro and Con: Guns and Responsibility

Adam Dean advocates safe and responsible gun ownership

Last weekend two unfortunate incidents occurred in Maryland involving underage people and guns. An 8 year old Carroll County boy got into his parents' locked room and found a small caliber handgun. He proceeded to play with the gun and managed to shoot himself.

In Anne Arundel County a 15 year old young man, while visiting a relative's house, found another small caliber handgun. He brought it out to show his girlfriend, popped the magazine out and then pointed the gun to his head saying "Wouldn't it be funny if there was a bullet in here?" There it was. He pulled the trigger.

Guns are dangerous things. A gun is a tool designed to throw metal balls at high velocity. Being in the way of those metal balls is a very poor idea. They must be treated with the same respect that one holds for any other power tool.

One would not allow a chainsaw or an electric drill to be within easy access of those

open the door to his parents bedroom.

A safe or a metal security closet is ideal. If that is not possible, a locking gun rack, trigger locks and cable locks are available. There are cable locks designed for guns, but even the kind used to secure bikes will work. Open the gun's action and thread it through the action and the barrel if possible and lock it. The gun is now useless until you come back and remove the lock.

Another good thing about cable locks is that they can be threaded around or through a stationary object and then the secured object cannot be easily moved. This is a deterrent to theft and tampering. If you cannot do even this, place the gun in a locked drawer, make sure it is unloaded and the ammunition is kept in another tamper-resistant location and be damn sure the only key to the drawer is on your person when you leave.

Simple things like this could have prevented the tragedies in Carroll County and in Anne Arundel County. But basic gun safety and handling skills and common sense also were lacking here, especially in the Anne Arundel County incident. How could a 15 year old not know it was not a good idea to point a gun at his head and pull the trigger?

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who were not qualified to use them. One also would not allow young people to use any other power tool without competent adult supervision. But this does occur. People are injured, maimed, even killed by power tools everyday. And this includes guns.

But, even though guns are dangerous, it is wrong to think that guns should be removed from the possession of the millions of people who use and store them in a responsible manner. In this country we do not charge the innocent for the crimes of another.

It is the duty of every gun owner to maintain his firearms in such a way that they cannot be easily accessed by those who should not have them. This includes children and incompetent or stupid adults or adolescents.

In the Carroll County incident the gun in question was kept in a locked room. Conflicting accounts exist as to whether or not the gun was kept loaded. But, the 8 year old found a key to the room and did manage to shoot himself. In this incident I have much sympathy for the boy and his family. The parents left an older sibling in charge and locked the door to the bedroom. They probably thought this was enough security to prevent accidents, and it is easy to see why they might think so. In Anne Arundel, the gun was kept in a home that apparently did not usually have young people in it. The relative in Anne Arundel County probably thought he had done enough to secure his gun. Unfortunately, they both were wrong.

It is never safe to leave an unsecured gun around when you are not there. If you keep a firearm for protection, while children and the incompetent or untrained have access to the home, you must secure the gun itself. This does not mean only locking the door. Most inside door locks can be easily opened with a credit card or a beat paper clip. Children are smarter than adults give them credit for. There is no reason why a child under ten could not figure out for himself how to spring

The first thing every gun owner or user needs to know is that the "unloaded" gun is a myth. There is no such animal. Every gun, everywhere, is always loaded. No exceptions. Like the actor Jon-Eric Hexum proved over a decade ago, even a blank charge can kill.

Never, ever, point a gun at something you are not willing to see utterly and totally destroyed. That includes your friends, your relatives, yourself and the neighbor's barking poodle. Never touch a gun you do not know how to operate and just because you know how to operate one model of a gun doesn't mean that you know how to use another.

For example, most self-loading pistols can be made safe by removing the magazine and pulling back on the pistol's slide to eject the cartridge in the chamber. But many popular pistols do not operate this way.

Several small Beretta-made pistols feature a tip-up barrel. Racking the slide will not unload one of these guns. The barrel must be released by a latch at the side and the cartridge manually plucked from the gun's chamber.

The point is, if you are not familiar with that particular gun, you probably don't know what you are doing or how to make it safe. Leave it alone until someone more knowledgeable can come and show you. And never take a gun from someone else without first being sure you know for a fact that it is empty. And even after you are sure it is empty, treat it like it is loaded anyway. Because a gun always is.

Guns are very dangerous. Keep them secured. Don't allow children or the incompetent near them. Learn gun safety and proper gun handling from a qualified individual. And don't handle any gun you are not familiar with. If more people did this the world would be a much safer place.

Megan Martin doubts there is such a thing as safe gun ownership

How often do we hear on the news or read in the paper of a child shooting himself or others while playing with a gun? The answer is: all too often.

While feeling sorrow for the families involved and for the children who are dead or recovering, the first reaction I have is, "Why were these children playing with guns?"

The answer is fairly obvious. Younger children do not understand what guns can do when people use them. Children usually have no experience with guns other than water pistols and imaginary finger guns, both of which are harmless. They also know what they see on television - Superman is shot at, but the bullets just deflect off his body.

Through playing and by watching television, kids see guns as doing no "harm." This idea is then translated to the child's reality - to a child guns are harmless.

In some households with guns, children know where their parents keep the shiny forbidden objects. Naturally, anything shiny and forbidden is irresistible to a curious child.

Curiosity is only sated by learning, and to children, learning equals playing. Logically, playing with a gun is a child's way of learning about the gun; that is, how it works and what it does.

Most parents with guns try to keep them out of reach of their children. Some guns are kept locked in a safe place, while others are locked away with the bullets elsewhere. Seems pretty safe, does it not?

The answer is no, few safety measures are child proof. Any determined child can find a way to retrieve the gun and bullets

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from their "safe" resting places.

This statement is bolstered by fact. The Peace Education Center (PEC) wrote their Spring 1993 newsletter that every 12 people under the age of 19 are killed in accidental shootings out of the 1,500 accidental shootings a year (http://www.nonviolence.org/pec/news/1993/Spring/gun_ctrl.html).

The Centers for Disease Control conducted a study and found that American children are "12 times more likely to die from a firearm injury than are children in 25 other industrialized countries... and 9 times more likely to die from an unintentional shooting (Ceasefire NJ Newsletter, June 1997, Ellen M. Saxon, ed.). The last number does not include those children who are murdered or

who commit suicide.

Is this how we want our children to live? The only real answer is to not buy guns. This is the only truly safe option. Stop a minute to think about it.

If a parent owns a gun and keeps it locked away in one place and the bullets locked away in another place, to protect his child, what good is having the gun? People will say it is for protection, but how can a gun, kept in this manner, protect anyone?

A "safe" gun does not exist at present, so the answer is a sort of gun "abstinence." For those who interpret the Second Amendment as giving them the right to have guns in their homes and have to have them, the answer seems to be personalized guns.

If someone were to break into a house and wanted to kill you, they would do it before you got your gun, got your bullets, loaded the gun, aimed, and fired.

If that did not happen, the intruder would probably grab the gun from you and use it against you, so what is the point?

A burglar alarm would probably be just as useful, if not more so.

For those who have to have guns, there are such things as trigger locks on the market, and within the next few months, personalized guns are supposed to be available for sale. Personalized guns seem to be the next safest bet after having no gun at all.

These guns, using various technologies, can be set so that no one but an authorized user can fire the gun. For this reason, they are also known as smart guns (Ceasefire NJ Newsletter).

They may cost a few extra dollars when they come out, but what is that cost next to the life of a child?

In the end, having a gun and trying to keep it safe from curious little hands is like trying to keep the press out of the White House. It will never happen.

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The Ceasefire NJ Newsletter notes that guns are the most unregulated consumer products. When used correctly, or even incorrectly, they do what they were made to do - kill or wound.

Most often, those who use guns incorrectly are playful children, as in the cases in both Carroll and Anne Arundel counties over the first weekend in February, and the cases that occur each day throughout the country.

People should really think before purchasing a gun: "Is this gun going to allow me to protect myself, or will its use cause me pain?"

Great Expectations?

Turnover rate is a key statistic when it comes to analyzing the morale of the employees in a department. And so when six people get up and leave their jobs as Resident Assistants, it really gets me thinking. Could there be a problem here?

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Doesn't it make you wonder when an RA quits because "I didn't have enough time to study?"

Is too much expected of an RA? Is it necessary for RAs to memo-

Jonathon Shacat questions the reasons behind the RA resignations

rise their residents' names and room numbers? Should an RA's responsibilities include petty tasks like making bulletin boards every month and attending multiple hours of weekly meetings?

If an RA writes up a lot of kids on his floor does that make him a better worker? Does finding trouble mean more than helping a person in need?

Can a first-year student fulfill the role of a Resident Assistant? Or should that job be reserved for someone who is more familiar with the school and its policies, someone who can act as a model or counselor for residents?

Is the reapplication process even necessary for the Resident Assistant job? And during a reinterview, is it best to harp on his flaws or give an overview of his overall performance? Isn't it a good thing to rehire a worker of two years experience rather than to hire an acolyte?

Is it fair to indirectly put the pressure of being responsible for an entire building on one person? Wouldn't that cause her to quit too?

Do the Resident Life Coordinators really give a damn about their staff? Or do they just do the job to

get a free place to stay and a good parking space? Are all RLCs sadists? Do they find pleasure in ruining the lives of students?

Do people sign up to be RAs because they truly want to do the job or is it solely for the money — an attractive \$5,000 of compensation?

Are the abilities of RAs spread

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too thin? Shouldn't they get paid partially with cash so they don't have to work other jobs on campus to supplement their social lives?

Even without the answers to any of these questions, we know one thing for sure. If a boat is sinking and half the crew bails out, the rest might do the same.

Outlook

Editor Kate Hampson on the role of the student newspaper at WMC

A student newspaper by definition is a paper produced by students primarily for students. Although it is read by faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and parents, our most important priority is reporting the news that students want to hear.

Sometimes concerns are voiced by readers that the *Phoenix* does not cater specifically to their needs. Perhaps administrators are not always pleased with the way an issue is covered. It is not the *Phoenix's* role to please the administration, that is what the Public Information Department is for.

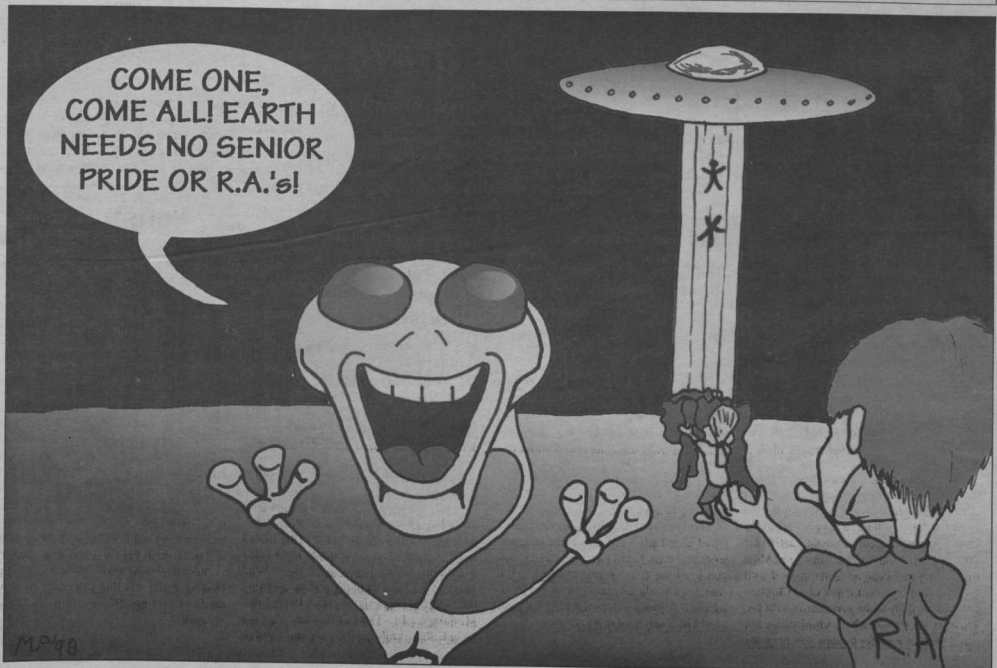
The college is not a dictatorship. We are a capitalist society and the students are the consumers. We are paying large amounts of money to the college and so should expect to receive the best service possible. One role of the student newspaper is to evaluate these services and make sure students are getting the best value for their money.

With a student body of around 1,400, but with a newspaper staff ranging from only 10 to 25 people, depending on the week, it is difficult to provide full coverage of all

campus events. As a staff, it is our job to choose the stories we deem most newsworthy for WMC students. Of course, not everyone will agree with our decisions all the time but if everyone thought the same, this campus would be even less diverse than it already is.

In the real world, Bill Gates does not oversee the press coverage of IBM. He has a publicity department to highlight the company's achievements, but it does not have control over what stories are printed. The media makes the decision on how to report events in an appropriate and timely fashion.

Groups or individuals on campus should capture media attention in the same fashion. If an event is important enough to be in the *Phoenix*, it is important to invite the press to attend the event. In essence, media coverage is free advertising. While it is our job to find news, we are much more likely to cover an event to which we have been invited. We have limited time and a small staff to produce the paper and we must prioritize quickly and efficiently. Informing us of the importance of an event before it occurs is much more productive than criticizing afterwards when it does not receive the expected amount of attention.



BSU Open House

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The belief that "the United States is teetering on the 'brink of a precipice' and heightened racial strife is inevitable if citizens don't move beyond the past (slavery, racism etc.) and adapt to...a multicultural society" is the premise for Lincoln's book.

Many of the students reacted with disgust to the review, although most agreed that African-Americans "should not look back at their pasts out of anger."

Many agreed with BSU member Prakash Wright, who said that Lincoln was wrong to call the past "dead weight."

"African Americans have a rich heritage. Attempts to leave out the racial injustices they faced are done to unify history so that future generations will forget," Wright commented.

"The past is a part of our identity," and although it is impossible to forget about it, negative experiences should be used for personal growth, said Lisa Pershan, a WMC graduate student.

A few black students also talked about their experiences as minorities on the WMC

campus. Several students described incidents of racism where they were called "nigger" or discriminated against.

Angela Harris, the other BSU sponsor, said she found these incidents disturbing. "In this society, everyone is going to be forced to deal with multiculturalism. Either you exist or you fail," she added.

Students also commented on *Amistad*, the new movie about slavery produced by Steven Spielberg and Debbie Allen. Most agreed that it was a positive step. However, one BSU member felt that after the movie "briefly" introduced the issue of slavery, it turned into "two white lawyers' court battle."

The overall reaction to the event was positive.

Pershan said she felt "empowered" after the discussion.

Although most people at the Open House acknowledged the accomplishments this country has made regarding race relations, they felt that Americans as a people still have a long way to go.

Black History Month Events

The following events are sponsored by the Black Student Union, College Activities Programming Board, and the Office of Multicultural Student Services.

Sunday, February 22
Soul food dinner
5 pm Forum, Decker Center
Tickets: \$10, \$5 w/student ID

Wednesday, February 25
Dramafest
A talent show featuring WMC students
8 pm Forum, Decker Center

Saturday, February 28
Gospel Jubilee with choirs from Westminster, Baltimore and Washington DC including The Union Street Gospel Jubileers; Sisters in Harmony; WMC Gospel Choir; Baltimore City College Choir; Sisters of Faith Tabernacle; and New Life Chapel Choir. 7 pm Baker Memorial Chapel. (A reception to follow in Ensor Lounge, Decker Center.)

Saturday shuttle service takes students off campus

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

The shuttle bus service to the Owings Mills metro station and mall during the fall seems to have been a success.

Student use of the service on most Saturdays of last semester was at or near the bus capacity, according to Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs.

"I think that it was quite a success and clearly there is a need for that kind of transportation," said Sayre.

The van, rented from Enterprise, departs WMC on every even hour between noon and 10 pm every Saturday of the semester. Students can choose to be dropped off at the metro station, Owings Mills mall, Cranberry Mall, Walmart, or on Main Street in Westminster.

Although the records don't show student class standing, Sayre attributes much of the use to first-year students who "want to get off campus."

Asked if he thinks the use rate is high because on campus activities are limited on weekends, Sayre said that it was quite the opposite since there was a fair amount of activity on some Saturdays.

"When you have 1,450 individual people living on campus and they have 1,450 different tastes of what they want to do, not ev-

erybody wants to do the same thing on any given Saturday," he said.

Even though Sayre originally envisioned that students would use the service as a means to get to Baltimore via the metro system, he noted that many students just go to the Owings Mills mall.

The weekend before final exams had the most use, probably due to Christmas shopping, said Sayre. That particular weekend, the driver had to leave some people behind due to lack of space on the bus.

In the long term Sayre said he wants to look into the possibility of the college owning a van, rather than having to rent one.

Use of Shuttle Bus Service during the fall semester

Date	# of students
November 1	16
November 8	18
November 15	20
November 22	24
December 6	36
January 10	7

* Up to six students (not including the driver) can fit in the bus. There are six trips each day.

Campus Safety Blotter

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• On 01/21 at 10:02 a.m. DoCS responded to the malicious destruction of property in Blanche Ward Hall.

• On 01/21 at 12:31 p.m. DoCS responded to the malicious destruction of property in ANW.

• On 01/22 at 1:17 p.m. DoCS responded to the accidental destruction of property in Rouzer Hall.

• On 01/23 at 9:58 p.m. DoCS documented a student for telephone misuse in Rouzer Hall.

• On 02/01 at 1:40 a.m. DoCS investigated the use of controlled substances in PA 195.

• On 02/01 at 22:04 p.m. DoCS investigated the use of controlled substances in Rouzer Hall.

• On 02/02 at 11:13 a.m. DoCS reported a burglary in Levine Hall.

• On 02/02 at 4:00 p.m. DoCS responded to Memorial Plaza for a theft.

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Area students get A Jump Start on better education

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Features Editor

Imagine your daughter has to start at a new school in the middle of the year. On her first day, the principal hands her a start-up kit complete with notebooks, binders, pens and pencils she'll need for her classes so she won't have to worry about not having the right materials.

Imagine this school getting all of the volunteers, library books, and plants for science it needs to function and improve education.

One group of students at Western Maryland College is working to make this dream a reality.

Kappa Delta Pi, the new Educational Honor Society at WMC, is sponsoring a program, A Jump Start, to help area schools get the materials and resources they need.

Soon after the first chapter of the society was inducted last April, one member, Heather Corto, introduced the idea of fulfilling a school's wish list.

Each chapter is encouraged to have its own community service project and Corto thought this would be a great way to give back

to area schools, many of which help WMC students fulfill their teaching practicum.

"Being an education minor, we go into schools [for the practicum] and see that there's a lot of things that can be changed," said Corto, one of the coordinators of the program. "This is our way of saying 'thank you.'"

About 20 WMC students are working on developing this program, hoping that it will become a permanent part of Kappa Delta Pi.

"Hopefully everything will come together this year," said Rachel Harrison, the other coordinator for A Jump Start.

The society will pick one school in Carroll County each year to give donations and materials which will be collected through local businesses.

By breaking the group of students into committees, some students will be responsible for maintaining contact with the teachers while others will be contacting area businesses to solicit their support.

According to a recent memo to society members by Corto and Harrison, this program "will help local school kids have better mate-

rials to learn with and improve their safety while at school," along with giving society members important contacts in the school system.

This year the society is working with East Middle School in Westminster. Harrison met with principal Bronson Jones in January to come up with a school wish list the society could begin working on.

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Heather Corto

"Any additional help we can get is very worthwhile," Jones said, adding that he is very excited about the program. The first such program that East Middle School has worked with, Jones believes it will improve the school's educational abilities overall.

Sophomore Jaime Goldsmith is

helping out with the program even though she is not a member of Kappa Delta Pi. "I like working with children. This is a good thing to do," she said. Goldsmith is in charge of contacting sixth grade teacher, Ms. Dolch, to find out what she needs in her classroom.

Each student on the school contact committee is assigned a teacher to keep in touch with so the society will be able to improve individual classrooms.

Goldsmith, an education minor, is currently working with Dolch to help with the sixth grade auction held at the end of the year.

The kids make their own wish lists of things they can bid on with their fake checkbooks, and parents, teachers, and now WMC students contact businesses for donations.

Goldsmith plans on staying with the program if it continues.

"I'm excited about helping," she said. "If the program keeps growing each year, it will be a good thing."

The society is in the preliminary stages of gathering the wish list. Although Jones and several teachers gave many ideas, the members still need to contact more people.

The wish list includes the start-up kits, binders, money for gym uniforms and field trips, books for the library, and plants for the environmental habitat beside the creek on school property. The society also provides volunteers when teachers need them.

Corto and Harrison are also working on publicity for the project. "Our number one goal is to find a newspaper such as the *Carroll County Times* that will recognize the businesses that donate," Harrison said.

Their goal is to fulfill the wish list by the end of the college semester or at least the end of the school year in order to be ready to pick a new school the following semester.

Although both admit that they are taking one step at a time in coming up with the specifics of the project, Corto says it is "definitely a group thing. Our devotion to education is going to pull us together."

Harrison agrees. "That is what will keep this going," she said.

Anyone interested in helping with A Jump Start should contact Heather Corto at extension 8360 or Rachel Harrison at box 586.

Reach Out WMC raises money for volunteer organizations

BY ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

"Going once, going twice - sold!" exclaimed professional auctioneer Andy Cashman, who relieved numerous anxious bidders with these very words at the recent Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences and Circle K service auction. The atmosphere was lighthearted yet tense as students, faculty, and administrators attempted to out bid one another for the most desired items up for auction.

Reach Out WMC, the first ever SERVE and Circle K service auction held on Feb. 9 in the Forum, proved to be a success, earning over \$1,500 for the respective organizations.

"I definitely feel the auction was successful," said Andrea Ahlburn, president of SERVE. "Between the two groups, everything went great."

Groups of students attended the auction intending to bid on the "Weekend on the Bay," donated by Dr. Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, which was the highest selling item at the auction. Freshman Bethany Young won the bid, purchasing the weekend for \$300. Young says she plans to split the cost with five other friends. She also bought the transportation to BWI airport donated by Bobbi Ward, Education Department Secretary, and the surprise dessert cakes donated by Dr. Lauren Dundes.

"It sounded like something fun to do," said freshman Monica Marinello, "so I went." Marinello, who won the bid for dinner with President Chambers, as well as dinner with Dr. Cornelius Darcy, was one of several "big spenders" at the auction. She also purchased piano lessons from Dr. David Kreider and won two WMC football T-shirts and a \$10 gift certificate to Superfresh in the Fish Bowl, or door prize-like part of the auction.

The money earned from the auction will be divided between the two organizations. According to President Meghan Joyce, Circle K, a community service organization which has been a part of the WMC community since the late 80's, will put their half of the money towards supplies for their various community service projects. Circle K does numerous projects each semester such as Christmas in April and baby-sitting children at the near by Human Services Center. They will also use the money to send representatives to leadership conferences.

SERVE, a Habitat for Humanity-like organization which is only in its third year on the WMC campus, will use their earnings from the auction to help defray the cost of their annual spring break trip. At least 10 members of SERVE will be traveling to Dunningannon, Va. over spring break, where they will be repairing the homes of families in need.

Planning for the event began as

early as mid-November, when Joyce and Ahlburn brought the idea to Director of Residence Life and SERVE advisor, Scott Kane. According to Joyce, both organizations had been planning separate auctions. However, when they learned of each other's plans they decided a collaborative effort would be a good idea. Both organizations shared responsibilities on everything from advertising to decorating the Forum.

After sending out an interest letter in late December and not receiving much of a response, the organizations feared they might have difficulty soliciting donations, which according to Ahlburn is "the major event in planning." The situation was much different, however, in January when the students returned to campus after break.

"It was much more effective when we actually approached professors," said Joyce. "People were very generous."

SERVE Advisor Scott Kane said of the donations, "[When] the first gift came in...it was the room at the Westminster Inn. From that point on, we knew the event was going to be a success."

Both organizations, as well as Scott Kane, expressed that they hope to make the auction an annual event.

"[The auction] has proven to be a great fund-raiser," said Ahlburn. "Hopefully each year we can get more and more people interested in the clubs and in attending the auction."



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Auctioneer Andy Cashman oversees the bidding for one of the many items for sale at the auction organized by SERVE and Circle K. The groups raised over \$1500 from the event.

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Unity in Diversity: Black History Month at WMC

BY SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

Romance. Excitement. Little cute babies shooting arrows at unsuspecting couples. Heart-shaped message candies that taste like chalk. For many people, the focus of February is Valentine's Day. But February is important for more than just that one day. February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements of black Americans.

WMC is celebrating Black History Month with a full schedule of activities and events throughout the month. Events are sponsored by the Black Student Union, CAP-Board, and the Office of Multicultural Services. According to BSU President Diane Drakes, "We have a wide variety of events to appeal to a wide variety of people... Come see all there is to see, experience all there is to experience."

Black History Month kicked off February 2 with African-American Appreciation Day, a traditional event where 170 pins made of kente cloth were passed out. "The kente cloth symbolizes support towards the accomplishments and achievements of African-Americans," according to James Felton, director of multicultural services and co-advisor of BSU.

On February 3, there was an Open House/ Discussion in the BSU Clubroom where about 35 students and faculty members discussed a review of the soon-to-be-released book "Coming Through the Fire: Surviving Race and Place in America" by C. Eric Lincoln.

Two comedians added their talents to the celebration. On the sixth, Chocolate performed in Alumni Hall, and on the eighteenth Jimmie performed in the Forum.

On the 10th, "Reflections: The Night Dr. King Died," took place in McDaniel Lounge. President Chambers, Artist in Residence for Common Ground on the Hill Walt Michael, Dr. Ira Zepp, Dr. Rosemary Maxey and Mr. Glenn Caldwell shared their thoughts and memories of the night Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed. "I hope to make it more personal, to give some insight into the civil rights era which we are so distant from," said Felton, who organized the event.

On the 14th, the "Steppin' Back to Africa '98" Step Show Competition was held in Alumni Hall. The event showcased black Greek sororities and fraternities from area colleges and universities, including four of

wood and to "come together for a brief hour to talk about an issue that has an impact on society," said Felton.

"Soul food," declared Drakes, "is cooking from the heart." WMC students and faculty will have the opportunity to experience a variety of mouth-watering soul food dishes for themselves on February 22 at the fourth-annual Soul Food Dinner. It will be held at 5 pm in the Forum and tickets will be \$5 for students, \$10 for nonstudents. The theme is "Black Elegance," and dress will be formal.

All of the food served will be made by members of the BSU, and will include: fried chicken, collard greens, cornbread, ham, candied yams, potato salad, macaroni and

from the Baltimore-Washington area and also some independent groups and choirs." The WMC Gospel Choir will perform, as well as choirs from the Union St. Church, Baltimore City College High School, Faith Tabernacle in DC, New Life Chapel and St. Paul Community Baptist Churches.

It will feature contemporary gospel music, spirituals and hymns in the African-American tradition. But above all, it will be a group of people "just singing from the soul," as Drakes put it. A reception will be held at 10 pm in Ensor Lounge where refreshments will be served and audience members can mix with the singers. Deacon Marcus Towson will host the event.

Black History Month originally began as "Negro History Week" in 1926, brought to life through the efforts of historian Carter G. Woodson. His purpose was to explore the contributions of black Americans to society. February was selected because it is the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two men whom Woodson felt had a large impact on the lives of black Americans. Negro History Week was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

"There shouldn't have to be a separate Black History Month. It should be included in the history we study. But it's not, so we must have it," says student Sarah Harper. Diane Drakes agrees, commenting that "black history is more than a month—we should reflect on it 365 days a year. But for those who don't choose to do so or wouldn't otherwise, it's important to reflect for those 28 days."

Black History Month offers an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of black Americans, while raising awareness and promoting harmony.

WMC students and faculty will have the opportunity to experience a variety of mouth-watering soul food dishes: fried chicken, collard greens, cornbread, ham, candied yams...and peach cobbler.

the five national historically black fraternities and one of the four national historically black sororities. The After-Party was hosted by DJ Q, and featured a variety of music and "party walks" by the black Greeks.

On the 16th, the movie *Rosewood* was shown in the Pub. The movie, starring Ving Rhames, Esther Rolle and Jon Voigt, was about the violent reactions of the white members of the town of Rosewood when a white woman falsely accused a black man of rape.

"It's a deep movie...it deals with issues between whites and blacks. When I watched it the first time, I was just blown away," said Drakes.

On the 17th, a Brown Bag Luncheon was held in the BSU Clubroom to discuss *Rose-*

cheese, sweet potato pie, cake, apple pie, rolls, and peach cobbler. Live entertainment will be provided by the Gospel Choir and poetry readings from members of the BSU. Students are advised by Drakes to just "come and have a home-cooked meal."

On the 25th, the Drama Fest will be held at 8 pm in the Forum. It is a cultural talent show featuring a variety of activities such as poetry, acting, dancing and singing. It is open to all members of the campus community, and will feature a mix of student-produced and professional material.

On the 28th the Gospel Jubilee will take place at 7 pm in Big Baker Chapel. "This is the best part of Black History Month," says Felton. "It's an extravaganza of gospel choirs

New faces appear at WMC

Hartin in Development and Pival in the Registrar's office

Bradford W. Hartin has been named WMC's new assistant director of annual giving.

Hartin will manage the College's Senior Pride campaign, which allows graduating students to target their first gift to the college toward a special project designated by the senior class.

He will also direct the Annual Fund Phone Center and the Class Agent Volunteer program.

A 1996 graduate of Lycoming College, he came to WMC after serving as campaign manager for The Leukemia Society of America, Central Pennsylvania Chapter.

Working out of Harrisburg, Hartin was responsible for development and execution of fund raising events, recruitment and training of volunteers, recruitment of corporate sponsors, and organization and expansion of existing campaigns.

He was also alumni director and philanthropy director for the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity while a student at Lycoming.

Elizabeth Pival is WMC's new registrar. Pival, who will start later this month, comes to WMC after serving as the registrar at Hood College in Frederick since 1992.

She has also served as registrar at University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

She earned a bachelor's degree in busi-

ness management from University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and a master's degree from St. Bonaventure University.

While at Hood, Pival directed the registrar's office-increase in the use of technology, including instituting online access to student records for faculty advisers.

She holds membership in state, regional and national associations in the field and is a participant in programs in strategic planning, enrollment management and international students.

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"Barnyard Fun, because I like the interaction between man and beast."

Jesse Lewis '98
English

"A River Runs Through It, because of the relationships between sons and their fathers, and the outdoors."

Andrew Hess '98
Social Work

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off, because of how Ferris' parents let him off on things, and his sister can't stand him - it's like my family."

Amanda Rose '98
Exercise Science

"The Great Escape - it promotes team work and loyalty to Allied Forces during World War II."

Matt McQuigg '00
Sociology

"Swingers - when I lived in Pittsburgh, it was really easy to get into bars and it's what I used to do when I was in high school."

Jason Stonesifer '01
Mathematics

"Days Of Our Lives - sometimes I feel as though I live in a soap opera."

James Riggins '98
BioChem/Chemistry

By Jessie Watts

A Closer Look...

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

BY JEREMY LOPUS
Staff Writer

Diversity is one of the most important aspects of any community, and the population of WMC is made up of students from many different backgrounds. Although resident students are perhaps the most visible, commuters are an important part of campus life.

One of these students is Timothy Kulp. A member of the class of 2000 who hails from Taneytown, he is an Art/Art History major who enjoys watching old scary movies and hopes to go to grad school. Other members of his family have attended WMC, so deciding to come here was natural for Kulp.

"I think that the quality of teaching here is unique. There are a lot of special people at WMC, and it shows," Kulp's favorite class to

date has been Sculpture with Dr. Wasyl Paliczuk. Kulp is also involved on campus, being one of the founding members of the Martial Arts Club.

His plans for the future include a hopeful professorship. "I've learned so much here at WMC that I would like to teach to others."

Angela Harris is WMC's newest Residence Life Coordinator, although she has been on the Hill for two years. She came here in 1996 to do graduate work in Deaf Education, and transferred into Counseling. Harris will graduate in May of this year. She has worked with Residence Life in Whiteford Hall, and was promoted to RLC Special Housing.

Harris is originally from Long Island but her parents are living in North Carolina. She has a sister,

Tina, as well as a cousin, Shante, who was raised by Harris's parents. When she isn't working, Harris is the advisor for the Black Student Union. She also works with the residence life staff to develop programs for the campus and RAs, as well as reading, writing, singing, and dancing.

Harris' favorite part of her job is talking to residents one on one, so that she can get to know their plans and insights. She also likes learning from other RLCs about working with students, as well as the different affinity groups and departments. Some of her most memorable experiences include planning the BSU's first step show last year, being promoted to RLC this spring, learning a lot about herself, and getting support from Residence Life.

WMC students voice their pet peeves about life on the Hill

Most fault found with Englar Dining Hall

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Contributing Writer

What bothers you most about Western Maryland College? That was the question posed to 10 random students in a survey. Pet peeves about the school ranged from frustration over prank calls to the infamous Englar Dining Hall.

While 30% were irritated by housing conditions, and 40% had smaller miscellaneous items, Glar took the lead with 60% of the complaints (total does not equal 100% because some students had more than one complaint).

Sophomore Alison Leon thinks Glar should be open longer and complains about the quality of the food. She says it "tries to improve but basically chases its own tail" in trying, because she sees no forward progress. Leon suggests hiring a better company and paying them more to work longer hours.

Jimmy Moore, a freshman, also suggests hiring a different company to ensure more tasty meals. "I don't know if it's the way it's prepared or if it's the company," wonders Moore. He feels that meals cost more than they are worth. He thinks the Pub's food is a lot better and does not understand why, since the same company manages both the Pub and Glar. Moore thinks students should be able to use their meal plan at either place.

Sophomore Liz Price's concern is with Glar as well. She is most disturbed by the fact that there are trays full of dishes all over the floor in front of the conveyor belt when the dining hall gets really busy. Price is worried about this being a safety hazard should someone slip and fall on the glass. "It's so unsanitary, and it's such a sight to look

at, all those trays piled up," said Price.

Junior Peter Bushnell also criticized Glar, but for another reason. He thinks the main problem is the repetition in the menu since he has been here for three years. "Every time I go there they don't have what I want, damnit!" exclaimed Bushnell.

In contrast, Lauren Hein complained of not being able to take food out of Glar. It angers her that students are allowed to take one fruit or ice cream product out while all other food items are off limits. She has not made an attempt to rectify the situation because a Glar worker once reprimanded her for trying to leave with a drink. Like many others, she now just "steals" food.

Another major concern of Hein's is the big hole and crack in the wall of her room in McDaniel Hall. At the beginning of the year, plaster was put in the hole to fix it and now she and her roommate cover the area with a poster. It still bothers her, though, because the wall seems to be expanding outward even farther and through other posters on the wall. Maintenance workers said they would fix it at the end of the year, but Hein doubts it will get done.

Michelle Hull, a senior, is also annoyed by housing conditions. Hull feels the school does not put enough money into maintaining and repairing dorms. "I think it's something that the school ignores," says Hull, because it's more concerned with its outward appearance. There is a crack down the side of her window, letting air in and making it difficult to regulate her room's temperature. She says she has not complained because she

does not know who to tell.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Dr. Ethan Seidel was contacted about the complaints over Glar and housing conditions, but was unable to be reached.

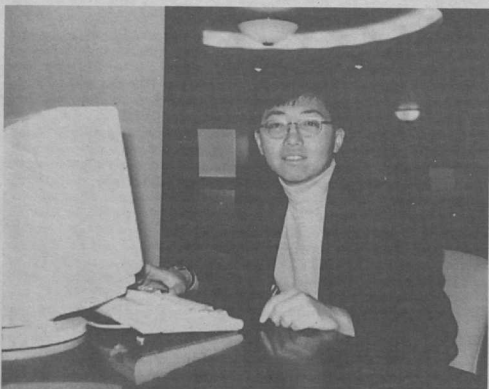
In regard to a very different problem, junior Sara Gruber does not know who to speak to either. Her main concern is admissions accepting "too many people... without good qualifications" in academics and discipline. She thinks they should pay more attention to high school records when it comes to discipline.

Dean of Admissions Marty O'Connell pointed out that disciplinary records are not part of an ordinary high school transcript. Some transcripts include forms about character from guidance counselors. If a student has a borderline grade point average and there appears to be a "character flaw" in guidance reports, then that may lead to a denial, says O'Connell.

She finds it odd that a student would complain about admission standards because she claims they have been "more stringent" lately. Also, since the number of students applying is rising, the school can afford to be more selective. O'Connell says they are "slowly starting to pull the bottom of the class up." However, she admits that "some people look good on paper" and then unexpected events occur which lead them to do poorly in college. O'Connell feels a lot of complaints like Gruber's are simply a matter of perception.

"No matter what we do there will always be someone who has problems," O'Connell said. This seems to apply to all the issues students mentioned.

New reference librarian aids students in research



NATHAN BIRDSALL

With the addition of Clement Ho to the Hoover Library staff, the hours of the reference desk will be nearly doubled.

BY RICHARD HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Relief is in sight for WMC students in need of evening help at Hoover Library.

On Jan 20, Clement Ho joined WMC as Hoover Library's evening reference librarian, a new position in which the primary responsibility is to serve WMC students in the afternoons and evenings.

"We were overrunning," said Hoover

Library Director David Neikirk, explaining that the majority of students do not use the library during regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm), hours when most of Hoover's professional staff are present.

"An evening reference librarian was needed because we were unable to provide reference service on Sundays and weekday evenings," said Carol Quinn, head reference librarian. Quinn explained that before Ho's hiring, the reference desk was only open for

24 hours a week (Monday - Thursday, 1 pm - 4 pm and 6 pm - 9 pm). Now Hoover's reference desk will have 40 hours of coverage per week (Sunday - Thursday, 1 pm - 9 pm).

Asked how he likes working these hours, Ho replied, "I like it! I'm a night person, and I like sleeping in until 10 am."

Ho, who came to WMC from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, said that he likes his job so far. "I'm putting more into this," he said, explaining that he views his new job as a permanent career.

Also, Ho said that this is his first full-time job. In the past, he had worked part-time as an assistant manager for an art gallery and as a research assistant in other libraries. He is experienced in both book-based and electronic reference service.

Besides his work experience, Ho's educational background also impressed Hoover's staff. He holds a master's degree in library and information science and in comparative literature. Other educational credentials include two bachelor's degrees, one in Chinese language and literature and one in art history.

Asked why he chose to work for WMC, Ho gave several reasons. The college's location was one. Ho likes the fact that WMC is on the east coast, where the weather is more mild, and that the college is relatively

near big cities like Washington DC and New York. He also likes the beauty of Hoover Library itself and the physical layout of the college.

Most importantly, Ho chose to work for WMC because he enjoys helping students. "I have an urge to help people," he said, adding that person-to-person interaction also enticed him to the service-oriented position.

Ho's caring nature along with his special interest and expertise in the information needs of undergraduate students are sure to benefit WMC students.

Even though Ho has only been employed by WMC a short time, he is already well-liked by his peers. "He's nice, and he's smart, and he's friendly," said Neikirk.

Quinn agrees. "We like him as a person," she said. "He has a good personality for the job and is very helpful."

Ho feels the same toward the Hoover staff. "They're friendly and pleasant to work with," he said.

Ho has also received positive feedback from students, even though he has had little interaction with them so far. "They have been very appreciative," he said.

Ho is surprised that students need a lot of help in how to use reference computers. "The students' ability to do research is not as great as I thought," he said, "so I'm glad I'm here to help them."

Baltimore museums exhibit diverse art collections

BY KATE TEVIS
Staff Writer

Queen Victoria might be surprised to see Naomi Campbell's shoes in her art collection, but these are among the many items in The Baltimore Museum of Art's current exhibit.

The collection was started in England in the late 19th Century by Victoria and her husband Prince Albert. It features works of art and furniture from diverse times and places, starting with the early Renaissance and extending to the present.

One highlight of the Renaissance section was the original manuscript of a geometry book written by Leonardo Da Vinci. This unusual book was written in ink, in handwriting that looked no different than modern cursive - a reminder that history is constituted of real, individual men and women.

Among items from the Victorian era were three original manuscripts of Charles Dickens' *Bleak House*. The first was a handwritten copy, surprisingly legible; the second, a typewritten copy with corrections; the third, an original final copy.

An 18th century English furniture set consisted of chairs and a wooden bowl attached to a stand, for holding wassail, or spiced ale. Elaborately adorned vases and furniture created by French and English merchants and artisans in the 18th Century were also on display.

The last section contained modern art. The highlight was Naomi Campbell's towering cobalt "mock croc" platform shoes, which she fell from on the runway. Also on display was an early 1980's "radio in a bag" and a mannequin in a glass case, wearing a flashy dress designed in 1996.

The Walter's Art Gallery's "Masters of Light, Dutch Painters in Utrecht during the Golden Age" will be open until April 5. Paintings in the exhibit are all from the early

17th Century. Utrecht in this era was the art capital of the Dutch Republic and its catholic population inspired many of the "masters of light."

The first section focused primarily on religious paintings inspired by journeys to Italy. They brought to Utrecht a new style of art - the Caravaggist style patterned after Michelangelo Amerighi da Caravaggio. The Caravaggist religious paintings glared with an otherworldly, intense light; flesh appeared yellowish-white as if captured in the glow of a camera's flashbulb.

The second part of the show focused on luxury and pleasure. Portraits of wealthy, middle-class men and women revealed the impact of a strong commercial economy on the Dutch Republic's social structure and lifestyle standards. For the merchants who could afford luxury, it was a status symbol to have one's portrait painted.

These portraits and depictions of luxury were examples of the Mannerist style that emphasized the emotional meaning and mood or quality of the picture rather than religion or mechanics.

The third section of the show focused on landscapes. Most of these landscapes appeared more Italian than Dutch: grottoes, columns, fountains, rocks and waterfalls. Some landscapes were inhabited by Greek and Roman gods and goddesses in mythological action; others were calm and lonely, and some were populated by playful nymphs. The landscapes with gods and goddesses were particularly interesting, conveying the drama and mood of mythology.

At the very end of the exhibit was a huge painting of a hunter and a dead swan. The swan was indicative of its owner's status, hunting was a pastime for the nobility.

Next to this painting was a comment book containing the inspired commentary of a visiting class of middle-schoolers: "Why would someone draw a dead swan?"

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Wrestling championships

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won his fourth conference championship, pinning both of his opponents in the 167-pound class.

Western Maryland will join with teams from the Centennial and Middle Atlantic Conferences, and several independents from the East Coast in the NCAA Division III East Regional tournament next Friday and Saturday at Ursinus.

The 10 weight-class champions and 10 wild-card selections will advance to the Division III national championship.

Centennial Conference Champions (at Swarthmore) Final Team Scoring: 1. Western Maryland (WM), 104; 2. Ursinus (U), 87; 3. Gettysburg (G), 78; 4. Muhlenberg (Mu), 38.5; 5. Swarthmore (S), 31.5; 6. Johns Hopkins

(JH), 23.5.

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118-Rodney Stine (WM) major dec. Jamie Binnall (G) 13-4; 126-Marty Scarpato (G) dec. Jason McLean 12-7; 134-Josh Moyer (U) pinned Steve Smiddy (WM), 1:03; 142-Josh Ellin (WM) dec. Brad Tobias (U) 5-4; 150-Andrey Brenner (WM) dec. Pete Balvanz (S) 7-3; 158-Donny Asper (U) dec. Charlie Conaway (WM) 10-5; 167-Jake Dell (G) pinned Nate McElhane (U) 4:19; 177-Chris Poling (WM) major dec. Tom Flud (U) 11-3; 190-Scott Taylor (WM) medical forfeit Alec Stall (S); Hwt-Chuck Richard (Mu) dec. Jake Jenkins (JH) 6-5.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Marshall and Haley records

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Art Press who played from 1949 through 1952.

Haley's achievement came two days earlier on home ground against Elizabethtown. With 3:41 left in the second half a short jumper took her record to 1,579 points, surpassing the 1989 record of 1,577 by Cindy Boyer. Haley finished the game a season-high 27 points, taking her total to 1,584.

Marshall finished his game as top scorer with 24 points, which took his career total to 1,577. He also led the Terror in rebounds with nine. Marshall has consistently

been the team's top scorer, scoring 32 points on Feb. 11, against Dickinson, and 22 against Wesley College on Feb. 2. In this game he hit the game-winning shot at the buzzer, bringing the score to 68-67.

Haley equaled her season high 27 points at Dickinson on Feb. 10. She had 17 of WMC's 33 second-half points and a game-high 11 rebounds, leading the team to victory 72-60. Like Marshall, she has been the top scorer in many recent games. The February 5, game against Catholic gave her 21 points towards her record-breaking total.

Gill Gym's new wood floor

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for a very strong and sturdy surface.

"We had the Cadillac of floors before the fire, and now we've got it again," said Carpenter. The new floor, which was not applied directly on top of the old composite one, uses a state-of-the-art system of intersecting plywood that permits air to flow freely underneath the maple playing surface while allowing for expansion and contraction. The floor was christened by the WMC volleyball match against Franklin & Marshall and cost \$70,000.

"It is much more cushioned than any other wood floor I've ever played on," said junior men's basketball player Brian Tombs. "It has really cut down on the overall soreness of my body, it is awesome," he added.

Wood seems to be a trend in the Centennial Conference of which WMC is a member. Prior to the 1997-98 season, Swarthmore College also retrofitted their main gym. Ursinus and Dickinson are the only two college's in the conference with composite courts.

According to Swarthmore Sports Information Director Mark Duzenski, many of the same steps were taken at Swarthmore in installing the new floor. "But to call it state-of-the-art is a bit of a stretch," said Duzenski.

At Swarthmore, the carpenters built the new wood surface traditionally, the only difference being that it was laid on top of joists that were applied to the composite itself. While the Gill Center's floor covers one court, the different con-



JOSE (JUBA) SIQUEIRA

A group of children sing on the new Gill Gym floor during halftime.

figuration at Swarthmore made it possible to put wood over top of the entire main gym. The biggest difference that Duzenski noticed was the difference in cost, with Swarthmore's floor running up a \$100,000 price tag.

CC Executive Secretary Steve Ulrich noted that he liked the new trend in the conference. "It is funny to see things go around in circles. We have come full circle from wood to composite back to wood again," said Ulrich.

Carroll County Times Sports Editor Bob Blubaugh likes the change from composite to wood as well. "The games seem more real to me. Plus, I think all Western Maryland teams have a home court advantage now," said Blubaugh.

Blubaugh's claim of a home court advantage is supported by the women's basketball 8-2 record at home with the men registering a 9-3 mark at home, through Feb. 14.

While the opposition seems to have a difficult time winning at the Gill Center, it would be difficult to find a happier bunch after a loss. "The old floor used to kill me physically. I hated coming here. I just wish they did this three years

ago," said Franklin & Marshall guard Jen Gibbon.

Franklin & Marshall Head Women's Coach Noreen Pecsok described the difficulty of preparing to play on the composite surface. "Wood is wood. It is the same wherever you go. Each composite floor seems different. I think (the wood) makes for a much more competitive game," said Pecsok.

Western Maryland senior guard Karen Millar said that she feels like she's in the "spotlight" when she steps on the court during a game. "If feels awesome," said Millar.

Both the basketball teams are extremely happy with the floor. "We couldn't be happier," said Men's Assistant Coach Kevin Selby. He explained that the men's team has been practicing at odd hours just so they can practice on the wood. "The kids just love it," added Selby.

It seems that everyone at one time another learns the lesson, "if it seems too good to be true, it probably is." But it appears that in the case of the new floor, the exception proves the rule because no one interviewed could think of anything they didn't like about the floor.

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Basketball Coach Becky Martin travels to Australia

Martin to serve as Maryland goodwill ambassador in exchange program

Women's basketball coach and physical education lecturer Rebecca (Becky) Martin '80, Med. '81 is headed to Australia this April as a representative for the Rotary Foundation International's Group Study Exchange program.

Martin will join four other Maryland goodwill ambassadors for a six-week journey through Australia's Canberra region between Sydney and Melbourne. At the same time, a group of Australian ambassadors will tour the Baltimore-Washington DC corridor.

On her first trip "down under," the Westminster native will talk to members of the Australian Rotary clubs about life in Carroll County, including its agriculture and industry, the role of the college in the county and what it is like to be a coach with 200 wins under her belt as the head of the women's basketball team.

She hopes she'll be able to investigate Australia's sports administration program while she's there, especially the levels for 16-21 year olds.

"I'd specifically like to talk to coaches and athletes and find out if there is anything I can bring back to Western Maryland that might benefit our program," she said. She also hopes to check out Australia's basic life support and emergency medical services systems to see if they are using that same cutting-edge life-saving techniques that have become available in the United States, information that she can bring back to the CPR classes she teaches at the college.

The ambassadors will be staying with Australian families. "It seems like a fun group," Martin says, noting that some of them plan to explore the Outback and snorkel around the Great Barrier Reef together after their Rotary commitment. The group includes a wildlife sculptor from Baltimore, a chemist from Baltimore Gas and Electric's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant in Calvert County, Md., and an administrator from Villa Julie College near Towson, Md.

Courtesy of Public Information

Sports Commentary: Nagano Games push sportsmanship

BY DAVID SZEPESI
Contributing Writer

Each and every year the Olympics has its own historical moment. The Nagano Olympics has its own images as well. World Records are broken and years of hard work fall apart in a matter of seconds.

There are athletes who participate to win, and are expected to do so, and there are great sportsmen who participate for the thrill of being there. One such athlete at the Nagano games is Kenyan cross-country skier Philip Boit.

An absolute outsider, Boit finished last in the 15 kilometer cross-country race. At the finish line, Norwegian Bjorn Dæhlie greeted the Kenyan athlete after winning his sixth gold medal.

This was a classic image of Olympic camaraderie, but there was one aspect most of the viewers were not aware of. According to the CNN SI website, the encounter was created in the minds of Nike's marketing managers, in the tradition of Olympic underdogs such as British ski jumper Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards, or the much talked-about and copied Jamaican bobsled team.

The image is straightforward. Let's produce an absolute outsider, who brings to the forefront the absurdity of the situation.

The question remains: why did Nike want to stage this scene?

There are many possible answers. Possibly they wanted to encourage the Olympic Spirit, or were just thinking of their advertising revenue. Or, maybe, they just wanted to create the moment.

Mens basketball

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Billman topped the Green Terror men in the competition with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Marshall added 20 points and 10 boards.

The February 11 win against Dickinson was by a score of 79-67, saw WMC have a 20-4 point run, with Marshall scoring 12 of the 20, in the first seven minutes of the second-half. Dickinson crept back to within 12 points at 37-25 late in the first half, only to have Western Maryland score the final seven points before the break.

WMC finally responded with another long run, 14-2, to put the game away. Billman notched eight straight points in the run.

Billman finished with 14 points and junior guard Brian Tombs with 12 points.

Currently, WMC is 11-10 overall and 6-5 in the Centennial Conference, winning six out of its last nine games.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

(6-10)

FIELD GOALS

Player - FGM - FGA - FG%
 Will Marshall - 156 - 326 - .479
 Brian Billman - 129 - 233 - .554
 Brian Tombs - 64 - 167 - .383
 Jeff Cree - 33 - 77 - .429
 Kevin Buckley - 33 - 76 - .434

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Player - No.
 Brian Billman - 54
 Will Marshall - 50
 Curtis Miller - 23
 Michael Furey - 21
 Karl Friedheim - 20

STEALS

Player - Steals
 Jeff Cree - 21
 Brian Billman - 20
 Brian Tombs - 18
 Curtis Miller - 15
 Jeff Myers - 13

Erin Murphey - 7 - 27 - .259
 Kristin Miller - 5 - 32 - .156
 Patricia Russo - 5 - 23 - .217

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Player - No.
 Katie Haley - 140
 Kathi Snyder - 109
 Michelle Jarman - 75
 Jill Ibox - 57

THREE POINT SHOTS

Player - 3PM - 3PA - 3P%
 Brian Tombs - 44 - 114 - .386
 Karl Friedheim - 17 - 42 - .405
 Will Marshall - 10 - 37 - .270

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Player - No.
 Will Marshall - 99
 Brian Billman - 94
 Jeff Cree - 52
 Brian Tombs - 46

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(14-9)

FIELD GOALS

Player - FGM - FGA - FG%
 Katie Haley - 146 - 296 - .493
 Kathi Snyder - 119 - 254 - .468
 Erin Murphey - 80 - 198 - .404

FREE THROWS

Player FTM - FMA - FT%
 Katie Haley - 142 - 204 - .696
 Kathi Snyder - 59 - 73 - .808
 Erin Murphey - 56 - 78 - .718
 Patricia Russo - 24 - 29 - .828

FREE THROWS

Player - FTM - FMA - FT%
 Will Marshall - 116 - 152 - .763
 Brian Billman - 74 - 128 - .578
 Jeff Cree - 44 - 55 - .800
 Brian Tombs - 31 - 40 - .775

FOULS

Player - No. of Fouls
 Brian Billman - 56
 Will Marshall - 55
 Michael Furey - 49

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Player - No.
 Katie Haley - 83
 Kathi Snyder - 52
 Jill Ibox - 49
 Michelle Jarman - 49
 Erin Murphey - 26
 Patricia Russo - 15

THREE POINT SHOTS

Player - 3PM - 3PA - 3P%
 Katie Haley - 9 - 30 - .300

FOULS

Player - No. of Fouls
 Katie Haley - 62
 Michelle Jarman - 49
 Jill Ibox - 44
 Erin Murphey - 40

STEALS

Player - Steals
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Terror men have chance at CC playoffs

BY CAROLYN BARNES
Senior Writer

Winning just a few more than they lose, the men's basketball team showcases tremendous talent in a team's success.

One of the key players is senior forward Will Marshall. Marshall scored an enormous 32 points as the team defeated Dickinson College in a recent Centennial Conference game. The game, held on Wednesday, February 11, displayed Marshall as he upped his career point total to 1,553 points.

Back on February 2 as Western Maryland registered a one-point win against Wesley, Marshall scored 22 points. The final basket of this game, shot by Marshall, put him over the 1,500-point mark for his career with 1,501. He rebounded a three-point miss by teammate Kevin Buckley, and hit an off-balance shot from five feet.

He needs just 12 more points to surpass the 1,564-point record compiled by 1952 graduate Art Press, who currently stands as Western Maryland's all-time scoring leader.

The Green Terror men rallied

from a 15-point second-half deficit to win the Wesley competition 68-67. A 10-2 WMC run trimmed the deficit to 62-61 at the 4:20 mark in the game.

Marshall finally gave Western Maryland its first lead at 66-65 with 25 seconds remaining, but the Green Terror men were whistled for a technical foul for touching the ball after it went through the hoop.

Another key player, sophomore center Brian Billman added 15 points in the contest, with Buckley contributing 11 off the bench.

Among these two victories, the Green Terror men were defeated once by Franklin and Marshall in a Centennial Conference game, and had one game against Frostburg State University postponed (the Feb. 4th game).

The defeat came on February 7 as WMC lost to Franklin and Marshall 70-62. This loss left WMC two games behind Franklin and Marshall for second place in the CC-Western Division with four games to play. The top two teams in each of the conference's two divisions make the Centennial Conference playoffs.

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JOSE (JURA) SIQUEIRA

New all-time leading scorer Will Marshall aims for the basket

Marshall and Haley break scoring records

BY KATE HAMPTON
Editor-in-Chief

It's been a record breaking week for Green Terror basketball, as two long-standing career totals have been beaten. Seniors Will Marshall and Katie Haley have become WMC's leading scorers of all-time for the men's and women's teams.

With 15:21 remaining in the second half of the Valentine's Day away game at Gettysburg, Marshall scored, a shot propelling him into WMC sports history. The basket gave him 1,565 points, surpassing the previous record of 1,564. This total had been held for 46 years by

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Wrestlers are CC champions

SWARTHMORE, Pa.—Western Maryland has five individual champions and two runners-up to win its first Centennial Conference championship Saturday at Swarthmore College.

The Green Terror compiled 104 team points to defeat two-time defending champion Ursinus by 17. Gettysburg was third with 78 points, followed by Muhlenberg (38.5), Swarthmore (31.5) and Johns Hopkins (23.5).

All winning their first Centennial titles for Western Maryland were freshman 118-pounder Rodney Stine, junior 142-pounder Josh Ellin, freshman 150-pounder Andrey Brener, sophomore 177-pounder Chris Poling, and sophomore 190-pounder Scott Taylor.

Senior 134-pounder Steve Smiddy and sophomore 158-pounder Charlie Conway placed second for Western Maryland. Ursinus freshman Josh Moyer pinned Smiddy in 1:03 in the finals, following a 20-second fall in the semifinals to earn the Outstanding Wrestler honor.

Gettysburg senior Jake Dell

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JOSE (JURA) SIQUEIRA

Green Terror co-captain Brian Tombs takes a shot over the defence at a recent game. The men's team is currently 11-10 overall.

New wood floor the centerpiece of reconstructed Gill

BY KEVIN CULLEY
Contributing Writer

As the 1997-98 Western Maryland College winter sports schedule comes to a close, athletes and coaches alike are still smiling. While the basketball teams are having good seasons, with the men over the .500 mark for the first time since the 90-91 season and the women battling for a playoff spot, the focus has shifted from the players, to the new wooden surface on which they play.

The December 31, 1996 fire that burned Old Gill Gym, seems more than a year later, to have been a blessing in disguise. "What could have been a real disaster actually ended up with a very positive outcome," said Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance.

The show piece of the \$2 mil-

lion reconstruction is the new wood floor located in the new part of the Gill Physical Education Learning Center. Damage was not contained to "Old Gill," as smoke spread into the staff offices and to the new gym, causing damage wherever it went. According to Seidel, the insurance company was very easy to work with because they wanted the school to be able to repair all of the damaged surfaces.

So, Seidel negotiated with the insurance company while redesigning the new "Old Gill" facility. A new team room was added in the basement and rear stairs were added to the reconstructed facility. "The insurance company" treated it as one facility. When we restored the wooden floor, they didn't care where we put it. It didn't increase the cost, so we just relocated it," said Seidel.

When PELC was completed in

1984, the building featured a multi-purpose composite floor. The surface was a combination of polyurethane and rubber poured on top of a concrete base. The composite floor was by nature very hard and took a great deal of abuse in all of the seasons of play.

Alums of the college who played on the "Old Gill" floor were heartbroken when they heard that the wooden floor had burned. "It was known as the best wooden floor on the East Coast," said Richard Carpenter, athletic director. The sub-flooring made the old playing surface what it was, according to Carpenter. He noted that the sub-floor consisted of 4 by 14 inch joists with a 1 by 6 inch pine sub-floor on top, and then the maple playing surface floor topping it all off. This combination made

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SO position to merge with CA's

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

Recently announced changes to WMC's First-Year Program have raised concerns among students about the selection of Student Orientors and Classroom Assistants, a position which will be combined next year.

Students fear that the lack of a formal application process may put the program in jeopardy.

Whereas in the past, an application, recommendations, and interviews were used to select Student Orientors, the decision for next year's SO/CA positions will be made by the faculty members teaching the seminars.

"The faculty may not know the best criteria to select a SO/CA," said Steve Manger, a senior psychology major, who has been a Student Orientor in the past and helped plan last year's program.

Other SOs are concerned that faculty members do not know students well enough outside of the classroom to make such decisions.

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Student expelled for sexual harassment

BY ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

A first-year student facing expulsion after being accused of sexually harassing a Residence Life Coordinator made his final appeal to President Chambers at a hearing held on Friday, Feb. 27.

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Vice President Dick Seaman will retire in July after 7 years at WMC.

Capital campaign to lose top management

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Dick Seaman, the vice president of the department handling the capital campaign, and his associate Stevenson Close have announced they will leave their jobs soon with \$8 million remaining to be raised.

The department's third and fourth ranked positions — the director of major and planned gifts

and director of corporation and foundation relations — are still vacant, said President Robert Chambers.

Seaman will retire on July 4, his 65th birthday, after seven years of service in the development office at WMC. On March 2, Close transfers to Associated Catholic Charities Inc, the largest social service agency in Maryland.

"It's a little unfortunate because Dick and I will be leaving about the same time," said Seaman.

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Suspected drug dealer arrested

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

A WMC student was arrested on drug charges last week, after Westminster City Police raided his room in McDaniel Hall.

Senior Joel William Armstrong Bridges, 21, was arrested on Wednesday, February 25.

Police discovered half an ounce of marijuana, \$2,023 in cash, scales, and incriminating photographs in Bridges' first-floor room, according to an article in *The Carroll County Times*.

The *Times* article said that Bridges claimed he uses the scales to weigh his mail.

Police received information that Bridges was a supplier at WMC, which was the basis for the warrant to search his room.

He now faces charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, and creating a public nuisance.

Bridges was arrested for marijuana possession in 1995, according to the *Times*.

He was released Thursday morning on \$10,000 bail.

Don Schumaker, associate director of Public Information said that the school could not comment

on this specific case but that college policy is to automatically suspend a student charged with drug distribution.

A student can face consequences from the college as well as from law enforcement, he said.

An Honor and Conduct Board hearing may be held and only after all the appeals have been exhausted will information be released.

Police Lt. Dean Brewer said that the city police notified Campus Safety prior to the drug bust.

Police are expecting to make a second arrest in connection to this one, said Brewer.

Bridges' arrest might be related to the Feb. 13 arrest of two Chestertown men on drug charges in Albert Norman Hall, he added.

The other WMC student connected with the Feb. 13 incident was cited for an alcohol violation by the city police, but was not arrested, said Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety.

The college is still trying to determine the ANW resident's level of involvement in the Feb. 13 drug bust, said Scott Kane, assistant dean of Student Affairs.

The police, who responded to the call made by Campus Safety, seized 2.5 ounces of psilocybin, a hallucinogenic, several grams of marijuana, and paraphernalia, according to a news brief in the *Baltimore Sun* on Feb. 14.

The RA on duty that night initially reported the possibility of marijuana use to Campus Safety who then informed the police.

When Campus Safety arrived on the scene, the WMC student and the two nonstudents were reluctant to let the officers enter the room.

It was after the officers announced they were coming in that one of the individuals opened the door, said Webster.

The occupants denied any use of the drugs, but police found drugs on the two nonstudents.

According to the *Sun*, police charged Benjamin M. Seth, 19, with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was later released.

The other Chestertown resident arrested, Peyton T. Beachy, 18, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession with intent to distribute psilocybin.

Beachy was held at the Carroll County Detention Center in lieu of \$15,000 bail.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

After this summer renovations a fire wall will divide this ANW hallway into two large suites.

Greeks upset by renovations

BY SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

Albert Norman Ward Hall's Greek residents are concerned about how the upcoming summer renovations will affect their organizations' housing.

The plan to add fire walls, dividing the first three floors into

suites for 19 students, has sparked much of the controversy.

Members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and the Phi Alpha Mu Sorority fear that the new suites will not be large enough to hold all of their members, and that the "overflow" students will have to

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Steve Close left WMC this week for Catholic Charities

Campaign directors leaving

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same time but on the other hand I think the campaign is in very good shape," said Close.

A search to fill these positions is being conducted, but the college will not hire anyone until a vice president has been chosen, said Chambers. As an incentive, that person will be allowed to select his/her administration. Seaman will remain working until his successor is selected, as he wants a smooth transition between what's left of his administration and the incoming one. He said he would not retire if he thought the campaign would be adversely affected.

Despite the fact that the development office will have a new set of staff members by mid-year, Chambers said he believes the changes will have no effect on the success of the campaign. He expects it to go beyond the \$40 million goal.

"You never want to say there are no doubts, but there is every reason to believe that the campaign will succeed," said Chambers.

So far the five-year campaign has raised \$32 million; 22 months remain to raise the \$8 million balance, according to Seaman. Much of that money was already committed to, said Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance. "An awful lot of money is coming in that was asked for a long time ago."

"The question is probably not so much whether we will achieve the goal; it is how much we will exceed it by," said Seidel. He said everybody feels confident because the campaign is almost over. However, Seidel admits that there are still some challenges.

"If we stop working we are not going to make it, so it's not like it's in the bag," he said.

Rehiring the new staff could be the most significant factor of future campaign success. "The whole process of replacing them is really important. It is not so much how fast we do it, but how well we do it," said Seidel.

Asked if \$40 million is sufficient for the college, Seidel said, "No question about it, it's not enough. But this is not the last campaign we are ever going to have either."

This comprehensive capital campaign is mainly focused on paying for past and present academic renovations. To increase WMC's \$35 million endowment, or investable funds, will be the purpose of the next one, he said.

All three Senior Pride co-chairs submit resignations

Senior class fundraising drive reaches more than half its goal

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

Senior Pride's three committee chairs resigned from their positions in late January.

Despite this, there have not been any problems with the senior class fund-raising drive aimed at "providing seniors with the opportunity to continue participating in the life of the college," said Rev. Mark Lancaster, director of Annual Giving.

After Senior Pride's recent Happy Hour in the Pub, the committee is now \$600 short of its \$1,300 goal, said Janice Korenkiewicz, the interim for the Office of Annual Giving.

The former committee chairs sent their letters of resignation to several members of the administration.

"We voiced our concerns and told people what we needed to say," said Kendra Jones, one of the committee chairs who recently resigned.

"I felt a lack of guidance from the administration after Vanessa Berger's resignation," said Sara Beth Reyburn, another former co-chair.

Berger, who advised the Senior Pride committee, resigned from her position as Assistant Director of Annual Giving in November. Brad Harton filled this vacancy in late January.

Both Reyburn and Jones said they were not informed of their responsibilities as co-chairs and felt a breakdown in communication during this interim period.

"I didn't think we were used for the positions we were asked to take up," Jones added.

Prior to their resignations, Jones and Reyburn voiced their concerns to Lancaster and Korenkiewicz.

Senior Pride's third co-chair, Michelle Hamilton, resigned because she could not devote enough time to the project. She is currently undertaking an internship in Annapolis.

The remaining members of the Senior Pride committee have opted not to elect new co-chairs.

Even though the committee chairs had concerns about Senior Pride's direction after Berger's resignation, Korenkiewicz said that the committee was very supportive during that time

period and Lancaster assisted her with interim duties.

Korenkiewicz did admit the committee had difficulty scheduling meetings last semester because the members had conflicting schedules. The committee managed to develop a regular meeting schedule this semester to plan Senior Pride's spring events.

"The dorm storm was very productive," said Korenkiewicz about the door to door solicitation Senior Pride conducted last month.

Senior Pride will co-sponsor along with other campus organizations the Alumni Networking Event.

The occasion, to be held on Sunday, March 8, was initially proposed by the co-chairs before they resigned, said Reyburn.

"[The event] will give [seniors and juniors] a jump start on looking for a job," said Lancaster. "Such an event instills a sense in the students that the college wants to help them."

Later this semester, the committee will conduct two more mail solicitations and sponsor another Happy Hour with young alumni during Senior Week.

At the senior class meeting earlier this semester, Korenkiewicz announced that Senior Pride will defer the cost of tables for the Richwine Reading Room in Hoover Library.

The committee chose this gift as the class gift over another campus directory and more concrete benches around campus.

Such a gift will demonstrate "clear class recognition," said Lancaster.

A plaque will hang in the room attributing the contribution to the Class of 1998 and professors may use the room for their senior seminars in future years.

With this year's goal already more than half-way met, Lancaster hopes that this year's senior class will surpass the \$1,300 mark. "The college experience is different from anything else. Making contributions [to your college] is like continuing a heritage," he added.

News in brief

•Robert Lemieux, assistant professor of Communication, will review the new "Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man & The Last Great Lesson," by Mitch Albom from Doubleday at the next session of Western Maryland College's *Books Sandwiched In* at noon on March 12 in McDaniel Lounge.

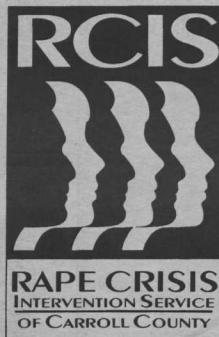
•1997 Grolier Award Winner Pat Sales will give a poetry reading/lecture on March 27, at 2 pm and 7 pm in McDaniel Lounge, free of charge. The national Grolier Award honors a librarian who has made an unusual contribution to the stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people.

•Monday Night Music presents a lecture/recital program on the works of 18th Century women. Unofficially titled *The 1700's Unplugged*, the program features harpsichord, cello and wooden flute. The program will be held on March 23 at 7 pm in McDaniel Lounge, and is free of charge.

•Chamber Music on the Hill presents Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*, on March 29 at 3 pm in McDaniel Lounge. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, and students are free.

•The landscape oils and pastels of painter Beth Van Liere will be featured in The Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall from March 23 - April 24. Hours: Monday - Friday from noon-4 pm; Opening reception: Monday, March 23, 4-6 pm.

•The Kathryn E. Wentz Student Art Show, featuring the works of WMC art students, will be displayed in the Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall from April 29 - May 15. Hours: Monday - Friday from noon-4 pm; Opening reception: Wednesday, April 29, 7-9 pm.



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In Memoriam

WMC held a service in memory of
Martin Oswiecimka
on February 17 in
Little Baker Chapel.

Oswiecimka was a member of the soccer team and the Alpha Gamma Tau fraternity.

Expulsion

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The Sun article quoted Hayden Myers describing the incident, which occurred in November, as "an immature guy thing. It was a joke, and I didn't mean more."

Myers' actions, despite featuring a sexual depiction, do not fall within the college's definition of sexual harassment, according to Sherry Myers and a lawyer she has consulted.

However, Myers was charged with sexual harassment and sanctioned to expulsion by the Honor and Conduct Board at a hearing held on Feb. 5.

Myers appealed the decision at a hearing held before Provost Joan Develin Coley, Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre, and a student representative on Feb. 16. His sanction was reduced to an enforced withdrawal for two semesters, with the option to reapply thereafter.

The series of appeals culminated with the Feb. 27 appeal to President Chambers.

Myers has expressed a strong desire to stay at WMC, despite his

mother's advice, if the sanctions are reversed. However, Sherry Myers said that she intends to take the college to civil court if the appeal is denied. She feels there have been "inflammatory remarks" stated and written about her son since the incident which will make it difficult for him to get into another college.

According to Director of Public Information Joyce Muller, the college will not comment on any specifics regarding the incident in order to protect the privacy of the RLC and the student involved. The college will issue a general statement after President Chamber's decision announcing the sanctions.

The RLC involved was unavailable for comment.

"I just feel really strongly that my son is a really decent kid, I know he's a little immature," said Sherry Myers as to why she is being so vocal about the incident. "But, because of his honesty he should not be expelled."

Staff members leave for Hopkins

Of the three who took positions there, Shaeffer was the only one recruited

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Since August, three former WMC staff members, Makeba Clay, Barbara Shaeffer, and Janet Martin, have taken jobs at Johns Hopkins University, the largest private employer in the state of Maryland.

The fact that so many workers left for the same place in such a short period of time might appear more than simply a coincidence. But except for one act of recruiting, it appears to be nothing more than just that.

"Hopkins does not have a policy of recruiting at this kind of level," said Steve Libowitz, the director of news and information at Hopkins. "It is one of these coincidental things."

This phenomenon may merely be a function of a really good economy.

"It is a full job market," said Provost Joan Develin Coley. "What you get when jobs are plentiful is people who move around." As an example, she cited a recent trend of people who used to work for Hood College and are now working at WMC.

Shaeffer is the only one who says she was recruited. The others say they looked for the new opportunities for themselves.

People who are ambitious in

their careers look for advancement opportunities, said Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs. They typically want new challenges and a bigger salary.

"The professional development opportunities are richer here," said Clay, who works as the residence life assistant director at the Homewood campus.

Her pay increase was "enough for me to move but the quality of life was more important; you can't put a dollar figure on that," she said. In comparison to the residence halls at WMC that always had health and maintenance problems, the dorms at Hopkins "look sharp all the time," she said.

While working at WMC, Clay estimates that she spent 70% of her time dealing with disciplinary issues. At Hopkins she only has to spend 10% of the day on them and can focus the rest of her energy on staff development, she said.

"I could certainly see that that would make it a more attractive job," said Sayre, Clay's former boss.

Shaeffer's salary hike was significant but there were other factors, like the option to take free graduate classes, that made her go. "Nobody goes [just] for the money, you're crazy if you do," she said. Nonetheless, she still says, "It was the hardest decision I ever had to make in my life, whether I should

go or stay."

As the registrar for the school for continuing studies, Shaeffer has the opportunity to work with new materials. For example, she is currently using web-based applications, something that WMC will use at some time in the future.

Martin, who now works as the technical services coordinator at the Columbia center, is responsible for the computer networking of 68 faculty, staff and 1200 students.

"In Janet's case, what she wanted to do with the computers we just don't have," said Coley, who used to be Martin's supervisor.

Her reason for leaving, she said, was for "a challenge, an opportunity to improve myself." Although she got a pay raise, too, a more important benefit for Martin was training. They are paying for her classes and when she completes them Hopkins will give her a promotion.

"It is not bad when people leave, even when the employees are good," said Coley. "Everybody can be replaced from the president down and when a person is replaced you get new ideas."

"Even though it wouldn't have been our choice to replace any of these people, I would say in every case we replaced them with somebody who brings an equally valuable skill set," she said.

ANW renovation

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live in separate housing.

"The renovations are necessary," said Phi Alpha Mu President Maureen McDonough, "but our main concern is that we get to stay together." Sigma Phi Epsilon President Kevin Clunk agreed with McDonough. He said that his fraternity "would be at a disadvantage compared to the other Greeks on campus who have enough space."

Sigma Phi Epsilon also has questions about whether the new suites will be treated like other suites on campus, Clunk added.

The Greek organizations and the administration will continue to discuss the effects the renovations may have on their housing.

"The trend nationally is away from really large, institutional living spaces... students want more suites, more privacy," said Vice President of Administration and Finance Ethan Seidel. Having large suites "opens up possibilities for affinity housing and options for residents...they add more variety to housing options."

The improvements for ANW are part of a continuing five-year campus-wide renovation plan to conclude in 2001. Planning of renovations is a joint effort between the Division of Administration and Finance, which will oversee construction, and Student Affairs.

The renovations to ANW will include replacing all of the windows, laying new carpet in the

rooms and hallways, and replacing bedroom doors where needed. Privacy and security will be strengthened by adding deadbolts to each room and security screens on the first floor.

In order to make the laundry

facilities more accessible, they will be moved to the basement and the spaces this creates will be turned into single rooms. The bathrooms will receive general repair and maintenance, including better ventilation.

Pianist comes to WMC

Pianist Ann Schein will conduct a two-session master class on Saturday, March 7, in Levine Hall.

Piano instructors and musicians are invited to attend the sessions, which will be held from 9 a.m.-noon and from 2-5 p.m. Participants may attend one or both sessions. Pianists are invited to perform and receive critique from Schein.

Schein, a member of the piano faculty at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and an artist-faculty

member of the Aspen Music Festival, will also discuss concepts for teaching intermediate and advanced students.

Admission to the master class, sponsored by WMC's music department and Carroll County Music Teachers Association, is \$3 per session or \$5 all day.

Courtesy of Public Information

SGA update

•The allocations process is complete for the Spring of 1998. Results were announced on Monday, March 2.

•The SGA Campus Clean-up is set for April 25. Anyone is welcome to participate. Registration information will be available soon.

•The SGA Undergraduate Leadership Award applications are still available. Check the information desk or contact Sara Beth Reyburn at ext. 8305. The deadline is Friday, March 13 in the Student Affairs Office.

•There is a vacancy available for the Sophomore class. Please contact Dana Jacobson for more information.

•The SGA recently addressed the issue of limited visibility at the intersection of Church Street and Pennsylvania Avenue at the exit by the Garden Apartments. The city police and the mayor confirmed that traffic control signals are not necessary at this signal.

•FUN FACT: Did you know the SGA has markers available and poster paper for \$5?

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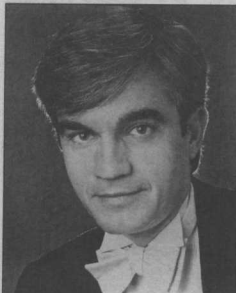
March 24: Germinal ~ (Hill Hall 108)

April 1: Le Hussard sur le toit ~ (BMC 117)

April 15: Ridicule ~ (Dekker Aud.)

May 5: Les Visiteurs ~ (Hill Hall 108)

Renowned choir to perform in Big Baker next week



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James Jordan, celebrated choir director, will conduct the choir's performance. Other choirs under his direction have performed nationally.

The Westminster Chapel Choir of Rider University will perform at 8 pm on Tuesday, March 10, in Baker Memorial Chapel.

The concert will feature an 80-voice choir of the newest undergraduates of the choir college in Princeton, NJ.

Founded in 1946, the Chapel Choir has toured since 1960, performing in churches, school, and concert halls.

The choir has also performed with symphony orchestras including the Trenton Symphony Orchestra, the York Symphony, and the Queens Symphony.

Directed by James Jordan, the choir will perform works by Ives, Lauridsen, and Leek, as well as a selection of traditional folk songs and spirituals.

Before joining the Westminster Choir College faculty in 1992, Jordan served as chair for music education at the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford.

Courtesy of Public Information

SO position merges

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However, administration and faculty do not agree with students.

"Most of the professors will pick a student they've had before. To say that a professor knows less about social interaction than you could find out in a 20 minute interview is a false predictor," said Mary Bendel-Simso, assistant professor of English, who serves as the Academic Coordinator of First-Year Seminars.

"I trust the selection process by the faculty members," commented Barb Horneff, associate dean of the First-Year Program.

To aid the faculty with the selection process, Manger has developed a systematic definition of the SO/CA position which he plans to distribute to the faculty.

"The purpose of the orientation and first-year seminar is to engage the student inside and outside the classroom and to help the student make a connection to the community at WMC through interactions with faculty and students," she said.

Last year's SOs have voiced concerns that the combination of the SO and CA positions will put too much responsibility on one person and that first-year students view SOs and CAs in two different lights.

"Once the students see you as an SO, you're a friend," said Christy Addeo, a sophomore math major who was an SO/CA last year. "When you go into a classroom, you don't think of your friend as someone who teaches you."

"To combine the roles can be very confusing to the students, as well as to the person doing both jobs."

Kendra Jones

Campus Safety Blotter

•On 2/07/98 at 7:38 pm DoCS investigated a report of BB gun shots fired from Union Street and aimed at Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/10/98 at 10:45 pm DoCS documented a student for threatening or dangerous conduct which occurred in the Rouzer Parking Lot.

•On 2/11/98 at 11:55 am DoCS documented a student for theft in Hoover Library.

•On 2/12/98 at 11:26 pm DoCS responded to a report of the use of controlled substance use in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 2/14/98 at 1:35 am DoCS documented a student for disorderly conduct in Rouzer Hall.

•On 2/14/98 at 2:00 am DoCS responded to a report of controlled substance use in the Whiteford Parking Lot.

•On 2/16/98 at 10:36 pm DoCS documented a student for indecent exposure outside Whiteford Hall.

•On 2/16/98 at 10:48 pm DoCS responded to a report of controlled substance use in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/18/98 at 4:00 pm DoCS documented a student for theft in Englar Dining Hall.

•On 2/18/98 at 5:00 pm DoCS documented a student for theft in Englar Dining Hall.

•On 2/20/98 at 10:17 pm DoCS investigated the use of unauthorized weapons outside Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/21/98 at 1:00 am DoCS responded to a report of telephone misuse in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 2/21/98 at 1:32 am DoCS documented a student for failure to comply in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/22/98 at 12:25 am DoCS responded to a misdemeanor theft in Decker Center.

•On 2/22/98 at 12:18 am DoCS documented the furnishing of false information in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/22/98 at 1:34 am DoCS reported an incident of assault and battery in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/27 at 1:12 am DoCS responded to a hit and run traffic accident in the Blanche Ward parking lot.



Bendel-Simso will send the first-year seminar faculty a memo detailing the responsibilities of the newly-combined position.

The decision to combine the SO and CA positions came from faculty members who have taught first-year seminar courses in the past, said Horneff. The change will "bring more consistency and improvements to the program," she noted.

Last year's SOs have voiced concerns about these changes.

"To combine the roles can be very confusing to the students, as well as the person doing both jobs," said Kendra Jones, a senior chemistry major who helped to coordinate the program last year.

Junior biochemistry major Rob Newman agrees with Jones. Newman played the dual role of SO/CA last year.

Even though he had a successful experience, Newman fears that "a lot of the elements of the Classroom Assistant and Student Orientors may have to be sacrificed."

The bottom line is the success of the first-year students, said Horneff.

Some students find that the change in the positions will be beneficial.

"I think the first-year students and the SO/CAs will get a lot more out of the experience by having one person as a SO/CA," said Christian Wilwohl, a senior international studies and French major, who was an SO last year.

First-year student Anthony Forte agrees with Wilwohl. "My SO/CA and I already had a relationship from orientation and we had an even better relationship in the class," he said.

Next year, all first-year students will be required to take a seminar in the fall, another change intended to increase consistency.

The training for the SO/CA will also be altered. Training will consist of two four-hour sessions in April dealing with learning about responsibilities, teambuilding, and leadership activities. SO/CAs will return to campus on August 23 for three more days of training before the first-year students arrive.

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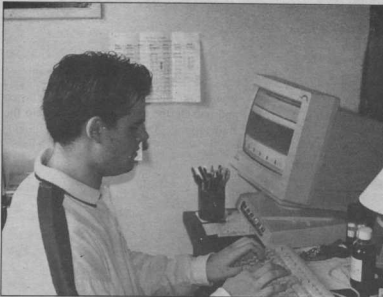
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NATHAN BIRDSALL

A student uses the current e-mail system available in residence halls.

New computer network allows more access

BY RICH SIMMONS
Staff Writer

The recent installation of new computer hardware by Information Services will soon allow WMC students to fully access the internet.

Christine Mathews, director of Information Services, told students at SGA's February Open Forum to expect to use the new system by the end of March.

The new hardware will give data-phone users full access to the internet using such programs as Eudora, Netscape, and ICQ, services that currently require the use of Hoover or any of the other on-campus computer labs.

At the moment, an outside internet service provider is the only viable option for students desiring better access but the digital phone

system of Western Maryland requires students have a data-phone.

"A lack of phone lines should not pose a major problem for students wishing to access the internet from their rooms," said Mathews. And if students still wish to access just their e-mail, some phone lines will remain text-only connections.

Loading times should be short since the speed of the connection in the residence hall's network is fairly fast, Mathews added.

In the future, students will dial up the network in the same fashion they do now, only with slightly different connection applications.

Plans to utilize the cable jacks presently installed in the dormitories for extremely fast cable modem connections may be feasible sometime next year, said Mathews.



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Quirks: The Cult o' Macs

The high priest of the Maryland Chapter of the Ultra Secret Macintosh Cult, Don, was not having a good day. It was about to get worse. He raised his arms to call his Acolytes to order.

"Brethren!" he called to his disciples. "It is time for us to meet and begin the worship of our Apple god!" The assorted mass below him calmed down. "Acolyte Brenner, read the minutes from the last meeting!" Brenner looked down sheepishly.

"Uh, I don't have them, sir..." High Priest Don glared at Brenner in righteous fury and prepared to throw a one-but-toned mouse at the perpetrator, but he held off for the younger man's explanation. (He *was* a merciful high priest after all). "Why do you not have them?" The shaken Brenner gulped. "The squirrels ate it, sir..."

Don scowled. "Damn those squirrels!" He shook his fist in anger at the sky. "You hear me you rodents?! I will get even!" The priest relaxed and sighed. "I motion to disperse with the reading of the minutes. Do I hear a second?" An acolyte in the back quickly seconded. Don hated all of this bureaucracy with motions and seconds, it slowed down meetings immensely, but the new great leader Gates thought it necessary for some reason.

Don quickly turned his attention to the meeting. "Brother Ernie, how goes our attempt to subvert the computers at Western Maryland College?" The portly Brother Ernie was one of the oldest members of the order. The brother drew in his breath and launched into his report. "We have successfully taken over The Writing Center and most of the two Hoover labs. Some students re-

Anne Butler reports from the meeting of the Ultra Secret Macintosh Cult

cently have been searching for the 'Windows Lab.'" Chuckles arose from the assembled group at this. The fictional "Windows Lab" had kept many students confused and lost, consequently, this made them easier to turn to the Cult of Macs. "Most of the faculty have been converted as well, the 'creative' ones, of course, being the easiest to persuade." The acolytes around Brother Ernie nodded in agreement. The one thing in particular that a Macintosh excelled at was creative work." Brother Ernie cleared his throat and continued in a worried tone. "There has been some student rebellion though, sir... Most have the hated IBMs in their dorms..."

Again Don scowled. "Curse those young hooligans! Don't they know that they're not smart enough to use IBMs?!"

A young acolyte in back raised his hand. "Uh, sir, most of them have IBMs at home or school so, uh, well, they do know how to use them. In fact, they find Macintoshes hard to use..." Don's frown deepened at this piece of information. "Damn. Sister Rose, what of our plan to break the student's spirits?" A slim young woman stood. "Project OCTAA was implemented this year and did indeed cause many students discomfort, but many of them still are putting up a fight." Don considered this. "Fine. Get on the phone with our operatives in Glar. The students' menu will now be gruel three times a week, spam, twice and mystery meat on the weekends. That will wear the runts down!"

"Uh, sir," Sister Rose said carefully. "The students could just choose to go to the pasta or salad bars..."

"Curses!" Don yelled, "Those kids have foiled me again!"

"Excuse me, sir?" A not-to-tactful acolyte named Brother Scott asked in the back. "Isn't college supposed to prepare students for the real world?" The high priest stared at the impertinent young man. His eyes narrowed. "Yes. What of it?"

Brother Scott gulped but continued, "Aren't IBMs, for the most part, used almost exclusively in the real world (by non-creative types at least)? Aren't we doing the students a disservice by making them use an outdated system?" The entire mass went quiet at the audacity of the speaker.

High Priest Don was the first to recover. "WHAT?! INFIDEL! SEIZE HIM AND THROW HIM OUT!" Don shouted to the burly acolyte guards. The guards grabbed the young man and began dragging him to the door. "You won't get away with this!" Now-infidel Scott shouted, "You have to face up to the real world sometime! And that means leaving an IBM!"

Don shook his head at the babbling of this apparent madman. But perhaps the heretic had a point? Were they doing the students a disservice by preventing them from using a system that most corporations and businesses use? Don stiffened his resolve. No, they were not doing the students wrong, they were merely preserving the greatness of the Macintosh god. And the Macintosh god was all about not facing reality.

The Soapbox

Adam Dean questions the practicality of combining SOs and CAs.

us some indication as to where the Soca's priorities rest.

Assistant Dean for First-Year Students Barbara Horneff says she trusts the selection process by the faculty members.

Under the old system, applications, recommendations, and interviews were all used to select Student Orientors. Now, the new Socas will be picked by faculty members who are teaching the newly required fall

choose Socas from those lucky enough to have been in their classes, what happens to those who have, by chance, not taken a particular professor? They don't get a shot.

Combining these two jobs will put way too much responsibility on one person. Both positions are important. By making these two very different jobs one, the faculty is almost guaranteeing that one of the jobs will be shorted in some areas.

Is this really what needs to be done? Of course not. This decision should be reconsidered now, before an entire first-year class suffers.

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seminars for first-year students. What kind of criteria will be used by faculty members in the selection process?

Mary Bendel-Simso, assistant professor of English, says, "Most professors will pick a student they have had before."

This will create a limited pool of candidates to choose from. How can excluding qualified applicants make the first-year program more "consistent"? If most professors

Correction

The following retraction was submitted by Paula Harris of The Department of Campus Safety regarding an incident reported in the Campus Safety Blotter in the February 19 issue of *The Phoenix*:

The actual investigation took place on PA Avenue in front of Pennsylvania Avenue 195 house. No Pennsylvania Avenue 195 house residents were involved. We are sorry for the misinformation and inconvenience to the residents of PA 195.

Mouse Wars

Jonathon Shacat
describes life with
campus vermin.

I lay peacefully on my bed. Suddenly a little grey thing scurries across the carpet. "What was that?" I ask myself. Common sense answered the question.

A mouse.

"I have to get him out of here," I thought. I mean, he's invading my property. That animal has all the land on campus to choose from, why does he have to pick my 8 X 10 foot bedroom as his home?

In haste I start to tidy up, throw-

quickly narrowed it down to the one I wanted. Sticky traps are cruel. Humane traps only make more work for the hunter, who has to find a place to release it.

So I get a traditional trap (the kind that whacks the mouse over its head as it takes the food). I put on a piece of Swiss cheese and set it. Upon checking it later that night I noticed the cheese was missing.

It seemed that clever mouse almost deserved to be on a college campus. Outsmarting him was going to be more difficult than I previously thought.

I asked people for advice. Someone said, "Use peanut butter."

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ing away all the back issues of the *Baltimore Sun* that were piled on the floor. My idea was that cleaning would entice him to leave; I soon realized that wasn't going to happen.

I figured the only way to get rid of that thing was to catch him. I knew poison would only make him go in search of water and die in the process. That wasn't good enough. I needed to see it caught, in a trap. So I went to Walmart to buy one.

They had a large selection of pest removal products there but I

I did but that was not successful. Another guy recommended I use a new baiting method that would guarantee tripping the switch. It involved putting the cheese in the metal platform rather than just placing it on top. I gave it a try.

That did it. I awoke one morning — a mere five days after the first sighting — and saw that my hard work had paid off. The intruder was dead.

I gave him a proper burial in the trash can on the third floor of Elderidge Hall. May he rest in peace.

Letter to the Editor

I'd like to comment on oft-overlooked aspect of campus life: religion.

This single word has the power to captivate one person's attention while making another turn the page in disinterest. From my perspective, it seems a if a large majority of college student and faculty fall into the latter category.

This overwhelming attitude of ambivalence toward any type of existential belief system intrigues me, especially in a setting of higher education as supposed enlightenment.

The danger, I believe, comes when dedicated college students and even more dedicated faculty place a higher emphasis on sculpting the mind than sculpting the soul.

While building one's mind may lead to great rewards in the near future, we must not ignore the soul, as this part of our being determines the rewards we reap in eternity. True, the existence of some sort of higher being or even of a soul cannot be proven to the satisfaction of our popular scientific method.

But what if there exists a God.

and what if there is an easy way to get into heaven or Nirvana? I am willing to entertain this notion of what is known as Pascal's wager: It is better to practice some sort of religion on Earth and later learn there is no afterlife than to practice none and find out there is.

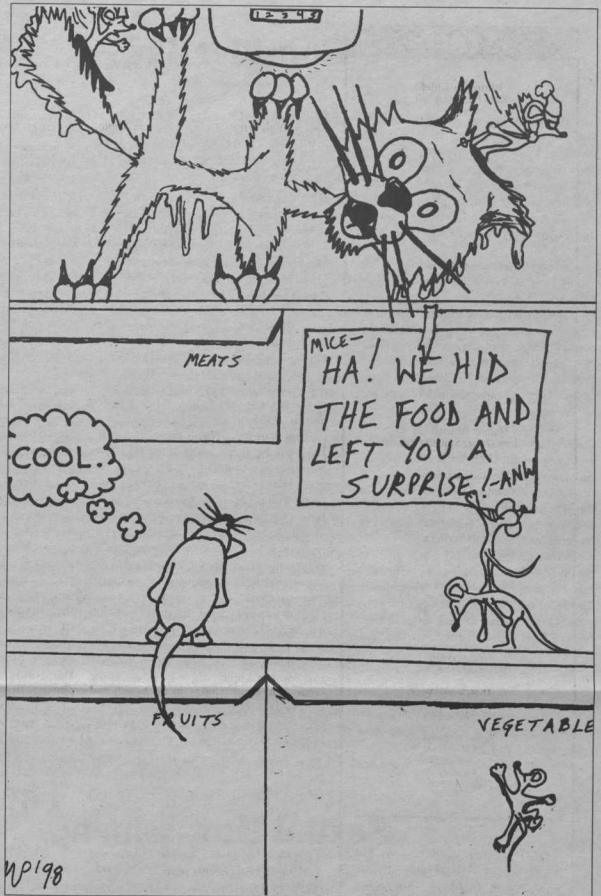
Even a professor of statistics cannot argue with this wager.

So each of us are now forced to make a decision: Either completely renounce the remote possibility that some type of higher being exists, or be open to the idea that perhaps there is a God who loves us.

For anyone choosing the second option, there are many existing avenues on campus through which to have your questions answered. Reverend Mark Lancaster is available for any type of spiritual guidance and, believe it or not, the college has several active student religious organizations.

The decision to devote time to one's soul is indeed a difficult one. However, the rewards are greater and last longer than those of any college degree.

Matt Steiner



The Last Laugh

Eric Barry reminisces
about the students he
served in the Pub.

What a surprise. I never knew that the big burly football player was such a courteous and polite person.

Working at the pub taught me a lot about the people on this campus, especially many people I had the wrong impression about and others I had the right impression about. There were also those students whom I had never met. These students I had no prejudgment of, but with their actions they helped me form an opinion of them.

Many students that I thought were very arrogant, rude, and impolite came into the pub and were just the opposite. They would not assume that I knew what they wanted. They didn't expect me to have their change in two seconds. Lastly, these students didn't expect their food to be made in just minutes. These students were a pleasure to deal with.

However, there were students I thought were very arrogant, rude,

and impolite. A lot of times they would come to the register and mumble something. Then, when I asked them to repeat it, they would get all bent out of shape.

Then there are the students who refused to put money in my hand. They preferred to dump change on the plastic ice cream freezer and watch as I struggled to pry off each individual coin.

These same students are the ones who want three pinches of salt, a dab of mayo, and a kiss on the a.s. I never realized so many students of nobility went to WMC until I worked at the pub.

Working in the pub also helped me to realize something about the females at WMC. I got to see which girls got sloppy drunk every night. I also was blessed with the honor of seeing which girls were

all over a new guy every night.

To be fair, there were just as many guys who were always sloppy drunk and with different girls every night. I especially liked getting accidentally spit on by these drooling fools.

The best experiences I had at the pub were when freshmen would come in, thinking I was a "townie," and harass me and act obnoxiously.

On many occasions I would overhear guys and girls whining about how much money they had on their card. They would gripe how they only had \$115. This is when I would tell them that the second day of school I spent all \$50 on my card for books. Then they would inform me that they were spoiled little brats who needed at least \$300 on their card at all times.

So as you can see, working in the pub was a great experience for me! Not only did I get decent pay, but I also found out which students are obnoxious imbeciles.

Consider This

Richard Smith reflects on the importance of teaching black history.

February is known as Black History Month. It is a time when different programs involving black people are usually taking place throughout the United States.

It supposedly acknowledges black people who have made an impact in America and also allows blacks to feel some sort of pride through a month of learning about their heritage.

However, after the month is over, black history is placed on a shelf until the next February.

Black History Month does not have much of an impact unless it is used to effectively educate people about black history. What most people know about black history is a little something about Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King and slavery, which is okay, but not enough.

In elementary and secondary schools, teachers usually go through the routine of putting up pictures of black people on bulletin boards accompanied by brief descriptions of what they have done. Sometimes a speaker might be invited to speak on Dr. King, a choir might sing spirituals, and a play may even be performed.

In college, the responsibility is given to the black student organization to arrange different programs during Black History Month. This takes the pressure off the other organizations in the college to think of something, or even to acknowledge the fact that it is Black History Month.

Why don't other groups organize and promote some programs for this month? Is the reason for their disinterest because black history is not as important or as relevant to their lives, and therefore it does not need to be recognized?

Many people leave school with the im-

pression that black history is all about Dr. King and slavery. Although this is a part, black history is much richer than this. Over 60 million black people have died trying to obtain the same rights their white oppressors fought to preserve for themselves.

Too many blacks have had their ideas wrongfully taken from them, hidden from public view, and/or used by white people for financial gain.

For example, a lot of people do not know that refrigeration and cooling units (Frederick McKinley Jones, 1892-1961), the cure for glaucoma (Percy Lavan Julian, 1899-1975), the carbon filament (Lewis Latimer, 1848-1928), "the real McCoy" lubricator cup, the lawn sprinkler, the ironing table (Elijah McCoy, 1843-1929), the gas mask, the traffic light (Garrett A. Morgan, 1875-1963), the farmer's almanac, the wooden clock (Benjamin Banneker, 1731-1806), and the sugar refining process (Norbert Rillieux, 1806-1894) were invented by black people.

Black History Month has not been very effective in teaching history, but it has been effective in letting people know publicly that it is not a part of American history.

The fact that it is called Black History does not mean that only black people can benefit by learning this history. Consequently, this is exactly why courses in American History, from kindergarten all the way through graduate school, are missing a substantial part which is extremely necessary in order to insure that the whole story is told.

This situation in itself proves that there

is still discrimination between the races, even in education.

For instance, when examining some colleges' standards for completion prior to graduation, one might find that a common requirement is completion of a heritage sequence. This heritage sequence is designed to have students learn about their common western heritage.

It happens that these sequences teach primarily of people and subjects of European descent. It is rare to encounter a person who is of African descent in these courses, yet it is the only history that has been mandated for students to learn within these heritage sequences and complete in order to graduate.

The fact remains that even though black people have contributed so much to the America of today, they still are not given the respect due to them by having their part of history treated as more than just a tangential option in American history.

If there is going to be a month dedicated to just black history, shouldn't it do just that? There is too much of one side of the story, while the other side of the story is left unaddressed.

People do not realize that black history is just as important as white history. Maybe this is because people fear that black history will reveal the importance of black people and display the disingenuous nature of racist, white people.

In any case, everyone in America needs to realize that Black History does exist and that it is important that this history be taught. If people in America do not recognize and understand their own past, how can they expect peace, joy, and success in the future?

Outlook

Kate Hampson asks students to stop complaining and take action

A lot of complaining goes on at this school. Students and faculty alike, myself included, are always whining about something or other. Whether it's the food, the social life, or just too much work, there's always a topic under discussion.

This is not particular to WMC; complaining takes place in all aspects of society. It's healthy to vent your frustrations and have a good mood. It releases stress and means that there is always something to talk about.

However, all this complaining does not lead to much if no action is taken. What's the good of whining about an issue if you don't do something to change it?

Take Glar for example. A common source of complaint among students, it is an easy target. Institutional food always sucks and it's never going to be mum's home cooking. Even if we were gourmet food, people would still complain about it; part of college life is not liking the food.

But what if students actually took action to change things in Glar? Instead of just saying that it's below standard and perhaps writing a napkin note to that effect, tell them specifically what's wrong and how you would like it changed.

What's the good of whining about an issue if you don't do something to change it?

Another major gripe on this campus is the social life. How many times have you heard people say that they're bored, that there's nothing to do here, and nowhere to go?

Well, all it takes is a bit of effort. Baltimore is only 45 minutes away and easy to get to. If you don't have a car you can use the Saturday shuttle service and take the metro from Owings Mills.

Or join a club. There is a wide range of different organizations here on campus, enough to keep you busy from morning till night. If there isn't a club you like, then start your own. It's easy to do and there are sure to be other people interested in joining.

No money? Make use of the alcohol free activity grants and get pizza and a movie with a group of friends. You can even sign up for one of the Hill Hall rooms so you can watch it on the big screen.

The point is, to make a difference you must take action. Don't just sit and complain about something but solve the problem.

Our parents' generation tried to change things and succeeded in accomplishing a lot. Are we to be known as the whiners, the ones who went to college because there was nothing else to do?

I am not advocating going back to the sixties and revolting against society, but we can at least try and change our college into what we want it to be.

And if you do nothing else, write a letter to the Phoenix and let the campus know about your concern.

Sexual Harassment

Megan Martin reflects on the degradation of being sexually harassed

These days, sexual harassment is a major issue. Questions about what exactly constitutes sexual harassment abound from the White House down through grade schools, and something definitely needs to be done about it.

Harassment occurs when one person repeatedly torments another person to the point where this person feels threatened or uncomfortable. The harassment becomes sexual when comments and actions focus on sex, a person's sexuality, or parts of a person's body.

With sexual harassment, the motive is generally power.

The first step in gaining this power is the degradation and humiliation of another human being, male or female. Power over the other is achieved when the person is so broken that she cannot stick up for herself.

Sexual harassment is not always planned or motivated. Sometimes a person says or does something, without thinking or being sensitive, that causes another person to feel uncomfortable or embarrassed. As long as it is perceived this way, it is sexual harassment.

Speaking from experience, sexual harassment is a touchy and difficult subject.

When I was sexually harassed during my last year of high school by an underclassman, it was about power. I had worked with

this student in an extracurricular activity where I was the student head. I am assuming the problem was the almost nonexistent power differential between the two of us, but I could be wrong.

The student teased me all year, but he crossed the line when he grabbed me by the shoulders and asked me a question about a certain part of my body. I found this inappropriate, and it made me uncomfortable, so I complained to the advisor.

I only wanted her to know about the situation and explain to the student why his actions were inappropriate. When his mother decided she wanted to meet with the advisor and I, the matter was taken to the principal.

This was the worst part. The mother told me that I was a silly, overreacting, lunatic of a girl, the student said not to flatter myself, and the principal gave me no support.

There are two points to be taken from this. The first is that an accusation of sexual harassment should be taken seriously, no matter how hard it is to prove that such an offense took place. The humiliation of sexual harassment is enough, but to have gone through it, just to be told that you are blow-

ing a comment or action out of proportion, is twice as bad.

It's the same as being victimized all over again. Even if nothing actually occurred, the accuser obviously needs help.

The second point may be less obvious. The actions of the student at my high school troubled me and made me feel uncomfortable. I was troubled not for my own sake but because I foresaw future problems for this young man.

I never meant for the matter to go as far as it did. I thought maybe he did not realize the problem and wanted him to do so. Otherwise, he might do the same thing to someone else and was slapped with charges or a lawsuit.

Something should be done about sexual harassers. They should not get away with their offenses, and the victims should receive support.

At the very least, a first-time offender should be sent to sensitivity training. I think that would be a beneficial experience for anyone, especially a sexual harasser.

At any rate, it would be better than getting away with it, getting suspended, getting expelled, or getting fired.

Save the greater punishments for repeat offenders. They are the ones people should worry about the most.

Provost Coley proves women can succeed at WMC

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Features Editor

Most people don't understand exactly what she does or what her title means, but they know she's one of the most powerful people on campus.

In the midst of celebrating Women's History Month, Joan Develin Coley, provost and dean of the faculty, proves that women have made many advances in the last several decades. Being provost means Coley is second-in-command at Western Maryland College, just behind President Chambers and just above the three other executives, who are all men. Coley has held the highest rank a woman has ever held at WMC for the past five years and is also the senior ranking female professor here.

In her large corner office with four windows overlooking the campus, Coley talks about her career as a teacher with enthusiasm.

"I love my field," she says about her studies in reading disabilities, adding that her first love is teaching. She began her career as a reading specialist in Prince George's County public schools and became an administrator for one year there. After finishing her doctorate she came here in 1973 to coordinate the graduate program in reading as an assistant professor.

Coley says she was just planning on staying for three years and then going to a university to become a famous researcher in the reading field. But she discovered teaching was valued here and this was where she wanted to be.

Her job as provost was presented to her as a challenge and she accepted it. "I waited everyday for the fraud police to come and say you can't do this job, but they didn't and here I am," Coley says, laughing.

Tom Gordon, a sociology major, has known Coley for many years because he attended the same elementary school as her son. Since attending WMC, he has gone to her twice with concerns. "I think she's pretty fair, listens to concerns honestly, and tries to help," he said.

Her 22-year-old son now attends a college much like WMC in Connecticut while Coley lives in Westminster with her two cats. Although she grew up in Philadelphia, Coley moved to Maryland when her then husband attended graduate school at the University of Maryland.

Not even sure she was going to be able to go to college because her family didn't have the means to send her, Coley received a scholarship to attend Albright College in Pennsylvania and worked 40 hours a week to put herself through

school. After achieving her bachelor's degree in English, she went on to get her master's to keep her job as a reading specialist and eventually earned her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

She still teaches two courses a year at WMC and runs a reading clinic in the summer where she teaches the teachers of kids with reading disabilities. She has traveled all over the world, done work for publishers, given seminars and conducted workshops on the subject of reading. Her 11 page resume includes 35 published articles and papers and many books, monographs, and videos she has produced on her subject.

Coley describes her job as provost as "challenging, interesting, and never the same." In her position, every decision she makes is difficult but she's not afraid to work hard. A typical day includes ten meetings with faculty committees, numerous appointments with students and administrators, and two crises. She adds that she's already had one crisis and is expecting another one later in the afternoon.

In charge of every academic part of the college, including the curriculum and the entire graduate program, Coley hopes she's been able to leave her mark on WMC through the faculty that she's helped to hire. The best part of her job is being able to have an impact



NATHAN BIRDSALL

As Dean of Faculty, Provost Coley is the highest ranked woman at WMC.

on who's going to teach here and how to support them. During her first year, she hired five or six new faculty and is planning on hiring seven this year. One of the faculty she hired that first year was Dr. Julia Orza, coordinator of the master's degree in counselor's education and a first-year seminar teacher in education.

Orza remembers her first impression of Coley during an interview at the end of a long day of encountering different committees. "She welcomed me into her office,

put me at ease, and I knew I could be myself with her." Orza said. Although she's in a very high position, Orza says that Coley has always been very accessible.

Despite the dismal weather outside her large windows, Coley describes her perfect day with a warm smile on her face. First she would read a good book, then eat a meal at a wonderful restaurant, and finally end the day with a play at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. where she's had season tickets for the past 25 years.

Poets find Common Ground on the Hill

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Three women affiliated with Common Ground on the Hill and WMC will take part in a poetry reading in Westminster this month.

Featured poets include Kim Ports, an adjunct English professor, Shellee Holloway, a sophomore sociology major, and Carolyn Scott, a trustee.

Poems by Ports have appeared in publications such as "The Midwest Quarterly" and "The Rocky Mountain Review," as well as an anthology called "Passionate Hearts." She received the Acad-

emy of American Poets Prize.

"Where it all Began," a poem that Holloway wrote, won a contest and was published in the "National Anthropology Book of America" in 1996. She has been writing poetry since age 13.

Scott is a WMC alumnae of the year and was named one of the top 100 women of Maryland.

Live music will be performed at the event by Jeanann Martin, Lydia Martin, Emily Martin, Wesley Michael, and Amy Ferebee.

The poetry reading will be held on March 22 from 2-6 p.m. in the Ain't That A Frame Gallery located at 31 West Main Street.

Sea-faring students to cruise through semester

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

In the fall Dr. Julie Badiee will board the S.S. Universe and teach a semester of art history courses for 100 days on "a floating campus."

Semester at Sea, a study abroad program, travels around the world and stops at several countries.

The adventure, which counts as her sabbatical, will let Badiee visit and photograph sites that she discusses in two of her WMC courses.

"The places where the ship

rocco and returns to Fort Lauderdale, Florida in December.

Badiee plans to teach Art of India, China, Japan, Art of Islam, and Early Christians and Byzantines. She hopes that some interested WMC students will take part in the program with her.

"If anybody is interested in coming in the fall, it would be great," she said.

According to Martine Motard-Noar, WMC study abroad director, Semester at Sea is very reputable.

"It's a well put together pro-

At A Glance: Semester at Sea

Semester at Sea courses include Anthropology, Biology, Business, Communication, Economics, English, Film Studies, Geography, Geology, History, Music, Art, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Theater Arts.

Credits attained during the Semester at Sea program can be transferred to WMC and used as major, minor, or BLAR requirements, not to mention electives. In March, an affiliation agreement will be made between WMC and Semester at Sea allowing student grades to count toward their GPA, according to Motard-Noar.

The cost to take part in the program for one semester is \$12,980; that price includes tuition, room and board, and the passage fare. Most federal and state scholarships, loans, grants will transfer. WMC scholarships cannot be applied to pay for this program, said Motard-Noar.

For more information contact Motard-Noar at extension 467 or Badiee at 598. The Semester at Sea web site address is <http://www.pitt.edu/~voyage/>

gram has substance," said Motard-Noar. "It's not a world tour in two days." She added that it has the same type of classes that WMC offers.

For now Badiee is getting psyched for the trip. She says she has heard that the experience "changes your life, it gives you such a broad view."

"When people ask me how I am preparing for the trip I say 'I am not going to see 'Titanic,' I'll see it when I come back,'" said Badiee.

*"I am not going to see 'Titanic.'
I'll see it when I come back."*

Dr. Julie Badiee

stops dovetail in with things I teach in [Art of India, China, Japan and Art of Islam] class," she said.

The team ship stops at nearly a dozen different ports and stays at each place for about four or five days. While there, students take part in structured visits appropriate to each city.

It departs in September from Vancouver, British Columbia, visits Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia (a side-trip), India, Israel, Turkey, Italy, Mo-



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WMC students have become unwilling mail junkies

BY ERIC BARRY
Staff Writer

At WMC checking the mail is a routine part of almost everyone's day. Some students love to check the mail, but others find it very annoying.

Based on a random survey of WMC students most find campus-related mail is a waste of their time. They also feel that such an immense amount of this junk mail is unnecessary and a waste of paper.

Such things as credit card company mail, catalogs, and other mail not distributed by the college is not being considered junk mail in this article. Students receive enough of that kind of mail before campus junk mail is even accounted for.

"I don't get financial aid, but I got a financial aid packet," said junior Jessica Wilbur.

Junior Dan Serednick also receives campus junk mail he is uninterested in. "No offense to the actors, but I am never going to Theatre on The Hill," he said.

Christopher Dietzel feels that grades and other important information should be sent through campus mail but other nonsense is not needed.

Asked how he feels about students throwing campus junk mail on the floor, the sophomore said, "It's good, it's their silent protest... their non-violent protest. At least they're putting it to use."

Many people don't even read campus junk mail. When junior Jessica Seidel was asked to identify the main distributor of junk mail, she said, "I don't know; I don't read it."

She also feels that campus junk mail is a waste of paper and a waste of the distributor's time, she says. "Weber doesn't read it."

Steve Weber doesn't check his mailbox

that often, but when he does, it is usually overflowing with mail he doesn't need. The sophomore almost always throws it away without taking more than a glimpse at it. He thinks important things should be sent through campus mail "but not flyers about a dinner."

Weber also sees junk mail as a safety hazard because people could slip on it when it is all over the floor.

"The only use for campus junk mail is to decorate the floor," said junior Dan Zeller. And that's where most of it seems to wind up.

But not all students agree that most campus mail is a waste. "I get excited about junk mail," said sophomore Tomás Urbano. However, he does find the campus phone mail annoying.

Urbano said he understands that a lot of campus mail can be considered a waste of paper, but "the recycling bins are right there."

Dietzel thinks that the main distributor of campus junk mail is student affairs or residence life.

Bobbi Ward, office manager of residence life, said, "certain things need to be seen in writing," although phone mail is more efficient because it saves paper and time. She also said they prefer to have students read the information as opposed to hearing it.

Ernie Ogle, manager of telecommunications, agreed that phone mail saves paper.

However, he felt that phone mail only works well if roommates work together. Occasionally students complain to Ogle about their roommate deleting the messages before they have the chance to listen to them, he said.

"People will read, and others will listen, so you have to do both," said Ogle. Last fall there was a request to have a phone placed in the commuter lounge and Ogle granted the request. Now the commuters can receive campus mail and phone mail, said Ogle.

But commuter Amy Bittinger said many times she never hears the messages on the commuter lounge phone because they get erased before she has the chance to hear them.

As a commuter Bittinger feels that campus mail keeps her in touch with the college. "To see it and decide if you want it is easier than listening to it," she said. Only one is necessary and this freshman feels that campus mail is easier.

Mitchell Alexander, director of college activities, believes that campus-wide mail is necessary if there is a really big event that everyone needs to know about.

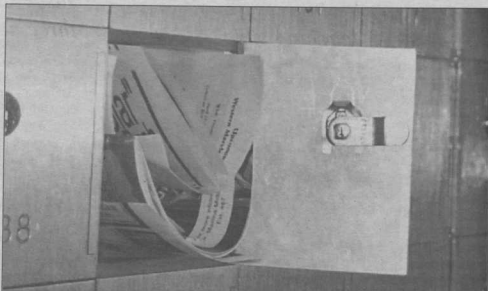
Otherwise, "we try to pigeonhole," he said, meaning they will send campus mail to students based on their sex, their year, their group membership, or some other factor. This method targets a particular group of students, so it is more efficient.

Are the post office workers responsible for all this campus junk mail? Joan Stickles, support services coordinator at the post office, said they must abide by the postal regulations. As long as it's college-related and not just a business soliciting, they must send it out, added Stickles.

Any college organization has the right to have anything sent out to all students. A more cost-effective method "could be posters in dorms or a few strategic places as opposed to... mailboxes," said Stickles.

Once in a while freshmen or students involved with ecology will complain about the great amount of campus mail.

Stickles explained that one student saved



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Students often find their mailboxes stuffed full of junk mail, most of which they don't read. Many students complain that this type of mail is a waste of paper and of time.

all of the campus mail he received for a year and then showed the immense amount to one of the deans. Nothing ever came of it, but at least he tried, she said.

Students shouldn't throw the mail on the floor because "this is their campus," said Stickles.

At the beginning of every year all the mailboxes are color-coded according to the students' year. This is done so that if a piece of mail is only relevant to a certain class, it can be sent to just them, added Stickles.

One example of a piece of campus junk mail was a blue slip that told of a shuttle service to the Owings Mills Metro and Mall.

Junior Bill Meagher drives one of these shuttle vans and said, "over the span of five hours I transported about 20 people."

Meagher was driving from 5:30 pm. to 10:30

pm., a rather convenient time. About 20 students used the service that night, but about 1400 students got that blue slip in the mail. Was it worth sending out?

Ogle told a story of how a professor was so used to throwing away his campus junk mail that when the college decided to mail the paychecks out, he threw his away. Students may also throw away important mail without even knowing it.

Some students feel the junk mail should at least be read, and if that is too much to ask, they should simply recycle it.

Quite a few students use the recycling bins, but not enough, said Mel Whelan, building services coordinator. "About 40 percent use it and 60 percent do not," added Whelan. He wishes all the students would use it to help out with recycling.



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Woo's Movie Reviews

Just call him Woo. New film critic offers his insight into three new releases currently in theaters

BY ALEX MALLOY
Staff Writer

The Gingerbread Man:

A Tasty Treat

Playing exclusively at the Cineplex Odeon Wisconsin Ave. Theatre in Washington D.C.

Robert Altman (*The Player*, *Short Cuts*) directed this thriller based on a John Grisham original story. It turns out to be a greatly satisfying film.

Rick Magruder (the fantastic Kenneth Branagh) is a womanizing Savannah lawyer who becomes the lover and protector of a desperate woman (Embeth Davidtz) who claims she's being stalked by her weirdo father (Robert Duvall). Sadly for Duvall, he's too talented to be stuck in such a small supporting role. The rest of the supporting cast includes a surprisingly good Robert Downey Jr. as Branagh's wise-cracking sidekick, Darryl Hannah as one of Branagh's legal partners and lovers, and Tom Berenger as Davidtz's ex-husband who "wouldn't lend her a drop of piss if she was on fire."

Altman lures us into thinking we're watching a simple character study, but the film is overflowing with Grisham-esque twists, which here seem almost refined.

Grade:B+

The Wedding Singer:

Come on everybody, sing along. Adam Sandler plays Robbie, a once-aspiring rock star who now ekes out a living as a wedding singer. The year is 1985 and Robbie, who is stood up at his own wedding, meets Julia (a surprisingly sweet and charming Drew Barrymore).

The movie asks the riveting question: when will Julia figure out

The Replacement Killers:

To Kill or Not to Kill

A Hong Kong-style action thriller from American music video director Antoine Fuqua (*Gangsta's Paradise*), this film gets some of his beautiful style but none of that much-needed substance.

Charismatic Asian superstar and the perhaps the baddest bad ass of all time Chow Yun-Fat (making his American debut) plays a Chinese assassin trying to get out of a dirty assignment by fleeing the country.

To do this he turns to Meg Cooper (Mira Sorvino), a tough girl document forger. That's when all the fun stops.

Fat has already been introduced in a somewhat well-done opening shoot out, but then it's all downhill when the audience is subjected to one lame shoot out after another.

It's a shame Fat chose this Americanized, watered down, John Woo rip off to make his American debut. That's why it will be ever so sweet when the greatest action star of all time and an equally great director will reteam later this year (they made six films in Hong Kong together) for the heist picture, *The King's Ransom*.

As for the Replacements, they receive a grade of C-

The movie asks the riveting question: will Julia figure out that her Miami Vice-jacketed jerk of a fiance is unworthy of her affection?

that her Miami Vice-jacketed, compulsively unfaithful jerk of a fiance is unworthy of her affection?

Pleasant, predictable, and funny, *The Wedding Singer* is like any romantic comedy set in a cardboard cutout of the mid 80's. Plus, there is a great Steve Buscemi cameo and grandmotherly rendition of that old school classic "Rapper's Delight."

Grade:B

Saying Goodbye: A look back

A series detailing seniors' last days at WMC

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Features Editor

As they prepare to enter the "real world," Western Maryland College seniors look back at what brought them here and what guided them through their school years.

After four years of classes, papers, and late-night study sessions, Niki Grandrimo, Debbie Bosley, and Dan Shattuck realize that they've come a long way.

Although their paths to college took different turns each one ended at WMC.

"I swore I was never coming here because it was small and the soccer team was 1-12," Grandrimo said, remembering that it was her sister, a student here, who finally persuaded her to apply to WMC. "I missed her so much I had to come here," she said.

Bosley had been out of school for 18 years and was working at a job she didn't like when she knew she wanted to go back to school. "I wanted to get a career I would like before it was too late," she said.

After attending Carroll Community College Bosley transferred here because it was close to home.

Shattuck remembers that his campus visit drew him to WMC and also the financial aid package he received.

Throughout their college years

they each struggled with their individual goals. Both Grandrimo and Shattuck were certain that they wanted to go on to law school. Shattuck has now decided that he needs to take a break from school to refocus on his goals.

After interning at a law office Grandrimo realized what being a lawyer entailed and knew it wasn't the career for her. Now she wants to work in international politics.

Grandrimo describes her wake-up call as being scary and confusing. "I dropped everything I wanted to do in life," she said, adding that talking to several professors helped her regain her focus.

With three kids, a husband, and a home to take care of, Bosley admits college wasn't always easy. When she first started she thought

about becoming a nurse. But she always wanted to be a teacher and is now just a couple months away from making her dream come true.

Despite their different backgrounds, each senior has grown throughout their college careers. Bosley notices that she is more independent and has acquired a lot more knowledge.

Shattuck believes he's matured socially. By living in dorms for three years, he has learned to interact with many different types of people.

Grandrimo has also matured since high school. "I know what's important in life now," she said. She never had any really good friends until she came here and now knows what true friends are.

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Horoscopes: March in the Stars

Pisces (2/20 - 3/20)

So it's your birthday this month - celebrate! It only comes once a year. That special someone just might surprise you with something you've been talking about and planning for a while.

Aries (3/21 - 4/19)

Better take time out this month to spend time with your friends, since they are beginning to feel neglected. Catch a movie or just plain hang out - remember, they were there for you when you needed them.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)

Guess what? You need to let your hair loose and take some time out for yourself. You've got so much on yourself this month that stealing a couple hours to breathe will help you in the long run.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/20)

ORGANIZE! Your calendar this month (and for the next two) is packed. Use your social skills to the maximum and everything will turn out A-OK!

Cancer (6/22 - 7/23)

The month of playtime has come after midterms. You'll find yourself going from party to party so let your hair loose and enjoy it while you can, cause when it's over you'll be buckling down with work.

Leo (7/24 - 8/23)

Love is finally in the stars for you this month. Just be careful who you share your heart with cause it might just be a spring fling.

Virgo (8/24 - 9/23)

RELAX!! Midterms are not that bad. If you stress over them to the point of killing yourself, what's the point? So relax and study and don't forget to party afterward.

Libra (9/24 - 10/23)

Be careful what you promise to do this month, you may overwhelm yourself. Make sure you pace yourself and leave some calendar time for that special someone in your life.

Scorpio (10/24 - 11/22)

If you're worried about jobs come graduation or for the summer, this month is the time to start job hunting. Competition is strong, but you'll show your future boss you're worth the risk.

Sagittarius (11/23 - 12/21)

You're a little reckless with partying this month. You need to buckle down and study. If you don't the homefront won't be so happy with you!

Capricorn (12/22 - 1/20)

Your wallet is tight this month, so you need to watch your spending. Instead of going to dinner and the movies with your friends, grab a volleyball or a basketball after Glar and have some fun.

Aquarius (1/21 - 2/19)

So Valentine's Day was a drag, and you don't have the money for an extravagant spring break. Well, pack your bags and go camping with your friends. It may not beat the beach, but it's better than sitting at home.

By Jessie Watts

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A Closer Look...

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

BY RICH SIMMONS

Staff Writer

When pigeons invaded the attic of Lewis Science Hall, **Glen Martin** was one of the people responsible for removing them.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

A member of the Electric Bass Ensemble, Nick Valentine demonstrates his skills

Martin, who has been a maintenance worker at Western Maryland College for 11 years, enjoys his job because he knows what to expect.

Although his duties, like cleaning floors, pulling trash around and cleaning chalkboards in Hill Hall may not be the most exciting, WMC wouldn't be the same without him.

Originally from southwest Baltimore city, Martin loves to fish. "My favorite places to fish are around Cape Hatteras and in upstate New York," he said.

Martin also likes listening to classic rock music, drinking beer, and traveling. He describes his family, one brother, as cool.

Like most college students, **Nick Valentine** likes hanging out with his friends, but what makes him stand out is his involvement with the Electric Bass Ensemble at Western Maryland College.

A member of the class of 2001, Valentine describes the college atmosphere and the fact that Baltimore is nearby as the reasons for his attraction to WMC. Valentine is also pledging Phi Kappa Sigma and enjoys playing music and drawing.

Originally from Cumberland, Md., Valentine is a philosophy and psychology major. His most interesting class so far has been Basic Questions and his favorite professor, Dr. Jakoby.

Valentine's plans for the future? "After a brief stint as an amateur boxer, I believe my newfound wealth and acceptance as a professional wrestler will give me the kind of public support I need in order to become president of the United States. Then maybe I'll be a clinical psychologist."

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Maryland, 34;
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8. Ursinus, 22;
9. Muhlenberg, 18.
Women Final Team Scoring:
1. Swarthmore, 123;
2. Haverford, 93;
3. Dickinson, 61;
4. Western Maryland, 57;
5. Gettysburg, 56;
6. Johns Hopkins, 43;
7 (tie). Franklin & Marshall
Muhlenberg, 12;
9. Ursinus, 4.

Terror basketball senior forwards Katie Haley of Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, and Will Marshall of Sparrows Point High School in Baltimore were selected on February 24 to play on the All-Centennial Conference (CC) basketball first teams.

Haley was joined on the women's select squad by junior Kathi Snyder of West Perry High School in Newport, Pa., who was picked to the second team at forward.

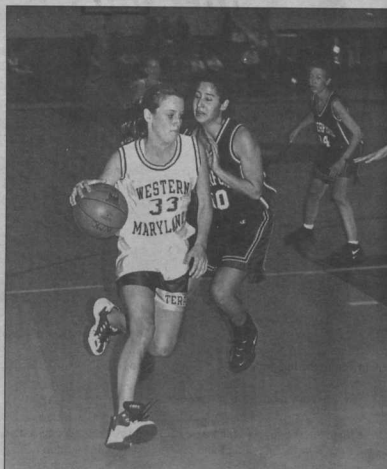
The 5-foot-11 Haley earned her second consecutive All-CC first-team honor, after making the second team as a sophomore.

She was also the CC Player of the Week for the games of Feb. 16 through 22, after scoring 25 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in a 67-53 upset of Division III fifth-ranked Johns Hopkins. It was the second straight week Haley has received the Player of the Week recognition.

Haley is second in the Centennial in scoring and third in rebounding after averaging 19.4 points and 9.8 boards per game for the 16-9 Green Terror. The team co-captain has set school single-season records for points with 484, free throws made with 159 and free throws attempted with 228.

Western Maryland will visit Muhlenberg (Pa.) College tomorrow (Feb. 25) at 6:00 pm. in the Centennial semifinals. The Green Terror earned its first trip to the conference semis with a 68-57 win over Gettysburg in a special play-off to determine the CC-Western Division's second seed. Muhlenberg, which is 15-9 overall, won the Eastern Division for the third consecutive year.

Marshall made his first appearance on the men's top team as the conference's leading scorer with a 20.9 points-per-game aver-



Senior Katie Haley has been selected to play on the women's CC first team. This is the second time she has earned this honor.

age. The 6-foot-6 Marshall, a two-time team tri-captain, also was seventh in the CC in rebounding with a 6.7 average. He was an All-CC second-teamer each of the past two seasons. The Western Maryland men finished 11-12.

Haley and Marshall both became Western Maryland's all-time scoring leaders during the season. Marshall ended his career with 1,620 points, breaking the 46-year old record of 1,564 established by 1952 graduate Art Press.

He also finished in second place on the Green Terror list in blocked shots with 106, tied for eighth in rebounds with 616, and tied for 10th in assists with 202.

Haley's current total of 1,656 points surpasses the 1,577 compiled by 1987 graduate Cindy Boyer Thompson. In addition, she is third at Western Maryland in career rebounds with 898, fourth in blocked shots with 56, and seventh in assists with 213 and steals with 160.

Snyder is second to Haley on this year's team in both scoring and rebounding, with averages of 12.9 points and 7.0 rebounds per contest.

The 5-foot-10 forward already is second in school history in blocked shots with 109 and fifth in rebounds with 619. The All-CC selection is Snyder's first

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The Green Terror Scoreboard

MEN'S BASKETBALL

(11-12)

FIELD GOALS**Player - FGM - FGA - FG%**

Will Marshall - 174 - 359 - .485

Brian Billman - 135 - 254 - .531

Brian Tombs - 68 - 183 - .372

Jeff Cree - 36 - 88 - .409

THREE POINT SHOTS**Player - 3PM - 3PA - 3P%**

Brian Tombs - 46 - 124 - .371

Kevin Buckley - 17 - 44 - .386

Jeff Cree - 10 - 24 - .417

Will Marshall - 10 - 40 - .250

FREE THROWS**Player - FTM - FMA - FT%**

Will Marshall - 123 - 162 - .759

Brian Billman - 77 - 133 - .579

Jeff Cree - 44 - 57 - .772

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS**Player - No.**

Brian Billman - 59

Will Marshall - 51

Michael Furey - 24

Curtis Miller - 24

Karl Friedheim - 20

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS**Player - No.**

Brian Billman - 113

Will Marshall - 103

Karl Friedheim - 52

Brian Tombs - 49

FOULS**Player - No. of Fouls**

Brian Billman - 58

Will Marshall - 57

Jeff Cree - 55

Michael Furey - 51

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(16-10)

FIELD GOALS**Player - FGM - FGA - FG%**

Katie Haley - 165 - 336 - .491

Kathi Snyder - 136 - 289 - .471

Erin Murphey - 91 - 223 - .408

THREE POINT SHOTS**Player - 3PM - 3PA - 3P%**

Katie Haley - 12 - 36 - .333

Erin Murphey - 11 - 34 - .324

FREE THROWS**Player FTM - FMA - FT%**

Katie Haley - 160 - 234 - .684

Erin Murphey - 69 - 97 - .711

Kathi Snyder - 63 - 79 - .797

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS**Player - No.**

Katie Haley - 96

Kathi Snyder - 60

Michelle Jarman - 56

Jill Ibex - 52

Erin Murphey - 29

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS**Player - No.**

Katie Haley - 162

Kathi Snyder - 121

Michelle Jarman - 141

Jill Ibex - 115

FOULS**Player - No. of Fouls**

Katie Haley - 69

Michelle Jarman - 59

Jill Ibex - 51

Erin Murphey - 48

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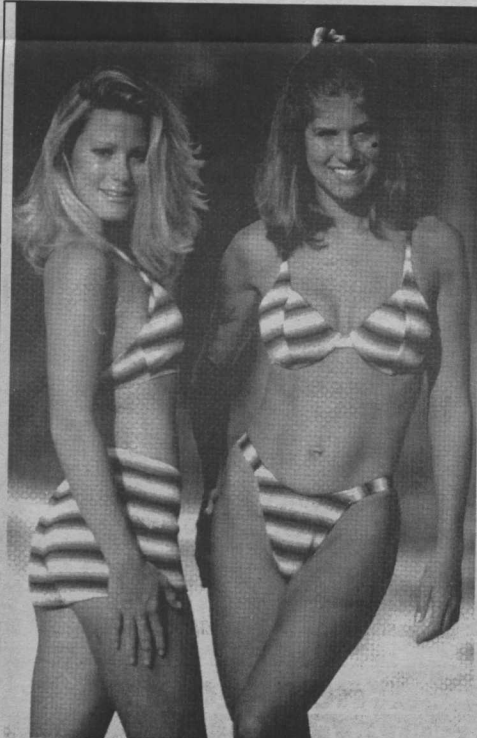
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Lady Terror basketball defeated at conference semifinals

Game marks WMC's first CC semifinal appearance

Western Maryland's Lady Terror basketball made their first trip to the Centennial Conference semifinals in their five-year history as a CC team, to be defeated 69-57 by Muhlenberg.

Western Maryland led 38-37 after a basket by senior forward Katie Haley with 15:41 left, but Muhlenberg then exploded on a 23-2 run over an 8:24 stretch. Roth and senior forward Sarah Bedi each scored six points in the Mules' outburst.

"Muhlenberg certainly played strong defense during that stretch," WMC Head Coach Becky Martin commented, "but I also thought we turned hesitant and did not attack the basket."

Muhlenberg stretched its lead to as many as 22 points at 67-45, before the Green Terror came back to score 12 of the game's final 14 points.

Senior forward Katie Haley topped Western Maryland with 18 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Haley finishes her career with a school-record 1,674 points, including a single-season mark of 502 this year.

Junior forward Kathi Snyder was the only other Green Terror in double figures with 12 points. Western Maryland, which winds up 16-10, did not go to the foul line in the first half and converted just five of 14 tries in the second half.

The Terror made it to the semifinals after defeating Gettysburg 17-8 in a Centennial Conference (CC)-Western Division special playoff game on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Western Maryland and Gettysburg tied for second place in the CC-West, and split their two regular-season meetings, necessitating the special playoff game.

"One of the things that got us to the playoffs was the upperclassmen picking up their games, but our freshmen got their games in order over the course of the season as well," noted Martin.

Forwards Haley and Snyder scored 16 points each and combined for 21 rebounds in the special playoff against Gettysburg.

Senior guard Erin Murphy of Francis Scott Key High School added 13 points for the Terror, with freshman center Jill Ibbex of Westminster High School contributing 12 points off the bench.

Muhlenberg 69, WMC 57

Western Maryland—Katie Haley 8-19 1-6 18, Kathi Snyder 6-13 0-0 12, Michele Jarman 1-2 0-0 2, Patricia Russo 2-10 2-2 6, Erin Murphy 3-10 1-4 8, Jill Ibbex 3-8 0-0 6, Dena Morgan 2-3 0-0 4, Julie Backof 0-1 1-2 1, Karen Millar 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-67 5-14 57.

Muhlenberg—Amanda Waterbury 1-4 6-6 8, Lisa Clarke 1-4 0-0 2, Jessica Drennan 1-9 0-0 2, Sarah Clarke 3-4 5-5 12, Jill Roth 7-17 2-2 20, Sarah Bedi 4-9 6-6 14, Caressa Lynch 1-2 0-0 3, Amy Sandt 1-3 0-0 3, Lauren Krakowski 0-1 5-6 5. Totals 19-53 24-25 69.

Halftime-Tied at 26. 3-point field goals: WM 2-7 (Haley 1-3, Murphy 1-3, Russo 0-1), Mu 7-13 (Roth 4-7, Lynch 1-1, S. Clarke 1-2, Sandt 1-3). Rebounds: WM 42 (Haley 12), Mu 38 (Roth 9). Assists: WM 13 (Haley 5), Mu 14 (S. Clarke 5). Total Fouls: WM 18, Mu 15. Fouled Out: Jarman. Technicals: WM bench. A-537.

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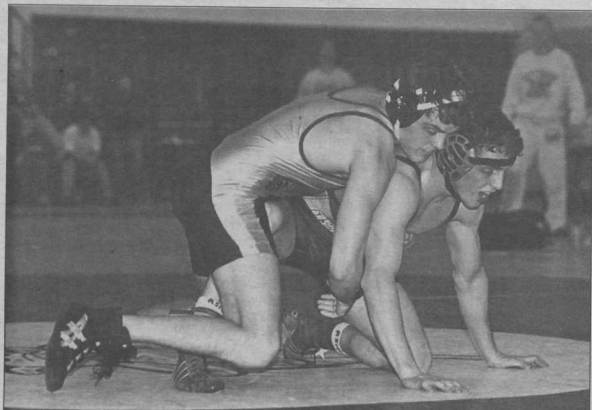
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COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior 134-pounder Steve Smiddy served as first alternate in the NCAA Division III East Regional tournament.

Terror wrestler places in Division III final

Senior Smiddy finishes career with a school record of 93 wins

Western Maryland had eight wrestlers finish in the top six in their respective weight classes in the NCAA Division III East Regional tournament at Ursinus College.

Senior 134-pounder Steve Smiddy was the only Green Terror in the finals, but he fell 7-5 to top-seed Bryan Klass of Delaware Valley.

Smiddy then lost to Messiah's Mike Gaugler, the winner of the consolation bracket, 2-0 in the contest for true second place. The win lifted Gaugler to an at-large bid to the Division III national tournament,

while Smiddy was selected as the first alternate.

Should Smiddy not compete in nationals, he would complete his stellar career with a school-record 93 wins in 134 total matches.

Freshman 150-pounder Andre Brenner finished third for Western Maryland, and was tabbed the second alternate for an at-large bid.

Sophomores Charlie Conaway at 158 and Scott Taylor at 190 both wound up fifth for the Green Terror, as did Rodney Stine at 118, Jon Pitzono at 126, Josh Ellin at 142 and Cody Brenneman at 167.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Swimmers place in CC championship

Western Maryland College sophomore Barkley Dameron tied for eighth place in individual scoring to highlight the Green Terror's performance in the fifth annual Centennial Conference swimming championship, which concluded at Franklin & Marshall College on Sunday, February 22.

Dameron compiled 46 points in three individual events, including a second-place finish in Sunday's 100-yard freestyle.

After posting a time of 56.03 seconds in the trials, Dameron lowered her mark in the final to 54.75.

Green Terror senior Chris Drawbaugh ended his career with his best conference finish, coming in sixth in the 1,650-yard freestyle at 17:34.94.

Freshman Chris Clemmens claimed seventh in the 200 backstroke and junior Jason West seventh in the 200 butterfly in other Sunday races.

Western Maryland's men finished fifth out of seven teams, and the Green Terror women took sixth in an eight-team field.

Gettysburg continued its conference domination by winning both titles for the fifth straight year.

Courtesy of Sports Information

5th Annual Centennial Conference Swimming Championships

Men

Final Team Scoring:

1. Gettysburg, 824;
2. Swarthmore, 633;
3. F & M, 449;
4. Washington, 421;
5. Western Maryland, 261;
6. Dickinson, 221;
7. Ursinus, 173.

Women

Final Team Scoring:

1. Gettysburg, 754;
2. Swarthmore, 545;
3. Dickinson, 483;
4. F & M, 426;
5. Washington, 413;
6. Western Maryland, 232;
7. Bryn Mawr, 159;
8. Ursinus, 157.

Indoor track places fourth at championship

Sophomore Kerry Wilson won two events and had three other top-four finishes, leading Western Maryland to fourth place in the fifth annual Centennial Conference women's indoor track and field championship at Dickinson College.

Wilson successfully defended her title in the long jump, leaping 16 feet, 9-1/4 inches to victory. She also won the 55-meter hurdles in 8.54 seconds, placed second in the 400 dash at 63.12 seconds, and came in fourth in the 55 dash (7.72 seconds) and triple jump (35 feet, 10-1/2 inches).

Swarthmore won its second straight women's title with 123 points, followed by Haverford (93), Dickinson (61) and Western Maryland.

The Western Maryland men wound up sixth with 34 points. Junior Gavin DeFreitas had fourth-place finishes in the 200 (24.09 seconds) and 400 (53.12) dashes for the Green Terror, while Jarrod Gillam and Mike Cushwa took third and fifth in the 800-meter run, respectively.

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WMC mens basketball finishes season 11-12

BY JOHN BURFIELD
Staff Writer

WMC's men's basketball team finished off the season with an 11-12 record and went 6-7 in the Centennial Conference, despite last week's 73-68 loss to Washington College.

WMC's loss turned out to be the final game of the season, after it was decided that a non-conference game against Frostburg State,

season with three losses in a row. Zoulialis felt that his team played very competitive basketball, and was disappointed that their record didn't reflect how hard they had played.

He noted that eight of the team's losses were by eight or fewer points.

Couch Zoulialis also feels very confident with his returning players for next season. Zoulialis cited the fact that they had three sopho-

The coach felt the team has improved over last season, and noted that the Centennial Conference has improved as a whole.

which had been postponed earlier this season, would not be played.

In his final game, senior forward Will Marshall led WMC scorers with 23 points, while sophomore Brian Billman put in 13 points and pulled down 18 rebounds.

Although this game saw the Terror behind 57-45 midway through the second half, they managed to take the lead 66-65 with 4:20 to play after a three-point play by forward Will Marshall.

After WMC turned the ball over and missed three shots, Washington guard Steve DeVore drained a three-point shot with 2:30 left, putting Washington ahead for good.

Coach Nick Zoulialis looks back positively on the season, although the Green Terror finished out the

more starting regularly while only having one senior in the starting line-up.

The coach felt the '97-'98 team has improved over last season, and noted that the Centennial Conference has improved as a whole.

With the departure of WMC's all-time leading scorer, Will Marshall, Zoulialis noted that it will take an overall team effort to fill his absence. With the loss of Marshall, Zoulialis said that players such as freshman guard Sean Pond, who have seen limited playing time in the past, would now have a chance to contribute more.

Couch Zoulialis remains confident that with the leadership of co-captains Brian Billman and Brian Tombs, WMC can have a successful '98-'99 season.



Controversy rages over SO/CA merger

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

WMC students are still strongly objecting to combining the Student Orientor and Classroom Assistant positions, a change they believe could be detrimental to the orientation process.

"I think they're making orientation too academic," said senior Sara Beth Reyburn, an SO for the past two years.

The position will assume a new title of Peer Mentor, which is "all inclusive," said Barb Horneff, associate dean of the First-year Program.

First-year student Jeremiah Kelly, who will be a Peer Mentor next year, is currently distributing a petition contesting the faculty's decision. "It's two different jobs in nature, and it takes two different people to do them," said Kelly, who fears that merging the positions will remove the enthusiasm from Student Orientation.

However, Horneff said that the

new selection process and combining the jobs will "open up and extend leadership opportunities for people outside the larger campus organizations like CAPBoard and SGA." She hopes the changes will make the Peer Mentors a more diverse group.

Many returning SO's were upset because they were not included in the process behind making this position.

"The lack of student involvement added injury to a decision with which many students do not agree," said Aaron Corbett, an SO from last year.

At a recent All College Council meeting, Provost Joan Develin Coley said she was sorry that students were not included in the decision-making process. But, Coley explained that the combination of these positions will make it easier to manage the program.

Both Coley and Horneff admitted the changes may not be perfect. "The program is continuously

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Minority student enrollment increases

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

This year's incoming class has set many new trends, including an increase in minority students at WMC.

The recruitment of minority students is "not necessarily more of a priority," said James Felton, an African-American and director of Multicultural Services. "It's more a result of marketing and

finding the best way of attracting [minority students]."

52 minority students comprise 10.3% of WMC's current first-year class, the highest number and percentage of incoming minority students in the college's history, said Marty O'Connell, dean of Admissions.

25 African-Americans, 12 Asian-Americans, 12 Hispanic, 1 Native American, 1 multiethnic, and 1 unspecified minority make up the 52 new minority students.

The percentage of minority students in this year's incoming class reflects an increase of almost 2% over last year's 8.4%, said O'Connell.

Admissions considers African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native-Americans, and Hispanics as minorities, said O'Connell, not international students.

WMC has always recruited minority students, affirmed O'Connell, but Admissions does not have a designated minority recruiter. "Minority recruitment is everyone's responsibility," she added.

Associate Professor of
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Budapest is located near several spectacular European cities. WMC students can easily visit Vienna, Prague and Venice while in Hungary.

Faculty, students head to Budapest next fall

BY RAINI WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Next fall, several students from Western Maryland College along with Business Administration/Economics Professor Sue Singer will spend the entire semester at WMC's sister campus in Budapest.

The purpose of the program "is to provide students with a study-abroad opportunity in which all their financial aid transfers," said Dr. Martine Motard-Noar, director of Study Abroad.

Currently, about a dozen students have expressed interest in the program. First-year student Dave Stylsley said that a semester in Budapest "will be helpful for his political science major and allow him to experience something new."

Exchange students from the Budapest program are encouraging WMC students to take advantage of this opportunity.

Zoltan Menyhart, a senior business administration/economics major said, "studying abroad gives a person life experience by broadening his/her views."

Junior Jorge del Villar agreed with Menyhart. "People can learn a lot being exposed to different cultures, but their financial circumstances don't always allow them to go abroad," he commented.

Since the campus in Budapest is affiliated with WMC, the tuition, room and board cost the same. Those attending the program will be provided with apartments nearby the college campus. The only expenses not covered by financial aid are the round trip airfare and spending money.

Initially, the idea of the program was to allow students to attend the

college in Hungary for 2 years then transfer to WMC. However, "this year the program was able to get enough funding to send a professor over to Hungary as well," according to Provost Joan Develin Coley.

Singer, will be the first professor from WMC to have the opportunity to teach for a semester in
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Golf house fires six employees

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

All six part-time employees at the golf house lost their jobs March 1 when the WMC Golf Club Management Co. took control of operations there.

The college abolished the positions of manager Joe Manzer and clerks Catherine Davis, Les Cole, Jack Kraus, Harold (Smoky) Warner, and Tom Watts to make room for a new staff.

"The whole reason we did it was to change the direction [of the golf house], and using the existing people that we had, we couldn't do what we wanted to step it up," said Barry Boston, director of Facilities Management and Auxiliary Services.

The management company will provide the expertise to offer free clinics as well as coverage at the counter. New staff include PGA pro Mike Amira, who was director of golf at the Links at Challedon in
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WMC signs two bands



RICHARD KELLEY, COURTESY OF THE BLACKBIRD RECORDING CO.

Brownie Mary is the first band sponsored by the Campus Concert Committee to have a female lead vocalist.

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

It is confirmed.

Moe, a "funk-groove-rock-type music" band from New York, and Brownie Mary, an up-and-coming alternative rock band from Pittsburgh, will perform at WMC on April 24, according to David Meckley, chair of the Campus Concert Committee.

Moe, considered the next Phish, had performed at the Horde festival and the Bayou in DC, as well

as headlined at college concerts around the country.

Brownie Mary, formed in 1993, has a CD entitled "That's Me." The band has opened for the Dave Matthews Band, Melissa Etheridge, Rusty Root, and Hootie and the Blowfish.

Anyone interested in helping with planning or organizing the concert event is welcome to attend committee meetings which are held Sunday nights at 8 pm in the Leidy room.

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Golf House

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Mount Airy, and an assistant pro and some part-time employees, who will be hired in May, Moyer said.

Although there were rumors of a possible change to the system, the news of the restructuring came as a surprise to many of the staff members. Asked how they felt about the situation, each person had something different to say.

"I was very upset and very hurt," said Davis, 72, who would have worked there 11 years in August.

Manzer, 76, was unable to comment because he is recovering from medical surgery.

"I didn't like it at all," said Warner, 76, an employee of 12 years. "I don't think any of us liked it at all."

"I can take it, roll with the punches," said Watts, 66, a school bus driver. "I just don't like the way it was done."

"I hate moving jobs," said Cole, 52, a full-time construction worker. "They could have kept us all on."

"I was shocked that they terminated all of us, but, what can you say, we were all part-time workers," said Kraus, 75, an employee of 7 years. "We are hoping that we may find other jobs at the school."

Bosley said there was some discussion of offering them other employment at the college. Potential jobs include working as PELC desk attendants—no positions are open right now—or as part-time cashiers in the newly managed golf house. But, since the clerks were previously paid around \$8 per hour, they may not be willing to take a pay cut and come back to earn minimum wage.

Kraus said Moyer inquired about offering him a job, but when he told him the salary amount he used to make, Moyer said he could get plenty of help from minimum wage workers.

Watts said that if he is asked by Moyer to come back, he will gladly turn down the offer. The starting wage won't be enough for him.

The six former part-time staff members, most of whom were retired and collecting social security, were paid a severance package of nine additional weeks based upon the average number of hours worked each week, said Bosley.

For the most part, the employees said they thought the severance pay was fair

but added that they would rather work than not.

All of the former workers said they enjoyed working at the golf house, and noted that they were always treated very well.

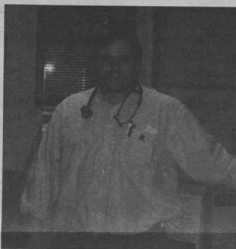
Also, Bosley said they are eligible for 26 weeks of unemployment compensation.

However, Susan Kareiva, an unemployment claims specialist, said from her office in Westminster that people cannot get unemployment if they are not available to work full time. Also, people who collect social security are not able to get full unemployment if the income goes over a set limit. She added that there are some exceptions depending on a person's age.

Other changes to the golf house include: recommended tee times at 10-minute intervals, a fully-stocked pro shop located in the clubhouse with new and used clubs and brand name apparel, and a freshly-painted and carpeted lounge with cable TV.

"This will be the best deal in town by April 1," said Scott Moyer, head golf coach and manager of the new golf house. "They are getting all these services without any increase" in the cost to play on the course.

New doctors replace Welliver



NATHAN BIRDSALL

BY ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

A new Medical Director of the WMC Health Center and a new Athletic Team Physician have filled the two positions left open by Dr. Daniel Welliver, who retired after nearly 40 years in February.

Dr. Herbert Henderson, who completed

his medical training at the University of South Carolina at Charleston, has replaced Welliver as the Medical Director of the WMC Health Center.

Henderson, who has a family practice in New Windsor which is affiliated with Carroll County General, is in the health center for at least 1 hour, 5 days a week. As the medical director, Henderson collaborates with Physician Assistant Joan Lusby, sees patients as necessary, and performs various other duties, such as signing off on necessary documents.

Dr. Samuel Matz, who earned his medical degree from the University of Maryland, has taken over the position of Athletic Team Physician.

Matz, an orthopedic surgeon practicing in Westminster and Pikesville, gives priority to WMC athletes referred to him and will attend all high-contact, collision sporting events such as football.

Both doctors began working at WMC on February 16, immediately after Welliver's official retirement.

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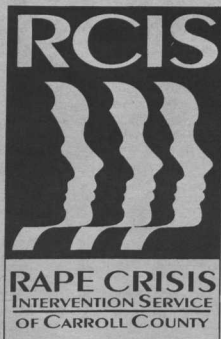
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Students raise questions about SGA allocation to Trumpeters

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

The recent Student Government Assembly's allocation of funds to Trumpeters, WMC's leadership honor society, has raised questions about the organization's allocation process.

The SGA allotted \$130 to the Trumpeters this semester so that the group may sponsor a dinner for student leaders and pay off its debt of \$30.

"Traditionally, the SGA has given student organizations money to pay their debts," said SGA President Sara Beth Reyburn, who is also a member of Trumpeters.

Yet, the SGA allocations committee maintains that it does not give money to "closed-off" student organizations.

The allocations committee consists of the SGA executive committee: President Reyburn, Vice President Aaron Corbett, Treasurer Matt Gribbin, and Secretary Becky Tothoro.

Members of these so-called student groups have questioned this discrepancy in light of SGA's allocation to Trumpeters, which only has three members.

Kappa Mu Epsilon President Jason Barr said the Mathematics

Honor Society sought \$170 to sponsor a Career Night Dinner open to students interested in careers in mathematics. This would also include areas of similar interest such as business, economics, or computer science. "This dinner would give students a chance to gain knowledge on interviews and about specific jobs," Barr wrote in an e-mail to the SGA regarding this issue.

Likewise, senior Andy Kalisperis explained that WMC's Harvard Model United Nations team had applied for an allocation which was denied because the allocations committee considered the group another "closed-off" organization.

Some people have voiced complaints that Trumpeters is not a very active organization, and therefore not worthy of receiving money from the SGA.

Reyburn admitted that the group is "trying to remedy this."

"Trumpeters is a student organization because it was started by students and is continued by students," Reyburn wrote in an e-mail defending SGA's decision.

In defining the SGA's position, Reyburn said, "The [SGA] voted to allocate \$130 to Trumpeters. That vote portrays the sentiment of the body."

In the past, Trumpeters has received funds from Student Affairs and the President's Office, but Reyburn said the group did not receive any money this year from either one.

Other honor societies have received SGA allocations this year. Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, was given \$150 and Order of Omega, the Greek leadership honor society, \$400.

Last year, SGA gave Trumpeters \$80. Former SGA Treasurer Kalisperis said that he and former Vice President Randy Ritter allowed this as "a favor" to Brandy Mulhern, last year's President and a member of Trumpeters.

Reyburn said that a committee within SGA is currently reviewing the allocation process to establish a system of guidelines for next year. These guidelines will be open to interpretation because "each group is different with different needs," she added.

SGA adopts more detailed constitution



SGA officers discuss the new constitution they have designed. NATHAN BIRDSALL

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

The Student Government Assembly recently adopted a new constitution to replace the one the organization has used since Fall 1995.

"The constitution is the result of some unfinished business from last year," said SGA President Sara Beth Reyburn. "It's also better organized and includes fewer repetitions than [the previous one]."

"We tried to make the document flow better," said Aaron Corbett, SGA vice president. "It gives us more structure and organization through the duties, offices, and committees...more of team effort."

The new constitution affirms that the SGA is the representative body of all undergraduate students "by virtue of their enrollment" at WMC, said Reyburn.

Specifically using the word

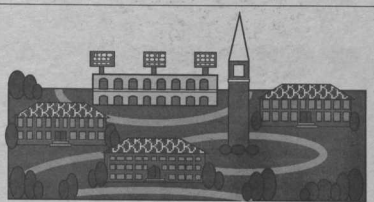
"undergraduate" addresses issues brought to the SGA in the past. WMC graduate students have sought allocations from the SGA in the past, but they are not represented in the organization.

In addition, the new constitution contains a mission statement, never included in any previous ones. Reyburn said that the SGA decided to make the creation of this statement a goal for this year, a recommendation given by former SGA President Brandy Mulhern.

"The [mission statement] reiterates the purpose of SGA as a promoter of student organizations on campus," Reyburn explained.

The new constitution also contains some substantive changes. It specifically detailed the vice president's role in leadership development within the organization, said Corbett.

The document also contains a standard procedure for replacing members who resign from their positions.



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SGA brief

•The SGA initiative on making the intersection of Penn. Ave. and Monroe Street safe is now being presented to the Carroll County Delegation (state senators and delegates).

•Mike Blundin has been appointed to the representative position for the Class of 2000.

•The Campus Concert Committee, a joint effort between CAPBoard, SGA, and interested students, has been busy submitting bids and trying to lock down a two-band show. Contracts have been signed with Brownie Mary and Moe. The concert date is April 24th so MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

•Follow ups for the SGA open forum included interactive meetings to more adequately accommodate residents of ANW. Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Alpha Mu contributed to finding more appropriate suite accommodations for their groups. Rodent problems in ANW received additional attention. There have been no recent problems.

•FUN FACT: A proposal has been made to design a mural in the Decker Center game room. Any student is welcome to submit ideas. If you have questions contact Campus Life Committee Chair, Jeremiah Kelly x8471.

Controversy

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evaluated, and the selection process may be altered again after next year," said Horneff.

Last year, returning SO's were involved with the interviewing and selection process for last fall's SO's. "Students gained practical experience from conducting interviews, but such a process risks friends hiring friends," said Horneff.

In the past, the faculty have been involved in the SO selection. They initially nominated students as candidates for the position to whom Horneff then sent letters and applications. "Over 80% of the students interviewed last spring were nominated by the faculty. [The faculty] do know what they're doing," said Horneff.

Since the positions will merge next year, some students may not have time to meet the demands of both jobs. "Some of the best candidates may be lost because they lack the time to be a CA," said Kelly.

Even though some of last year's SO's may not be able to meet the requirements of the combined position, it does not "mean that there aren't other candidates who can do a great job," Horneff commented.

After the faculty reached their decision, Horneff said she informed the returning SO's and told them to "advocate themselves" to the faculty teaching next fall's first-year seminars. Many of these students have found positions for next

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Budapest

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Students will frequent many busy streets like this one in Budapest where they can shop or find something to eat.

Budapest. Singer will only teach two classes, Corporate Finance and Intro. to Business.

In addition, Singer will act as a chaperone for students to make their stay in Budapest more comfortable.

Although Singer has been to Budapest before, she feels "incredibly lucky and fortunate" to be able to teach there.

Any credits taken in Budapest will transfer to students' WMC transcripts. About 21 classes will be offered in the fields of Economics/Business Administration, Communication and Political Science.

There will also be general courses offered to help students fulfill their BLAR requirements. All classes will be taught in English.

Many opportunities are available for special/independent studies and internships in any major.

Classes for the fall semester will begin a

little later than they do at WMC. Those going will leave about a week earlier than normal to get adjusted to their new living arrangements.

Students of all majors are encouraged to participate in the program. Speaking Hungarian is not required.

They can sign up for classes in the registrar's office and are not bound by the registration date. Students will need visas and valid passports.

They should also send a letter to the housing committee informing them that they will be living off campus for next semester.

Students may also study in Budapest next spring.

For any additional information, contact Dr. Martine Motard-Noar (x467) or Ms. Sue Singer (x454) immediately.

Minority enrollment

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Music Glenn Caldwell, who is an African-American, said he has noticed an increase in minority students, particularly African-Americans, since he started teaching at WMC in 1991.

"Given the location of WMC," said Caldwell, "we could not have the numbers of minority students we have without the efforts of the Admissions Office."

O'Connell explained that Admissions targets minority students in Baltimore City and Prince George's County, the two areas with the state's highest concentration of minority population.

The college lacks the funding to target other areas, O'Connell admitted. In 1995, WMC had several billboards constructed to advertise the college in Prince George's County, and each one cost between \$8000 and \$10,000, she noted. The combination of billboards and radio advertising helped increase the overall number of incoming minority students from Prince George's County by 50% in 1996, O'Connell explained. The numbers have since leveled off.

Sophomore biology major Anita Miles said after she discovered WMC at a college fair, she received "tons of mail" from the college. Miles, one of several African-American students interviewed, attended Surattsville High School in Prince George's County.

Both Felton and O'Connell said that WMC works closely with Baltimore City College High School (BCHS) in recruiting minority students. BCHS has a predominant African-American student population. Rodney Joyner, one of the high school's guidance counselors, plays a key role in WMC's relationship with BCHS, said O'Connell. Joyner used to be part of WMC's Admissions staff.

WMC students Bianca Locke-Wilson and Lynnell McLean said Joyner's encouragement aided them in choosing WMC. Locke-Wilson recalled that Joyner once told her, "If you put school first, you can make it [at WMC]." Joyner was unavailable for comment.

Every fall, BCHS's senior class visits WMC, said Felton, who gives the students a campus tour and provides information about WMC's admissions process and financial aid. O'Connell further explained that WMC waives these students' application fees as an incentive to apply to the college. Admissions also codes these applicants, who then receive letters about the resources available to minority students at WMC. Admissions is careful not to place minority students into the same category, O'Connell added. For instance, Admissions would send a prospective Hispanic student information about the Spanish Club or the Hispanic-Latino Alliance, not the Black Student Union.

In the spring, Admissions sponsors an African-American weekend, said O'Connell. African-American WMC students host a prospective African-American student for the weekend. The students arrive on Thursday night and attend classes on Friday. The Black Student Union and Admissions plan a social activity for Friday evening. On Saturday, the African-American students and their families participate in a regular Admissions Day along with other students and their families.

The program allows African-American students "to get a good idea of what [WMC] is like," said O'Connell. "Even if only six or eight African-American students decide to enroll after being here for a weekend, it makes a difference because our numbers are so small."

These low numbers are primarily the re-

sult of WMC's location in "a non-diverse area," remarked O'Connell. Despite Carroll County's growth in recent years, the population remains predominantly white, an environment in which minority students may not feel welcome. The percentage of incoming minority students was as low as 6.5 in 1995, she added.

"There's a total difference from going to a school where you are in the majority to a school where you are in the minority," said first-year student Locke-Wilson. "There's comfort in numbers."

Nonetheless, the desire for a good education draws many minority students to the Hill each year, said O'Connell. "Many realize the social life may not be great."

"I want a good education at a small school," affirmed McLean, a sophomore social work major. "The social life could be better, but I'm making the best of the situation." McLean is a member of the Black Student Union, Gospel Choir, and ASAP, WMC's AIDS awareness group.

O'Connell attributed the increased number and retention of minority students to organizations such as the BSU, Gospel Choir, and the Multicultural Student Association. Felton's work as director of Multicultural Services has also been beneficial, she noted.

Many minority students choose WMC because of the financial package the college offers them. WMC has an incentive scholarship program for minority students, O'Connell explained. The college increases scholarships by \$1000 for minority students whose applications make it into the scholarship pool.

This makes a difference for some minority students when they choose a college or university.

Locke-Wilson said, "Morgan [State University] didn't give me any money." Locke-Wilson considered attending Morgan State which has a predominant African-American population.

"WMC offered me the most financial aid," commented Kash Wright, a junior music theory and composition major. Wright applied to six colleges and universities, including Morgan State.

But not all minority students are content with their experience at WMC. Wright said he thought about transferring during his first two years at WMC.

"The [basketball] team was not very balanced...not very fair," said Wright, a former team member. Still, Wright, a member of the Gospel Choir, decided to stay at WMC. "I might as well finish [school], get my degree, and move on," he added.

Senior Michelle Marrero, a Hispanic student from Puerto Rico, said she's not bothered because there are a few students with her cultural background on campus. "I don't feel displaced," she added.

Marrero and Jesse Watts, another student from Puerto Rico, started the Hispanic-Latino Alliance to promote Hispanic awareness on campus. The Alliance currently has eight members.

The Board of Trustees addressed minority student recruitment during their February meeting. A task force is currently studying the issue, and language regarding diversity will be added to the college's strategic plan, said O'Connell, who emphasized that Admissions can only do so much to attract minority students "to get our numbers where they should be." To retain these students, the faculty and curriculum need to become more diverse, she added.

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 3/6/98 at 2:35 am DoCS reported failure to comply in Blanche parking lot.
- On 3/6/98 at 8:52 am DoCS reported an incident of theft in Hoover Library.
- On 3/6/98 at 1:25 pm DoCS responded to a report of damage to property in Whiteford Lane.
- On 3/6/98 at 1:46 pm DoCS responded to a report of damage to property in Harrison parking lot.
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- On 3/6/98 at 11:39 pm DoCS reported disorderly conduct outside PELC.
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- On 3/7/98 at 11:57 pm DoCS documented a student for underage possession/consumption of alcohol in ANW.
- On 3/7/98 at 5:00 pm DoCS documented a student for a traffic violation in PELC Lane.
- On 3/8/98 at 12:35 am DoCS responded to an incident of lewd conduct in ANW.
- On 3/8/98 at 2:01 am DoCS documented students for alcohol violations in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/8/98 at 4:52 am DoCS reported de-



- facement of property in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/8/98 at 5:02 am DoCS reported damage to property in Rouzer laundry room.
- On 3/16/98 at 9:45 am DoCS responded to a report of harassment in Englar dining hall.
- On 3/17/98 at 2:30 pm DoCS reported alcohol violations in Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/24/98 at 2:04 am DoCS reported incident in Memorial Plaza.
- On 3/25/98 at 3:31 pm DoCS reported property damage to the 6th hole of the Golf Course.
- On 3/25/98 at 6:24 pm DoCS responded to a report of damaged property in Blanche Parking Lot.
- On 3/25/98 at 6:45 pm DoCS responded to a report of damaged property in Harrison Parking Lot.
- On 3/27/98 at 12:45 pm DoCS documented a student for fraud in Whiteford Hall.
- On 3/27/98 at 11:34 pm DoCS documented a student for disorderly conduct in McDaniel.
- On 3/28/98 at 1:24 am DoCS documented a student for a failure to comply in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/28/98 at 1:37 am DoCS documented a student for an alcohol violation on the first floor of McDaniel Hall.
- On 3/28/98 at 3:53 am DoCS responded to report of an individual tampering with a parked car on Main Street.

Honor & Conduct Board

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Friday, February 6, 1998, involving a student who was charged with, and found responsible for, sexually harassing a college employee. The student was expelled from the College.

On appeal, the student was required to withdraw from the college with the opportunity to re-apply for the Spring 1999 semester.

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Friday, February 6, 1998, involving a student who was charged with pulling a false fire alarm.

The student was found responsible and subsequently removed from the residence halls for the Spring and Fall 1998 semesters and required to present a program about the college's minimum sanctions at New Student Orientation.

The Honor & Conduct Board met on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, to hear a case involving a student charged with physical abuse, disorderly conduct, harassment and indecent language.

The student was found responsible for disorderly conduct and harassment. The student's sanctions included removal from the residence halls and campus after dark and an extensive counseling program.

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated another case on Thursday, March 5, 1998, involving a student charged with physical abuse of an RA and disorderly conduct.

The student was found responsible for disorderly conduct and subsequently required to apologize to Residence Life staff, complete a week-end of duty rounds with RA's, and given community service.

The Honor & Conduct Board met on Wednesday, March 11, 1998, to hear a case involving a student charged with physical abuse, disorderly conduct, and underage consumption of alcohol.

The student was found responsible for disorderly conduct and underage consumption of alcohol.

The sanctions issued by the Board in this case were Alcohol probation through the end of the Spring 1999 semester, Conduct Probation through the end of Spring 1999 semester, alcohol education (the OCTAA program) and a two-page paper on conflict mediation.

Webster nationally recognized

Michael Webster, WMC's campus safety director, was elected to the board of a national campus law enforcement association.

Webster, who came to WMC in 1991, was elected vice president of the Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators for 1998.

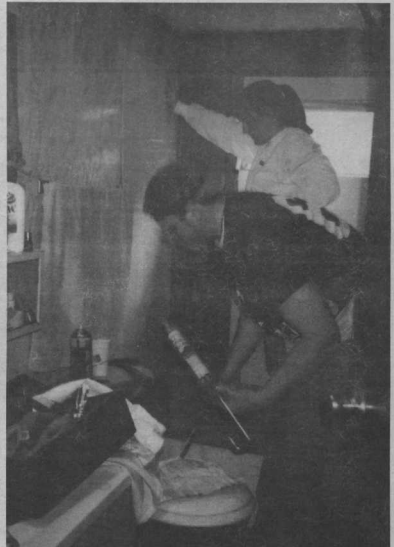
He will serve the region representing Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia and will implement a training agenda for the area's 36 active post secondary institutions.

He also recently was appointed to serve on the governmental relations committee of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administration.

Through WMC, Webster also is currently consulting with Gettysburg College, which is repositioning its safety office from the administration and finance division to the student life division of the college.

Webster oversaw a similar transition at WMC when he came to Westminster from Emerson College in Boston, where he had served as assistant director of public safety.

Courtesy of Public Information



COURTESY OF KENDRA JONES

Members of SERVE Kendra Jones and Steve Moore repaired a bathroom in a Dunganon, VA home during Spring Break. This WMC service organization went to the Appalachian town to repair houses. Jones said the experience gave her "a better understanding of the [Appalachian] culture." While in Dunganon, a woman who grew up there spoke to the group about the area's history. Some students from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Canadian church's youth group also participated in the service project.

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Women's History Month: It's Not a Bad Idea

The month of March is known as Women's History Month. I once heard a woman complain about having a month set aside to honor women.

I am not sure whether or not she really meant it or whether she was just in a bad mood, but the statement really bothered me.

No self-respecting woman wants to be singled out and looked up to for 31 days out of

the accomplishments of women and their contributions to society.

What are some of the reasons women are buried by the history of men and treated as inferior?

Is it the fact that women are the ones who give birth? I think giving birth is a pretty honorable act, and I am sure most men do not envy women the pain of childbirth. When you get right down to it, where would any of

Megan Martin discusses some of the reasons for Women's History Month.

Yes, there are some noticeable physical differences between men and women, but these differences do not make men any better than women or women any better than men. Women and men are just different, and different does not mean superior or inferior.

There are differences in the way men and women express their emotions, too, but this should not be a basis for judgment, either.

Once again, the two different ways of expressing emotion are different, not necessarily better or worse.

Because of misperceptions, women have been treated as property of men, as inferior to men, and as weaker than men.

There have been some exceptions, such as Japan before the samurai period, where women have been considered the equals of men, but there are not too many of these exceptions.

Women have also been expected to forego careers and be satisfied with getting married and raising a family.

Even today, after much progress, women are still expected to deal with double standards and unfair treatment in the work place.

Double standards include such things as it being "okay" for men to sleep around, but if women do it, they are sluts.

a month for women.

With all these things considered, women have a lot to deal with, and having a month to celebrate our hard-working and long-suffering sisters does not seem so bad.

The above are just some reasons I can think of as to why women are and have been discriminated against. I am no expert, so there are probably others.

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365. Women want and deserve to be equals in the eyes of history and the world on all days.

In point of fact, however, every day is white man's day, and until such a time as women are acknowledged as equals, Women's History Month is not such a bad idea.

For every Bill Clinton, there is a Benazir Bhutto of whom we know little about. Women's History Month gives everyone a chance to learn more about

us be if a woman had not given birth to us or to our ancestors? Could it be physical differences between males and females?

Seems like a pretty lame excuse because one cannot judge two completely different beings on the same scale. No two men are judged on quite the same scale, so women and men should not be judged on the same scale in relation to physical appearances and actions.

"Women's History Month gives everyone a chance to learn more about the accomplishments of women and their contributions to society."

While the results of our ancestors' misconceptions are demoralizing, what is past is past, and grudges should not be held.

We live in a society full of intelligent people; we should be able to right some of the wrongs of the past and put women in their "proper" place, alongside men and make the need for such months as Women's History Month disappear.

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Letter to the Editor

I found Anne Butler's editorial on the Windows-MacOS wars to be quite entertaining. As you may know, I worked in the corporate sector as an information systems analyst for a number of years, and now I teach courses in the social effects of information technology, so I'm familiar with the near-religious fervor that can overcome people as they defend their favorite brand of computer.

I wonder, though, if it might not be worthwhile to present some information as to the kinds of computer skills that employers look for when they interview recent college graduates.

Perhaps surprisingly, the kind of computer that you use in college is not very important to prospective employers. They are much more interested in two things: what kinds of applications software do you know how to use, and how quickly can you learn to use a software application that you have never seen before.

Of the two, the first is least important. A relatively small number of computer applications are used by the majority of U.S. businesses. These are: *Microsoft Office*, *Word* for word processing, *Excel* for spreadsheet calculations and *PowerPoint* for slides

and presentations - *Quark Express* and/or *Adobe PageMaker* for posters and newsletters - *Adobe Photoshop* and *Illustrator* for computer graphics - and *Macromedia Director* for multimedia composition.

All of these widely used applications run equally well on both the MacOS and the Windows operating systems.

"The most important skill that employers are looking for in new college graduates is the ability to adapt to new software environments."

ing systems, and since both operating systems use the same kind of menu/mouse/desktop interface, there really is no particular advantage working on one brand of computer or another.

The most important skill that employers are looking for in new college graduates is the ability to adapt to new software environments. Although most everyone uses the same major software ap-

plications, many companies have a collection of unique applications that are specific to their particular business needs.

So, the question that graduates will be asked during the job interview is not "What kind of computer did you use?" but rather, "Have you ever used the (blank) software package? No? Well, how long do you think it would take you to learn how to use it?" The best way to answer this question is to point out that you have used many different kinds of computers and software applications in college, and that you are very experienced in the art of mastering new systems.

So, you see, a good college should provide its students with a mixture of different kinds of computers, operating systems, applications and hardware devices. Although the process of learning how to use all of these different things can be frustrating and even annoying, it is also one of the more valuable skills that you can take with you when you graduate.

Sincerely,
Richard W. Dillman
Department of Communication

Curing Boredom at WMC

Eric Barry offers some suggestions on curing boredom on campus.

A lot of people here at WMC constantly complain about being bored. I have some pretty exciting things for people to do if they're bored. Maybe they're not quite exciting, but they do take up time.

Sleep. Your eyelids always deserve a

After my vigorous load of courses, or, better yet, after dinner, a nice long shower provides something to do.

If you can convince your friends to join you, you can have a little party right in the shower.

Lastly, a nice treat for boredom for those of you that don't want to drink away the pain, go to Walmart and buy the board game *Stratego*. This is a very competitive

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decent break from the hard work they do. Sleeping is fun; you can think about anything you want while you are relaxing.

Also, sleeping allows your body time to grow. If I didn't sleep so much, I wouldn't be nearly as tall as I am today.

One thing that is even better than sleep is showers.

A great cure for boredom is hopping in the shower. My personal record for longest shower is one hour and 12 minutes.

game, so be prepared.

Last week on my floor, we had a tournament, and my neighbor won 28 dollars. We aren't geeks; we just get bored. The game only costs a little over 10 dollars, so forget about that awful Puff Daddy CD, and buy *Stratego*.

Sorry this article was so short. I got bored writing it.

Oh well. I think I am going to go take a shower.

Benefits of WMC Parking

Chris Dietzel offers some suggestions about parking on campus.

So you want to park by the gym, but the lot is full? What an inconvenience. Like parking by Whiteford, but you can never find a space? That shouldn't happen, but it does.

Students complain often of the parking here: they can't find spaces close to their dorm, all the good spaces are for faculty, etc. But, the situation really isn't that bad.

at the end of that row behind the gym, and there are always a lot of spaces open there. And if you can't park by Whiteford, or where ever else, just go to the next lot, there are open spaces for everyone!

Many students seem to not appreciate the distance they have to walk to their dorms; if they have to walk more than 50 feet, its too much for them.

Well, a lot of schools have parking that is no where near the dorms. For example, say you used the University of Maryland's parking rules and your dorm was Rouzer

Well, a lot of schools have parking that is no where near your dorm. At College Park, parking permits run about \$120 a semester, and that's to get a place far enough away to technically become a cross country jogger.

Since most editorials seem to criticize this school, this editorial will be different; I'll actually tell you why parking at WMC is great! Can you believe it?

Sure, the row of spaces along the gym is usually full, but there are many more spaces

Hall, you would probably have to park on the other side of Main Street to find the closest parking. That seems pretty far away.

The walk to my car, no matter where I park, is no more than two or three minutes away, at other colleges I'd have to walk up to half a mile to get to my car... I'd hope I enjoyed walking a lot.

That \$30 you have to spend on a parking permit sure is a bitch, isn't it? I spend enough money to come here, why do I have to spend even more money to park my car here?

Well, twenty-some dollars for a year is not bad at all. At College Park, parking permits run about \$120 a semester, and that's to get a place far enough away to technically become a cross country jogger.

At least students there are thanking themselves they don't go to the University of Delaware, where parking permits are \$200 a semester... that has got to hurt.

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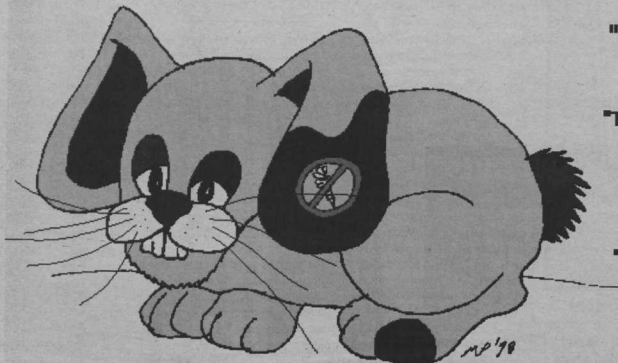
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Master Sgt. Richard Gobeil will retire to a civilian life

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Contributing Writer

The same sergeant who once served in the Persian Gulf War, Korea, and looked the Red Army in the eye, now teaches ROTC at Western Maryland College.

While it's been quite a contrast to teach military science, it has been a relaxing way for Master Sgt. Richard Gobeil to prepare for his retirement from his 24-year Army career.

Change is nothing new for the master sergeant. In 1976 Gobeil received a big culture shock when he was sent on an unaccompanied tour to Korea. He was the commander's driver and taught himself to read and speak Korean within two weeks. While he was driving he would try to read billboards and signs in order to learn more.

According to his WMC superior, Maj. Karen Doyle, it is this efficiency that makes the ROTC program run so smoothly here. She says the two of them share a mutual respect because he is her "right-hand man."

"He's very effective with juggling a billion things at one time and he doesn't drop the ball," praised Doyle.

Although Gobeil's responsibilities here differ from his previous assignments, he still has a lot to manage. He prepares lab for the cadets on Thursdays, coordinates field training exercises, and organizes the commissioning ceremony, to mention a few.

Gobeil also has a talent for keeping costs to a minimum. He left the service in order to obtain free military transportation home from that first short tour in Korea. Had he wanted to come home while still enlisted, he would have had to

finance the trip himself.

"I went home, collected unemployment for two months, went back in and was sent to Fort Bliss for three months, and then was sent back to Korea again," explained Gobeil. In 1978 he returned from Korea for the second time and was sent to Key West, Florida.

By this time, Gobeil had married for the first time in 1972 and was blessed with one son and one daughter. Both live in Maine with his father, which is why he seldom sees them. Gobeil married for the second time in 1979.

He enlisted because he was a draftsman at the time and wanted more experience so he joined the engineers. He was also attracted to

[Gobeil] was a part of the 2nd Battalion, 7th ADA Regiment, Patriot. His job there was to "shoot down scuds, the ones seen on CNN."

the Army because he could use the GI Bill to go to college.

Before enlisting, Gobeil had not taken any college courses, but was able to get an associate's degree in education through Central Texas' European division while stationed in Germany.

Gobeil chose education because "that was what was available" to him at the time. Since the Air Defense Artillery, which he was in, was often on call 24 hours a day, his choice of classes was further limited.

As a first sergeant, Gobeil's job was to "bring the fear of God into

people." Motivating people and dealing with their problems was a very important aspect of his role there, much as it is at WMC.

"He's a little rough around the edges, but I think on the inside he actually cares about the cadets a lot," said sophomore Cadet Bryan Flynn.

Gobeil said he has enjoyed his years at WMC. However, the best aspect of his job is that "there's no stress."

Teaching ROTC, while it has its moments, has certainly been less stressful than his previous assignments, such as being sent to Saudi Arabia as a first sergeant during the Persian Gulf War. He was a part of the 2nd Battalion, 7th ADA Regiment, Patriot. His job there was to "shoot down scuds, the ones seen on CNN," he explained.

Although he met Colin Powell there, being in the desert was not the highlight of his career; he jokingly describes it as "six months of drinking bottled water."

"He's a lively personality," commented Doyle, who depended on Gobeil a great deal when she first came here.

In the Army Doyle learned to be a "self-starter" and has become very disciplined and regimented.

However, he most enjoys the unconventional things in the ROTC program like shooting weapons, going on field exercises, and rappelling. In addition to teaching military science, Gobeil taught a rappelling class for all students.

When he retires in July, Gobeil will have plenty of time to spend outside and relax. "The only plan I have right now is to finish my BA degree at York College," where he will probably enter as a second-semester junior studying business administration, said Gobeil.



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He will also have more time for his hobbies, which include working on his computer and occasionally going to the firing range. He also has a large record collection of "older rock-n-roll," including an original copy of "Meet the Beatles." He finds most of these prized possessions at yard sales and flea markets.

It is to these hobbies that Gobeil will retire, leaving the cadre at WMC with some adjustments to make. Doyle said, "We're going to have a big dip in efficiency. It'll be like a little obstacle we'll have to get around ... We'll definitely miss him and feel the pain."

Gobeil and his family have to depend on his letters and phone calls now, much as they did when he was in Germany from 1980-83 and again from 1985-92. It was there that he learned the slogan of the Air Defense Artillery: "We're the only ones who do our wartime mission during peace." The division gained this motto because of the constant hard work they were

doing, he explained.

Gobeil experienced a few hair-raising events in Germany. The one that stands out the most in his mind was during the 80's when the terrorist Red Army Faction targeted Kaiserslautern.

Being stationed in Germany gave Gobeil an opportunity to travel around Europe. He has been to England, Belgium, and Italy, just to name a few. "Wherever you can think of [in Europe], I've been there," said Gobeil.

From Europe, Korea and the Persian Gulf, Gobeil ended up at WMC three years ago. He knew he was going to retire in three years and that if he could get stationed in the US he would not be moved within that period.

In 1994, when he was in Korea as a first sergeant, he called about finding an ROTC job and his choices were WMC or the University of North Carolina. He chose WMC so that he could be as close to his family as possible.

Woo's Reviews

by Alex Malloy

Titanic: Going Down With The Ship

With ticket sales of around \$1 billion and climbing, *Titanic* is now history's number one box-office champion and the proud owner of 11 Academy Awards. But *Titanic*, James Cameron's \$200 million epic, is the most overrated film of all time! The central romance between high-society Kate Winslet and artistic drifter Leonardo DiCaprio isn't even all that involving. Despite the wonders of special effects, the movie drifts unnecessarily for more than three hours. The dialogue is wooden and stale and the acting is all interchangeable, but thanks to millions of teenage girls, we're going to have to put up with it for a long time to come. Simply put, *Titanic* is nothing more than a pop culture event picture.

And by the way, if ticket prices in 1939 were the same as they were today, then *Gene With The Wind* (a true masterpiece) would still be the number one movie of all time. **Titanic Grade: C+**

Wild Things: Doesn't Make My Heart Sing

Set in the Florida Everglades, this neo-noir is an intricate web of relationships between conscience-free beautiful people. Kevin Bacon and newcomer Daphne Rhin Vogt play detectives who wade into the contradictions surrounding a high school guidance counselor (Matt Dillon) who has apparently been framed for sexual misconduct by two of his students (femme fatale Neve Campbell and Starship Troopers' sexy Denise Richards). Dillon ends up being tried for sexual assault and is defended by none other than Bill Murray, one of the few saving graces of the film. Surprise testimony makes the trial even more of a sensation and leads Bacon and Vogt to suspect some sort of conspiracy.

Director John McNaughton keeps the sleaze coming in this highly predictable piece of 90's noir trash. **Grade: C**
Primary Colors: Gets My Vote

The film version of Joe Klein's notorious best-seller, a thinly disguised fictionalization of the Clinton inner circle during the 1992 presidential campaign, is a thoroughly entertaining, extremely well-acted, morally complex movie. In other words, it is one hell of a ride. John Travolta plays Jack Stanton, an ambitious southern governor who emerges as the favorite of the Democratic Party. The rest of this superb cast includes Emma Thompson as Travolta's wife Susan, a brilliant Billy Bob Thornton as a perverse campaign manager, and Kathy Bates as Libby, the moral center of the film. But the real star here is Hollywood first-time Adrian Lester, a former British actor. As Henry Burton, Lester is the outsider who becomes an insider, and also narrator of the story. Director Mille Nichols has taken Elaine May's amazing adapted screenplay and turned it into a near-perfect movie. **Grade: A**

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Movie club ushers in fresh film commentary

BY JENNIFER VICK
Senior Writer

For children, the film *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* is a fantasy world of candy and chocolate bars. But for Western Maryland College's film club, Ushers, it's also about greed, gluttony, arrogance, and addiction.

These were the topics of discussion after the film was shown earlier this semester by the club, newly formed this semester.

Every other Friday, the Ushers have shown alternative films, free and open to the WMC community, in Hill Hall Room 108, followed by a discussion of the film. Ushers founder, senior Todd Hutchison, has been organizing the Friday film events.

"I'm trying to get movies that will open up people's minds and get them talking," said Hutchison, who has chosen each movie but says he is open to others' suggestions.

Although not more than 10-15 people have attended each film, the discussions have been lively, said Hutchison, who plans to pursue film school after graduating. He said he was inspired to organize the Friday film/discussion events after taking the Jan Term course, Philosophy and Film.

Sophomore Nicole Castro has attended the first three movies shown this semester - *Priest*, *Dreams*, and *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* - and also took the Philosophy in Film class.

She said taking the class helped her to look at movies differently and to learn about different perspectives. She has particularly enjoyed the Ushers' Friday movies because of the discussions afterward.

"You can give your opinion while others

give you feedback," said Castro, adding that she likes small discussion groups but would like to see more people attend. "Part of being in college is learning different things and opening yourself up to different experiences and maybe you could learn something new about yourself."

Hutchison also expressed a desire for more people to attend the movies that begin at 7:00 p.m. "By the time the movie and discussion are over, people can still have their night to do other things," he said.

Hutchison added that people shouldn't be intimidated by the films' alternative content. "They are alternative in the sense that they have deeper philosophical meaning that should be discussed," he explained.

Sophomore Martin Wisor attended the film *Dreams* and said, "At first I really couldn't tell what the movie was about but then once we got into the discussion everything just started to connect."

The film showings are not only unique because of the discussions that follow, said Hutchison, but also because of the large screen they are shown on and the high quality surround sound system in Hill Hall room 108.

"That system is booming," he said. "It's a great place to watch a movie."

Wisor agreed. "Seeing just a normal video on a screen like that is really pretty awesome," he said.

Films that will be shown later this semester will include *The Piano*, *Blade Runner*, and a Woody Allen film.

"If you're a movie lover and really enjoy films," said Hutchison, "you really should be there. It's a chance to open your mind, and that's the good thing about it."

A Closer Look...

A feature spotlighting students at WMC

BY JEREMY LOPUS
Staff Writer

College is a place for many different disciplines and viewpoints. One of the most engaging and memorable is that of Richard Suchoski.

Rich, the man in black, ("I am not a freak") has been here just long enough to become intimate with the local squirrels, a little under 2 years.

He is an enthusiastic member of several organizations including Channel 17, the Society of Physics Students, the Food Committee, CABAL, and WMC.

When asked why he chose to join the WMC family, Rich said, "This is the prettiest campus I've seen on the East Coast, and the amount of squirrels here is obscene. I

felt right at home."

His most memorable (legal) experience occurred in upper Decker. Rich was playing piano when a small red dot appeared on his hand. It traveled up his arm to his head. Rich decided that he had practiced enough and left.

Another event that Rich will find hard to forget occurred "when I was just a lowly freshman." While "shaving after a shower one cold winter afternoon, I realized that my roommate had gone to dinner and locked me out of our room. I ran to my suite with a half shaved face and only a bath towel screaming for her to chase my roommate. After a puzzled look and half an hour she found him in Glar. I didn't want Campus Safety called to let me in my room because I was so embarrassed."



PROVIDED BY RICH SUCHOSKI

Rich Suchoski finishes up a barrel of ice cream. His hobbies include making chain mail.

WMC observes Violence Awareness month

Rape awareness and domestic abuse education are key issues

BY NICKI KASSOLIS
Assistant Features Editor

A rape awareness vigil, a clothesline project, and education about domestic abuse will highlight Western Maryland College's observance of Violence Awareness Month this April.

According to Dr. Colleen Galambos, assistant professor of social work, the purpose of the observance is to increase awareness. "People realize the pain and suffering experienced by persons who are survivors of domestic violence and realize that it's really not okay to hurt another person," she said.

The third annual Rape Awareness Vigil will be held on April 16 from 7 pm until 9 pm at St. Paul's Church. The vigil will feature speeches by elected officials, panel discussions, a performance by students from North Carroll High School, and music from WMC's Music Department.

Survivors of rape will also attend the event, which Galambos feels is important. "Each time a survivor comes back, they feel a little stronger," she said.

New this year to the observance will be the display of the clothesline project at the vigil. The project is a display of t-shirts made by individuals who have been influenced by

domestic violence. According to Galambos, this will be the first ever clothesline project in Carroll County.

Two t-shirt making workshops will be held to make the shirts for display on the clothesline. The sessions will be on April 14 from 1 pm to 4 pm and on April 15 from 9 am until noon. The clothesline will hang in St. Paul's Church on April 16 from 3 pm until 9 pm.

The Social Work Department has been working with the Social Work Club and the Alpha Nu Omega sorority to plan this event. The Social Work Club will be selling t-shirts to raise money for the event.

Junior social work major and one of the presidents of the Social Work Club, Cindy West has been helping to plan the vigil. "This event is important because there is not a big awareness about rape. People don't want to talk about it. Women come to the vigil, but it's important for men to come too. People need to be aware that rape is a real problem."

"The vigil gives the victim a sense that they're not alone and the community is there to support them and listen to their stories," said Junior Kerrie Wille, social work major and one of the presidents of the Social Work Club.

All members of the Western Maryland College Community are encouraged to attend the Rape Awareness Vigil and view the clothesline project in observance of Violence Awareness Month.



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60 Seconds

What was the best April fool's prank you've ever heard of, done or would like to do?

By Jessie Watts

"Some guys in lacrosse threw a pine cone instead of the ball, and it made it real hard to throw."

Dave Hendrix '99
Exercise Science

"Tell Mitch Alexander I'm taking over his job."

Danielle Dickerson '98
Exercise Science/Spanish

"Fill a trash can with water, prop it against someone's door and knock."

Matt Burger '01
History/Political Science

"Plastic wrapping the toilet seat in a Catholic school."

Alicia Eakle '01
Philosophy/English

"I acted like I had a broken leg and went to theater practice two weeks before a play."

Courtney Risch '99
English/Political Science

"My girlfriend told me she was moving."

Ron Sermarini '00
History

Glar paves path to college for Myers

BY ERIC BARRY
Staff Writer

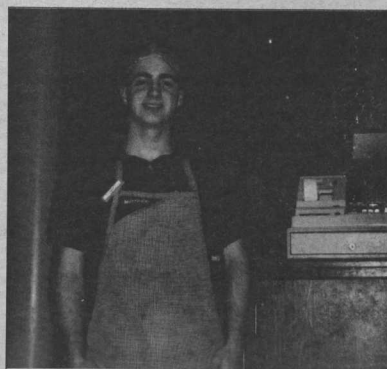
Not only is he the person who swipes your card at Glar, but he's also someone who has overcome many difficult hardships during his youth. This has helped make Jake Myers a much stronger person and now he's ready for college.

Myers, now 18, had an average childhood, playing sports, hanging out with friends, going to Disney World. But, when he was 10 his parents got separated. And the next eight years were not easy for Jake or anyone else in his family. After the separation he and his sister, Carrie, who is now 16, moved in with their mother, Sharon Myers. That lasted for a short while before they went to live with their father, Ken Myers. Living with his sister was not easy for Jake.

For many years Jake and Carrie have had a very chaotic relationship. There have been "a lot of fights" between them, he said. One time she tore off all of the wood from the side of his bed. So in retaliation, he broke her door down. "It was completely down, hinge and all," Myers said proudly.

Myers also recounted how his sister had thrown knives and scissors at him. The scissors incident occurred only a year ago, so next year at college, Myers will be glad to be away from the chaos. Jake blamed many of the problems within the family on his mother.

"I regret blaming my mother for a lot of things. I lost the relationship between us," said Myers. However, he is thankful that he lived with her at the beginning of



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Jake Myers swipes cards in Glar to earn money for college.

discipline he needs. The job has also helped him to focus. He gets home from Westminster High School, where he is a senior, at 3:30 pm and barely has enough time for a snack before rushing off to Glar. Jake's parents are very supportive of his job and school work, he said.

His mother backs him up, but she's "not as influencing as my dad," he explained. His father is very tough on him, but he's thankful for that. "He makes me want to do what I do," said Myers.

For example, his dad urged him to apply to many colleges and he did seven in all. But his father, a 1970 graduate of WMC, didn't push his son to come here. Instead, he explained to Jake that WMC is too expensive, but more importantly, too close.

His job has helped keep him sane during his hectic senior year, he noted. Falling asleep for two hours while on his 30-minute break, seeing drunk people come into Glar, meeting some of the Baltimore Ravens, and hearing funny stories from his co-workers have all helped to ease the stress.

He emphasized how he has enjoyed working at Glar for the last two years and how much he will miss it. The students have been very kind to him for the most part, said Myers.

Sophomore Steve Weber disagrees, saying that "people don't give him enough respect. People walk by without saying anything; they should at least say 'thank you'," Weber explained.

Nonetheless, Myers has re-

Asked if any WMC students had asked him out on any dates, Myers said that they had, but only jokingly. Maybe they were serious. He is a very likable guy.

the separation so he could help her through rough times.

During these stressful times Myers had many jobs. His most recent is the Glar job, which he started about 20 months ago. However, this September he will be quitting this job and heading off to college. In the time Myers has worked at Glar he has had many memorable incidents. His first day of work he started out in the dish room.

One day things were running very smoothly until Myers tried to dislodge a fork from the conveyor belt, and snap! -something broke. Soon he was moved elsewhere in Glar. Unable to work the new hours, Myers was fortunate to get the pm checker position.

Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 7 pm he runs students' ID cards through the little machine and then from 7 to 9:30 pm he helps clean up, all for \$5.88 an hour. The job is very tedious, but rewarding, according to Myers.

Not only does the job give him money for college but also the dis-

Being from Westminster, Myers sees a lot of familiar faces at WMC, students that came here from Westminster High School. This constant sameness convinced Jake to try and get away from the area.

Myers has lived in Westminster his whole life and only in two houses, which are within biking distance of each other. He is looking forward to going to either Wesley College in Delaware or Frostburg State in Maryland. He was accepted by both colleges and was especially excited about getting into Wesley's sports medicine program. If he can get the money he would prefer to go to Wesley, he said.

He will have an easier time saving money now that he has broken up with his girlfriend. Myers said he used to spend half of every paycheck on her. Now he feels like it was a waste.

"Right now I have better things to do," said Myers. He may sound bitter, but he's not; he just wants to focus on going to college.

ceived many compliments on Glar's comment board. People have written "he deserves a raise" and others have just written that he is very polite.

"He's a smart ass... naw naw, I'm just joking," said Glar's front-of-the-house manager Jeff Callihan. Myers is a really good worker and he gets along with the students well, Callihan said. He also "gets upset when students disrespect him by leaving trays on the tables," the manager added.

Even though Myers seems very serious he actually has quite a sense of humor. He got a kick out of Callihan's "smart ass" comment when he was about to quit.

Asked if any WMC students had asked him out on any dates, Myers said that they had, but only jokingly. Maybe they were serious. He is a very likable guy.

This time next year Myers will be at either Frostburg or Wesley, most likely studying physical therapy. And hopefully he won't be working at the dining hall there.

Looking back at WMC after four years

Favorite Professor: "Dr. Donna Evergates in History has been a big help. All of the teachers in the Political Science Department have been great."

Biggest Disappointment: "The social life."

Advice to Students: "Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way."

Biggest Challenge: "Getting other students involved in extracurricular activities."

Senior Series: Ambitious student is 'prepared to meet any challenge'

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Features Editor

When she first came to WMC she was very shy and thought college was going to be hard. Now, almost four years later, Sara Beth Reyburn is one of the most active students on campus.

"Now I'm prepared to meet any challenge," she said, adding that her goal this semester, her final one, is to finish her two senior seminars in history and political science while continuing her internship in Annapolis working in government relations.

As Reyburn prepares to begin her life off campus, she looks back on her four years at WMC with few regrets and much advice. "Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way," she said, noting that she was able to learn leadership skills by becoming involved in many different activities.

Not only is she president of the Student Government Association, which she has been involved with for all four years, but she also helped found the History Club and became president for one year. Reyburn helped found the WMC Delegation of Maryland Student Legislature and was delegate chair for one year, has been a member of the Phi Mu fraternity for three years, and is a member of several honor societies.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

SGA President Sara Beth Reyburn is active in numerous aspects of college life.

"I've learned a lot of skills, improved my writing and communication and also learned time-management," Reyburn said. "I'm prepared for life." Her friendships have also been an important part of her college career.

Despite these lasting friendships, Reyburn cites the social life as one of her biggest disappointments at WMC. During her freshman year she lived in the honors dorm and missed out on getting to know her classmates who were in Whiteford.

She has also been disappointed that the school's name isn't well-known outside of academic circles. "I wish people would know more about the school," she said, adding that she has had to explain where the school is

on several occasions.

Another challenging aspect of college has been trying to get other students involved in activities on campus. "It's hard seeing how apathetic students are," Reyburn said.

Although she thought this semester was going to be her easiest, she admits she was wrong. Many of her friends have also said that planning what to do after graduation, applying to graduate schools, and receiving rejection notices is very frustrating, Reyburn said.

But Reyburn is ready to move on. She has always wanted to be an attorney and plans on entering law school at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall of 1998.

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April in the Stars

Aries (3/21-4/19)

Happy birthday! When you prepare to blow out those candles, be careful what you wish for, you just may get it. And if it's good, hold on to it. Some things don't last long.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)

If you're hurting this month, follow this advice. When you have some quiet time to yourself, draw or write about the source of your pain. Analyze what you see and create a representation of the solution. Then, burn the symbolic pain and keep the solution somewhere safe.

Gemini (5/21-6/20)

You're almost free from school (at least for the summer). However, there are still many weeks ahead and you may find that your dualistic nature has you torn between work and play. Find a Libra and learn to maintain balance.

Cancer (6/21-7/22)

Spring Break might've been good, but the next few weeks are going to be greater. Keep an eye out for love, but don't get swept away. Curiosity didn't kill the cat, believing in the boy who stuck him in the microwave did.

Leo (7/23-8/22)

The month of trial has arrived. Your love life may seem very turbulent this month. Ride it out and joy awaits you.

Virgo (8/23-9/21)

So Spring Break was the pits... There will be more. As for this month, release your tension by going to a party or taking the night off from studying. You deserve it.

Libra (9/22-10/23)

Yikes! Take a chill pill. Find a Gemini who will allow you to let your hair down and learn how to have some fun. You know what they say... All work and no fun makes Jack (or Jill) a dull person!

Scorpio (10/24-11/20)

Watch out for pranks on April Fool's Day. One of your friends might find it funny to play a joke that won't make you smile. Just remember to check (and double check) everything!

Sagittarius (11/21-12/19)

Calm down! Problems aren't that bad. Take a notepad and write everything down. Then tackle the most urgent to the least important in that order. Everything will be okay.

Capricorn (12/20-1/19)

Okay, so you met someone during Spring Break. It may or may not be love at first sight. Just remember to take it slow or you may end up getting really burnt- and I don't mean by the sun.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

Do you believe dreams are the windows to our souls? You may after a month of repeated deja-vu. You shouldn't worry, the bad dreams are only here to warn you. The only real terror is in not paying attention to them.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)

Take my advice. If you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all.

by Jesse Watts

Men's lacrosse off to slow start

BY CAROLYN BARNES
Senior Writer

Losing their first and second game of the season, the men's lacrosse team has struggled early in the season, only winning one. Currently the team holds a record of 1-5, losing their most recent game to St. Mary's College.

The men fell to Virginia Wesleyan by only one goal on March 11. The Marlinis recorded a non-conference 10-win over Western Maryland. The men trailed the whole game which was played at Loyola College's Curley Field.

Junior midfielder Jeremy Kober pulled WMC within one

The Green Terror outscored the Pioneers 3-1 in the fourth quarter, after the two teams battled to a 12-12 tie for three periods.

with 5:21 remaining in the competition.

Sophomore attackman Charlie Heinzer notched three goals for the Terror, which received eight saves with just one goal allowed in the second half by freshman Brian Nottingham.

In the men's sole win, Heinzer scored a career-high five goals to lift Western Maryland (1-2) over Widener (1-2) 15-13 in a non-con-

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feat Hamilton 9-8 in the Green Terror's final game at Cocoa Expo Sports Center.

Gugliotta's one-out single in the bottom of the sixth scored pinch-runner Sean Giblin from second base. Giblin entered the game for Miller, who singled. Mike Marino moved Giblin to second with a walk, setting the stage for Gugliotta.

The game ended with Gugliotta's hit because it has reached the time limit imposed by Cocoa Expo.

Miller had three of Western Maryland's 13 hits, as each Green Terror in the line-up had at least one hit. Ryan Legge slammed a double and a triple for the winners.

WMC baseball then switched venues to Washington DC, and the change of setting proved less than victorious for the Terror when Catholic scored five times in the first inning and won 13-2 in a non-conference game.

The Green Terror scored its only two runs in the top of the first on an RBI single by Miller and a sacrifice fly by Gugliotta. Catholic tied the game after just four batters.

ference game played on the Hill on Saturday, March 14.

The Green Terror outscored the Pioneers 3-1 in the fourth quarter, after the two teams battled to a 12-12 tie for three periods. Senior attackman Bo Schrott gave the Green Terror the lead for good with 14:20 remaining, and senior Mike Sargent pushed the lead to 14-12 at the 7:03 mark.

Sophomore Tom Robson pulled Widener to within one with 3:39 left, but WMC sophomore Jason Goodman tallied his only goal of the game just 42 seconds later.

Heinzer scored three of his goals in the first half, as Western Maryland trimmed a 7-4 Widener lead back to 8-7 by the intermission.

Freshman Brian Nottingham, making his first start in goal for Western Maryland, made seven of his 15 saves in the fourth quarter.

Schrott added three goals and one assist and Sargent two goals and three assists for the Green Terror.

Unfortunately, the men did not continue on a winning streak as they lost to Division III second-ranked Salisbury State on Wednesday, March 18 at Salisbury. SSU scored the first 18 goals on its way to a 25-7 non-conference win over WMC.

Schrott got Western Maryland on the scoreboard with 9:42 remaining in the first half. Heinzer scored off a Schrott assist nine seconds later, but Salisbury notched five straight goals to take a 23-2 advantage after three quarters.

Sophomore Rob Witte had two fourth-quarter goals for WMC.

The men went on to lose their fourth game as Lynchburg College defeated WMC 9-8 in a non-conference win in Virginia on March 21.

Schrott pulled Western Maryland to within one with an unassisted tally with 3:24 left, but the Green Terror lost by a goal for the third time this season.

Freshman Brett Sweeney gave Western Maryland a 6-5 advantage with his third goal of the game at the 10:37 mark of the third period, although Lynchburg responded with the next three scores.

Sweeney led the Green Terror with three goals and one assist. Kober also had four points with two goals and two assists.

In their most recent game, the Terror again lost by only one goal as they fell to St. Mary's 17-16 on Saturday, March 28 in overtime. Western Maryland blew out to

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an 8-1 lead after the first period, only to see St. Mary's blank the Green Terror 8-0 in the second quarter for a 9-8 lead at halftime. Both teams scored four times in the third quarter, and the game was tied four times in the final 15 minutes.

Sargent topped all scorers with five goals and four assists. Attackman Witte also registered five goals for Western Maryland, which dropped to 1-5 after its third straight loss.

The men's next game will be held at home against Swarthmore on Saturday, April 4.

Hole In One

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With a pro on staff, WMC has become a PGA recognized golf facility, Moyer said.

He noted the clubhouse now has a fully-stocked pro shop with new and used clubs, and other name brand apparel, bags and shoes.

The refurbished shop also has a self-serve hot and cold food areas, as well as a lounge complete with cable TV.

tuted a lower junior fees rate of \$7 that will be in effect throughout the year for golfers 17 and under.

"I want us to be known as a teaching center," said Moyer, who also is director of instruction for the Nike Golf Camp in Connecticut. "This is a great place to learn the game and I want to do as much as I can to provide that opportunity for our young golfers."

Moyer is perhaps proudest of the club's commitment to young golfers.

Amira is trained in club repair and custom club construction. Even the cash register and counter area has been upgraded to give the shop a more professional look and feel, Moyer said.

However, Moyer is perhaps proudest of the club's commitment to young golfers. The professional staff, he noted, will direct an expanded instructional program, with an emphasis on junior golfers.

In addition to offering free clinics at the course, he also has insti-

WMC has always had one of the lowest greens fees in the area and will continue to, even with all of the changes and increased services.

Physical changes to the par 70 course will be limited for now, but WMC will open a 3,300 square foot putting green this spring.

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Redskins to instruct youth at WMC and George Mason

Former Washington Redskin Art Monk will hold one of the nation's best youth instructional football camps. The camp is for boys ages 8-18, and features instruction from Art Monk and members of the Washington Redskins.

The first session will be held June 21-25 at Western Maryland College. A second session will be held June 27-July 1 at George Mason University located in Fairfax, Virginia.

Monk's camp allows the youth players to learn about football and meet members of the Washington Redskins. The youth players also learn positive lessons about life.

"I like to let the young players know there's life after sports," said Monk. "We stress education, staying away from drugs and alcohol, and keeping your body healthy."

Washington Redskins scheduled to instruct at the camp include Gus Freatte, Terry Allen, Darrell Green, Brian Mitchell, Jamie Asher, Marcus Patton, Henry Ellard, Ed Simmons, and Ken Harvey.

For more information, please call 1-800-555-0801. Overnight housing is available.

Green Terror women's lacrosse stands undefeated in Centennial Conference

BY CAROLYN BARNES
Senior Writer

Unlike the men, the women's lacrosse team stands undefeated in the Centennial Conference and has recorded only one defeat overall.

Their first game was also their first loss as Villa Julie defeated the Terror 12-6 in a non-conference game held on March 11.

Junior Natalie Hannibal had half of Western Maryland's goals, scoring three.

Starting on their winning streak, the Terror women were led by sophomore Meaghan Giorno who scored a career-high six goals to lead WMC over Dickinson 18-6 in a Centennial Conference game on March 24.

Giorno had three goals as Western Maryland scored five times in a span of 4:20 to take an 8-2 lead. Senior Courtney Boden added four goals and Amy North three for the Green Terror.

Boden led the women again as she scored a career-high seven goals as WMC rallied past Goucher 11-10 in a non-conference game just two days later.

The two teams were deadlocked at 4-4

The Lady Terror's biggest win yet came against Howard University as 12 different players scored goals and WMC blanked Howard 28-0.

after the first half, but Goucher scored the first three goals after the intermission. The Green Terror notched the next six goals, and held on despite two Goucher goals in the final 13 seconds.

Boden was supported by three goals and one assist by Giorno and one goal by freshman Amy Bittinger.

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Giorno led the way for Western Maryland with five goals and one assist, with Boden adding four goals and three assists.

Senior Stacey O'Brien contributed four goals and one assist, and Bittinger three goals and five assists, as the women missed the school scoring record by one goal but did set a new mark for winning margin.

Senior goalie Amanda Rose made seven saves for her first career shutout and just the fifth in Western Maryland's 24-year history.

The Green Terror are now 3-1 after their third straight win. They played yesterday against Washington. Results will follow in the next *Phoenix* issue.

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Wilson to carry on illustrious career at Division III finals

BY KEVIN CULLEY
Contributing Writer

Western Maryland College track standout Kerry Wilson has become a star at the collegiate level under very unusual circumstances.

For Wilson, high school track was very different. "I was competing in too many events, so I didn't have time for hurdles," she said.

While at north East High School, in Cecil County, Wilson could only participate in four events out of eight in which she was highly skilled.

When Wilson enrolled at WMC, the coaching staff saw her potential to participate in the pentathlon. That indoor multi-event includes the high jump, long jump, shot put, 800-meter run, at which she already excelled, plus the 55-meter hurdles.

This meant that the 5-foot-9 sophomore must learn how to hurdle.

"We saw Kerry as just a tremendously skilled athlete," said Green Terror head coach Doug Renner.

So, in the fall of 1996, after the conclusion of her freshman field hockey season, Wilson went to school on the hurdles. "All I had to do was listen to Coach Whitmore," said Wilson. The sophomore added

that Whitmore, WMC assistant for eight years, is a very knowledgeable technician who knows how to teach hurdles. "He made it very easy for me to succeed."

During the 1997 indoor track season, Wilson proved both how good a teacher Whitmore is and how proficient a student she is by finishing second at the CC championship in the 55 hurdles and being the only freshman to qualify for

After the indoor season, Wilson focused more on the hurdles with immediate results.

In her first CC outdoor championship, the Green Terror standout was a triple winner. She captured both the 100 and 400-meter hurdles, and established a new meet record of 15.09 seconds in the shorter race. Her winning long jump of 16 feet, 11-1/4 inches also was a CC championship mark.

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the NCAA Division III championship in the event.

Wilson was named the co-Outstanding Performer at the conference championship after setting meet records in the 400-meter dash and long jump, winning the 55 dash, coming in second in the 55 hurdles and triple jump, and placing third in the 200 dash.

Although she did not place in the hurdles at the national meet, Wilson became the second Western Maryland woman to earn Division III All-America status indoors by finishing sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 36 feet, 11 inches.

Wilson entered the 1997 Division III outdoor championship at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse with the 12th-best qualifying time of 14.94 seconds in the 100 hurdles.

She improved to 14.80 in the final. Unfortunately that time was good for ninth place, .16 seconds and one spot shy of All-American status.

This year, Wilson will be making her second trip to the Division III indoor championship. Her leap of 18 feet, 4-1/4 inches in the long jump at a quadrangular meet at the US Naval Academy gained her au-

thomatic entry to the meet.

The Green Terror star also has a strong provisional qualifying standard of 8.44 seconds, set Valentine's Day at the Bucknell Winter Classic, in the 55 hurdles.

As for the pentathlon, Wilson competed and won a competition at Albright College in late January with a total of 3,093 points.

Now Wilson has qualified for the NCAA Division III outdoor championship in May, while placing second in the 100-meter hurdles at the Wake Forest Relays.

Wilson posted a provisional-qualifying time of 14.94 seconds in the championship trials. She was just two-hundredths slower in the rain-plagued final, and finished 0.15 seconds behind winner Kristin Inman of Division I Bowling Green University.

WMC claims second at Salisbury State

Terror softball opened its season by finishing second in the very competitive Salisbury State University Sea Gull Invitational.

The Green Terror won four of six games, with its only losses coming to the host team. In pool play, Salisbury State beat WMC 7-4. The two teams met again in the championship game, with the Sea Gulls posting a 9-1 victory.

The women's 4x400-meter relay unit of Sommer Chorman, Aleya Horn, Dana Fraser and Wilson won its heat and set a school record of 4:12.59.

Renner won a battle when he landed Wilson, who was being recruited by Maryland, North Carolina State, Delaware, and two Division II schools. The Elkton, MD, native chose WMC for a number of reasons.

"I liked the campus and the small class sizes, plus I wanted to stay close to home," noted Wilson, who needs just over an hour to reach Elkton from Westminster.

"Kerry has been a significant factor in our program since day one. She is just awesome, as evidenced by her All-American effort as a freshman. We really are fortunate to have her here," said Renner.

WMC beat Bethany 6-2 and Moravian 14-0 in its other two pool-play games.

The Green Terror advanced to the championship bracket as the third seed, and pounded sixth-seed Wilkes 12-4 in the first round. In the semifinals, WMC edged Atlantic Region fifth-ranked William Paterson 4-2.

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Terror baseball begins season with mixed results

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Managing Editor

Green Terror baseball met its opening day of the season with mixed results this year, winning its first game 13-5 over Marian (Wisc.) College at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center, with senior Christian Abildso's four hits and sophomore Brent Fuchs firing a complete game.

However, WMC lost its second game of the day to St. Lawrence (N.Y.) University 8-1.

Abildso, the team captain and center-fielder, had four singles, two runs scored and a stolen base. Fuchs, a right-hander, allowed just four hits while striking out two and walking none. The game was stopped after six innings after the time allotted expired.

WMC had back-to-back four-run innings in the third and fourth to grab an 8-1 advantage. Sophomore Ryan Legge put the finishing touch on Western Maryland's five-run sixth inning with a three-run triple, and added a double against St. Lawrence.

On Monday, March 16, the Terror faced both St. Joseph's (Maine) and Clarkson.

Sophomore Barrett Gagliotta earned his first collegiate pitching victory, hurling Terror baseball to a 10-5 win over Clarkson Monday.

In its first game that day, WMC dropped a 6-2 decision to St. Joseph's.

Gagliotta limited Clarkson to just three runs on five hits through the first six innings, before firing in the seventh. The right-hander finished with five strikeouts and just three walks in 6 1/3 innings.

Gagliotta staked a big lead when it broke a scoreless tie with seven runs on seven hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Clarkson scored three times in the top of the fifth, but the Green Terror added a single run in the bottom half of the fifth and two more in the sixth.

Sophomore left-fielder Ryan Legge was three-for-six with two walks and three stolen bases in the two games for Western Maryland.

With a 2-2 record, the Terror next played Brockport (N.Y.) State in its only game on Tuesday the 17th. Brockport scored twice in both the sixth and seventh innings and WMC was defeated 7-5.

The two sixth-inning runs gave Brockport a 5-3 lead, but the Green

Terror responded with two of their own in the bottom of the frame. Freshman shortstop Mike Wolfe drew a bases-loaded walk to force in one run and Abildso knocked in the other with a single.

Brockport used two singles, two walks and two sacrifice bunts in its winning rally to send WMC to its second last-inning loss in Florida. Western Maryland fell to 2-3, while Brockport raised its record to 3-1.

Sophomore left-fielder Ryan Legge had a double and a triple for the Terror, with Abildso and senior third baseman Brian Miller adding two hits each.

The Terror then went on to de-

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Women's tennis has perfect record; men yet to find victory

Lady Terror tennis has had a winning season, opening with 5-2 win over Centennial Conference rival Johns Hopkins.

Freshmen Alethea Desrosiers won 6-4, 6-3 at second singles over Melissa Agocs, and teamed with junior Amy Sheridan for an 8-1 victory at second doubles.

Becca Lyter defeated Remy Harrold 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 in the fifth singles match, and took an 8-3 triumph at third doubles with teammate Stephanie Nemecek.

Sheridan also was a double winner, as she beat the Blue Jays at fourth singles 6-1, 6-1.

Then on March 26, the Terror women routed Swarthmore 8-1. WMC swept the doubles matches, and won at the top five singles spots in its victory at Swarthmore.

The Green Terror pushed its record to 2-0, both overall and in the Centennial. Swarthmore had a three-match winning streak snapped, as the Garnet dropped to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

However, Elizabethtown spoiled the March 23 season opener for the Terror men's tennis team by blanking the Green Terror 9-0. The Blue Jays pushed their record to 5-1 by winning all nine matches in

straight sets.

Western Maryland's first doubles unit of junior Kevin Klunk and freshman Mark Weider did win six games in a 6-3, 6-3 loss to Jon Flood and Scott Czerwinka.

The Terror men were also shut out by Johns Hopkins in Centennial Conference matches.

Johns Hopkins did not drop a set in its shutout of the Western Maryland men. The match was the season opener for the Blue Jays, while Western Maryland fell to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the Centennial.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Golf course changes score hole in one

say, par for the course.

But the recommended tee times are just one of the changes being instituted by Moyer Golf Club Management Co., which took over daily operations March 1 and is headed by golf professional J. Scott Moyer, WMC's director of golf and coach of the nationally ranked Green Terror Squad.

"We attract all levels of play here," Moyer said, "and we want to make it as fun and as beneficial as possible for all our golfers. Taking out as many delays as we can is a good start."

Along with tee times, the course will employ a starter and rangers to monitor the flow of play. Actually, Moyer said, a golfer will get two tee times two hours apart for each round of 18 holes. The second time is set aside for the group's back nine. As long as the golfers can play half a round in about two hours they will tee it up at half the normal 10 without waiting.

Mike Amira, most recently director of golf at the Links at Challedon in Mount Airy, is the course's first head professional.

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WMC fourth in Tee-Off Tournament

Western Maryland opened its spring golf season with a fourth-place finish at the Susquehanna University Tee-Off Tournament.

The four Green Terror scorers combined for a total of 318 strokes to trail champion York (300), Susquehanna's 'A' team (306) and third-place West Chester (310). Jon Thornton of York keyed his team's victory by claiming medalist honors with a two over-par 72.

Senior Tony Worm posted Western Maryland's low round with a 76, good for a four-way tie for fourth place. Sophomore Tony Santillo was tied for 19th at 79.

Western Maryland was ranked 18th in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings for Division III at the close of the fall season.

Final Team Scoring: 1. York, 300; 2. Susquehanna 'A', 306; 3. West Chester, 310; 4. Western Maryland, 318; 5. Widener, 325; 6. Susquehanna 'B', 330; 7. Gettysburg, 343; 8. Lycoming, 346; 9. Villa Julie, 349; 10. Elmira, 354; 11. Pitt-Bradford, 355; 12. Rutgers-Camden, 384.

Medalist (61 finishers)-Jon Thornton, York, 72. Western Md. players: 4 (tie), Tony Worm, 76; 17 (tie), Tony Santillo, 79; 21 (tie), Mike Diehl, 81; 26 (tie), Craig Zabara, 82; 33 (tie), Ryan Reid, 85.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Green Terror Winter '97 Accolades

Women's Indoor Track and Field placed 4th in the Centennial Conference championship led by sophomore Kerry Wilson, who won two events.

Men's Indoor Track and Field placed 6th, led by Gavin DeFreitas, Jarrod Gillam, and Mike Cushwa.

Women's Basketball reached the CC semi-finals led by Katie Haley, named to the All-Centennial Conference first team; Haley became WMC's all-time scoring leader, breaking the record set by Cindy Boyer Thompson in 1987.

Men's Basketball star Will Marshall was named to the All-Centennial Conference men's basketball first team, and became WMC's all-time scoring leader, breaking the record set by Art Press '52.

Wrestling saw eight team members (Steve Smiddy, Andrew Brener, Charlie Conaway, Scott Taylor, Rodney Stine, Jon Pitonzo, Josh Elin and Cody Brenneman) finish in the top six in their respective weight classes in the NCAA Division III East Regional tournament. Steve Smiddy reached the finals, becoming a first alternate to the Division III national tournament.

Men's Swimming finished 6th in the CC swimming championships, led by Chris Drawbaugh, who was 6th in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Women's Swimming finished 6th in the Centennial Conference swimming championships by Barkley Dameron, who tied for 8th place in individual scoring with a second-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle.

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British Invasion plans unravel at WPSS

BY BARBARA WARTERS
Muckraker

Conspiracy. Deception. Takeover. This is what the British government has in store for citizens across America. Leaks within WMC's highest ranks have exposed the largest cultural change of this century in the "UK 500" scandal, a convoluted scheme that aims to reform American styles, culture and language.

"We have tried to hide the evidence, however there seem to be leaks from within" explained Public Propaganda Assistant Dan Shoemaker. There is evidence that WMC has agreed to be the leading participant in exchange for an increased endowment from UK officials.

The infiltration process has begun with Deadline Spice, a citizen of the UK, controlling the primary source of information on campus, *The Bird*. Spice, who is posing as a 19 year old sophomore, is actually a British Intelligence Agent (BIA). "Our goal is to introduce cultured life and speech into the States. We seek to be agents of good will by improving your quality of life," she explained.

Water tower breaks a leak, floods area

BY SOLOMON JARDIN
Administration Irritant

Three thousand gallons of municipal tap water rushed out of an 8-inch wide hole in the side of the college water tower last Friday morning at 12:30 am, causing several residents to flee the area for "safer and higher ground."

The accident appears to have been caused by a 50 year old rust-ridden pipe, located about 12 feet up the tower, that suddenly broke, authorities said.

It did not take long — only a few minutes — for the running water to flood the nearby Pennsylvania Avenue houses.

"As I walked by the gym I could see a stream of water coming out," said Noah Ark, a junior who was returning from a night of drinking and partying at Down Under, a local bar formerly known as Champs, when the incident took place. "It was incredible, I couldn't believe my eyes."

According to Spice, the changes have already begun. For example, British spellings are already infiltrating the campus. WPSS's professional theater company is using the British spelling of "Theatre on the Hill."

From next semester, cars on campus will be required to drive on the left hand side of the road. Although mass chaos has been predicted, the Administration is ignoring student complaints.

In the immediate future, the names of departments will be changed. Instead of Admissions, Student Affairs, and College Activities, department names will be changed to the Ministry of Admission, Ministry of Student Affairs, and Ministry of Activity. According to Prime Minister of Administration, Dick Tater, "This new system will implement the type of bureaucracy we have sought for years here at WPSS. Anyone who doesn't understand the value of this is a bloody fool!" Minister Tater also emphasized the importance the new endowment source will have on the college.

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Five dead, Seven wounded in brutal squirrel drive-by

BY SPIKE "BYRON" JOHNSON
Homicide Reporter

Five days ago five WPSS students were killed and seven were wounded in the latest vicious act of squirrel violence. The incident occurred at 11 pm when a squirrel gang known as the "Nut Posse" opened fire on a group of students who were walking to a party at one of the Pennsylvania Avenue houses. Westminster police report that no arrests have been made yet.

"It was incredible," says survivor Dirk Stoner. "A group of us were walking along, minding our own business, when out of the corner of my eye I see this car coming up from behind us. I didn't think anything about it; I mean, jeez, it was a Hyundai and I was already drunk and you just don't expect evil things from a Hyundai. Then I see the windows roll down as it passes by and all of a sudden I see the squirrels, their bandanas gleaming in the moonlight, and the barrels of their guns. I don't remember getting shot...but I do remember the sound of their insane squirrel laughter...that will probably haunt me for the rest of my life."

This drive-by is just the latest incident of squirrel terrorism to hit the campus. Harassment by the



The leader of the "Nut Posse" shows no remorse for the brutal attack.

roving gangs of vicious dove-dealing squirrels that populate the grounds have long been a fact of life for students and faculty. But lately their attacks have been getting bolder and more brutal, leading Prime Minister Dick Tater to institute new safety measures, outlined in a speech to the student body two days ago. The Ministry of Control will now be allowed to carry automatic weapons, and a special action team of southern hillbillies will soon be brought in to trap the wild squirrels, who have so far eluded capture. As Tater announced at the conclusion of the speech, "it's time to get medieval

on their asses!"

In response to the increased safety measures, the Nut Posse broke into Glop and spray painted obscenities on all of the walls yesterday. "It's amazing," says manager Jiff Collilhoon. "That's probably the first time ever that someone's wanted to get into Glar." While the students generally had a positive reaction to the colorful graffiti, saying that it enhanced their dining experience, the administration is reportedly furious and considering the use of land mines to trap the campus of its squirrel problem.

Students hope for peace soon. "I know that the school had a problem with the squirrels before I came here. But I decided that would be a small price to pay for attending a college with such an excellent reputation as WPSS. Besides, I'm from DC, I thought I could handle it. But it's just too much. I don't know how much more of this I can take," says junior Deke Witsall.

As WPSS braces for the next incident, sophomore Judy Johnson echoes the sentiments of her fellow students with the question, "Why can't we all just get along?"

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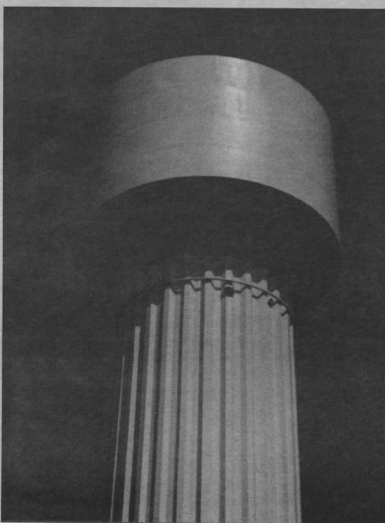
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NATHAN BIRDSALL

Just days after this picture was taken the water tower flooded Penn Ave.

Sticky Bun Drop

Herbie Hindstinx (Eric Barry) on the latest pastime of WPSS students

When I heard the news I am about to tell you, I was very disturbed. I learned of an incident where a sophomore here at Westminster Post Secondary School dared a freshman to put his urinating device on a sticky mouse trap.

For a measly 10 dollars the freshman did it.

Since when has Alexander Hamilton been in such demand, or

slap his precious piece of anatomy onto that sticky mouse trap.

I've heard of the wrestling move the sticky bun drop, but now the sticky anatomy drop!!!!!! The sticky bun drop performed by Moe Lestme is dangerous enough but this new bold act involves a sensitive part of the anatomy.

For 10 dollars this freshman got recircumcised. Was it worth it?

I think this childish act can be attributed to alcohol. The participants were probably drunk. I just hope there wasn't a mouse on the

I just hope this craziness doesn't become the next fad. First semester it was having sex with a new person every night.

did this kid just have to prove his manliness. This freshman must be watching way too much Dawson's Creek to do a crazy thing like that.

He completed the dare in privacy. The privacy of a Rouzer bathroom stall. I know because I was looking through a peephole that me and my gay lover carved out. It is right above the toilet paper so you can wipe and watch.

I'm lying I didn't really see the incident but my gay lover, Herb Urtzafid. He told me all the details. As he was looking through the peephole he saw the freshman

mouse trap when the freshman stuck his stick on the sticky trap. That was a mouthful. Oh get your mind out of the gutter.

I just hope this craziness doesn't become the next fad. First semester it was having sex with a new person every night. This semester it will be sticking your anatomy on a different sticky trap each night.

Maybe there really isn't a mouse problem in the residence halls. Possibly students are just getting their jollies off on these sticky traps.

Freshmen to receive special drug education

MARY JO CANNABIS
Psychiatric Editor

Shocked by the recent drug activity on campus, WPSS Prime Minister Dick Tater announced Monday that the college will offer a mandatory class for incoming freshmen entitled "Dealing and using: How not to get caught on school property."

During a press conference held in McDaniel Lounge in the wake of a dealer recently arrested on campus, Tater said the class would be offered beginning in the fall of 1998 and would be taught by Cheech and Chong.

"It's important for students, especially freshmen, to enjoy the whole college experience, but we also need to protect the school's image. By instructing freshmen on using and dealing drugs discreetly without infringing on other students' rights or attracting the suspicion of the local police, the college will avoid future ugly incidents," Tater said.

The class will be held from 10 pm until 2 am on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the semester to prevent freshmen from being influenced by upperclassmen who may not be educated in drug dealing and using. Tater stressed that this will be like normal classes with several tests and papers and a final exam. To pass the final exam, students will have to successfully set up a drug ring without campus control finding out who the drug lord or the

main suppliers are.

"We will also teach students how to use the drugs safely and how to revive friends who may have ingested too much of a certain substance. We feel this is important information that our generation did not have," Tater said, adding that Cheech and Chong will get the drugs at a reduced rate, saving the college millions.

After passing the class, students will be allowed to deal and use drugs on campus as long as they are not caught by either campus control or local police. If any student is caught, he or she will have to take the class again.

"I'm excited about the program. This should definitely attract future students," said Mary Jane Baked, minister of admissions, adding that she has been a long-time drug user and will offer any pointers she may have.

"I wish we could've had a class like this. It would've made freshman year a lot more interesting," said Sally Buzz, senior class president. Many upperclassmen are protesting that they will be denied valuable information and experience by the college's choice to exclude them.

Faculty and staff, including Tater, will have the option of attending and experiencing a class of their choice throughout the semester. "We want our educators to be as informed as our students," Tater said.

SP-ED Programme visits Mars

BY EMMANUEL STEBLER
SP-ED Rebel

While many WPSS students headed home or flew South during Spring Break, a group of WPSS SP-ED students journeyed to Mars with their fearless leader Agent Orange.

The purpose of the trip was to discover any signs of life on the Red Planet. What they discovered was amazing.

"Human-like creatures actually live on Mars," exclaimed senior Lucifer Wilson, an avowed atheist. "Everyone has red hair and green eyes."

"Obviously, the inhabitants of Mars must come from Ireland based upon their physical traits," commented Gold Dust Spring, a WPSS senior.

However, the Martian population does not come from Ireland, it is indigenous to our neighboring planet.

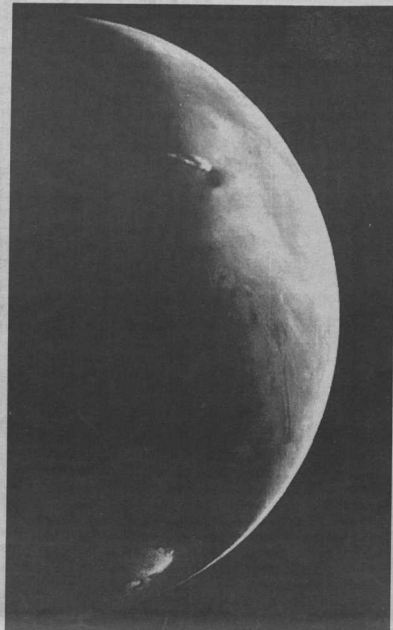
Previous expeditions to Mars never revealed any signs of life, not even last year's Pathfinder mission.

The WPSS voyage to Mars found the answers to this and several other unanswered questions.

The Martian people spend 99% of their time in an extensive system of subterranean tunnels connecting hundreds of underground communities.

"We spend our time out of sight because we fear the potential invasion and exploitation of our natural resources by Earth beings, especially the Americans," said Kjebleni Ioponor, the Martian spokesperson who bears a striking resemblance to Australian actress Nicole Kidman.

"Mars is so beautiful, underground that is, with bountiful resources...trees, oil, precious metals," said Gold Dust Spring. "But, I don't think the Martians need to



NOT SURE

Students on the recent field trip to the red planet were curious to find out if Martians give special housing to their SP-ED programmes too.

Spring.

NASA initially approached Agent Orange about sending some of her prized SP-ED students to Mars. A NASA spokesperson said they discovered the seniors recently took a class on aliens. "The students' insights fascinated us on this topic," he added.

Actually, the entire voyage was

Every once in awhile, the Martians do get a little wild. They do a little drinking and gambling and dance around in feathers.

worry about the U.S. exploiting them. We have more resources now than we've ever had."

Over the years, many scientists have denied any possibility of life on Mars since the planet's atmosphere is too harsh and lacks enough oxygen to support life.

The Martians amazed the WPSS students with their technology which the group's science majors found especially interesting.

According to Mars' leading scientist Adloperni Nmonin, the red dust on Mars contains oxygen. The Martians developed machines which convert the dust into oxygen. They create water by combining the oxygen with the hydrogen contained in their skin, Nmonin added.

"The Martian technology is incredible," said Marshmallow Fluff, a senior biology major. "But, I really don't care about the implications of these discoveries, especially if the Martians might come

"I can't understand why some of those dumb asses on the trip were so surprised."

"We have so much to learn from these people, and I'd love for them to come visit Earth and teach us their communal ways," said Wilson.

Actually, Ioponor explained that Martians have already visited Earth. They have portrayed Irish people in American films, and since Martians are genetically superior, they are not a burden to Earth's health care system, she added.

Every once in awhile, the Martians do get a little wild. They do a little drinking and gambling and dance around in feathers.

"I like the feathers," exclaimed Ron Runner, a senior who brought some feathers back from the trip.

"We have special places in Minnesota for these people if they expect to come to our country to drink and gamble," said Gold Dust

a plot between the SP-ED professors and NASA to do away with the nasty seniors once and for all. But the evil plan was discovered midway through the trip.

"Thanks to the Martians' superior technology, we were able to return to Earth," said Agent Orange. "I'm so proud of the students for sticking it out."

The SP-ED seniors are now safely returned to their box on campus, and they're busy writing their papers based upon the experience.

"I don't know how to write a paper and relate this to our class on aliens," lamented biology major Infant Robot. "I'm much more comfortable in the laboratory."

"If I don't get an A, I'm going to nag the professors like I always do," said Gold Dust Spring. "The fact I don't read the books couldn't possibly have anything to do with my paper grades."

Pro and Con: Is sleep really necessary?

Bed E. By can think of nothing better than catching a few zzz's

How would you like to have a product that was free, allowed you some procrastination time, allowed you to direct and star in your own movies, and made you feel really good when you were all done? Sounds like the college student's dream to me.

Although this product doesn't always work and sometimes you have to ignore it, it is definitely worth more than the price you've paid for it. Everyone can use this product, but it is not found in a store, in a mail-order catalog, on a web-site, or on a home-shopping network.

Okay, so what is this product, you ask. Alright, so I lied. It's not really a product, but it is something with which we are all familiar. It's... ta-da... sleep.

As usually over-worked college students, I believe we all value the time we spend sleeping. It can be a rarity, something that only occurs for a few brief hours every week. I know I appreciate those last five minutes of sleep I squeeze in before an 8:20 class or those 20 minutes I sometimes have between classes after a long night of extremely hard work.

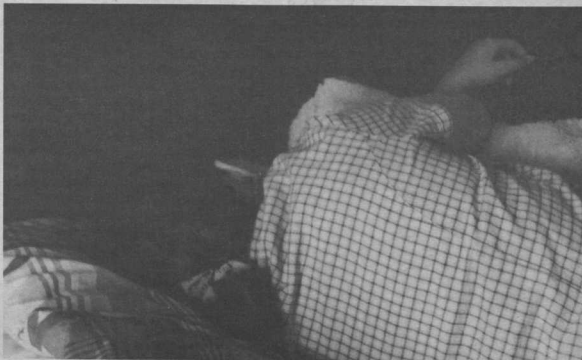
There is no greater procrastination device than sleep. There are other devices of procrastination - I am an expert in that area, but how many times can you clean your room, watch endless hours of bad Aaron Spelling TV, or clean out your refrigerator? You can always hang out with your friends, but, they have work to do sometimes. What's left to do but sleep?

Now, I'm sure you're wondering about those movies I talked about earlier. I confess, I was actually talking about dreams. I look forward to the bizarre picture shows that play in my mind while I am asleep. They're even better than *Melrose Place*. With dreams,

*Risking her life, Anne
Butler reveals the secrets
of the squirrels*

They're after me. They want to kill me. The first article I wrote about them made them wary of me. When I tried to be a good journalist and investigate further, they decided I needed to be silenced. Right now I'm hiding from them in a secret location. I write this in hopes that someone will find this and learn the truth of government of this college. The real rulers are not the British but the *squirrels*.

The squirrels run this campus, posing as innocent and neurotic animals, they are secretly directing our every move. They control Prime Minister Dick Tater! They pull the puppet strings of all the department heads! They even select



A WPSS student is caught napping. Is she enjoying her own private movie screening or indulging in the biggest waste of time known to man.

everything is a mystery. That's why they are so cool; you can sit for hours discussing them and what they mean with your friends.

The best part about sleep is the way you usually feel when you wake up. By that I don't just mean the act of getting out of bed; there is a lot more to waking up than that. Sleep is actually good for you, and if we could all manage to get more sleep than we normally do, we'd see a lot fewer zombies on campus.

So that's it. My point is that sleep is good for you, and that I think too many people don't get enough. I know I don't, although some people would beg to differ on that point.

Sleep is also a good excuse for procrastination. What could be a better excuse than doing something that is free and healthy? If you know of one, let me know.

For now, I've got a huge paper to write for one of those classes I attend, despite the fact that I'm not quite awake for most of it, but first, my bed looks awfully comfortable. I think I'll just close my tired eyes for a few minutes...

Adam Dean can't imagine a less productive way to spend a night

Why should we sleep? You could say we need it to rest, or to rejuvenate. Hogwash.

Have you ever rested without sleeping? Do you remember sitting on the grass on a warm day or slumping in a comfortable chair on a bitter cold winter's night? Of course you do. And, you didn't have to sleep. You just rested.

Sleep is bad. It is a luxury which society can no longer afford.

Most creatures sleep because they are bored. Look at dogs. They must sleep 23 hours a day at least. They sleep like this because the life of a dog is very boring. Sleep, get up, eat, go play in the yard, dig a hole, sleep some more, get up, eat, go outside and do your business.

scratch, smell other dogs, go in, sleep, etc. It gets very repetitive.

What else is there to do? Dogs don't read books or watch television. They don't have jobs. Dogs are never assigned homework. So, how does a dog fill all this time? By not filling it. He shuts down and goes to sleep.

People are the same way. Between the hours of midnight and 7 am there really is not much to do. How many times can you go to Wal-Mart? You can always find after-hours clubs and other assorted amusements to keep you occupied. But even these grow old after a short period of time. Like dogs, humans sleep because they are bored.

This is a shame. So much could be accomplished if we didn't sleep. Just think of the possibilities.

Building projects would take half as long if people were willing to work 24 hours a day. The workers would be paid more and productivity would go up. In college and school, homework would be done faster and papers could be finished in mere days, not weeks.

Quirks: The truth about the Nut Posse

the Resident Assistants! The real reason all the RAs left was because they were pushed out by the Nut Posse, and replaced with those who are sympathetic to the furry-tailed tyrants. Who will be next? The Posse has even hatched secret plans to convert us to their ways. OC-TAA, Glop, the horrible parking conditions, Macintoshes, and perhaps in the most insidious plan of all: the Posse has called on their brother rodents to make our dorms unsanitary and unclean!

Our only hope lies in the widening the schism appearing in their ranks. Separate gangs and factions appeared. Minor skirmishes have already occurred. The unfortunate death of five students earlier this month is only the first open battle in a war that threatens to tear this campus apart, destroying everyone

and everything (they even have tiny nuclear bombs!).

Oh god! They're coming!
Don't let them take over! Take
advantage of the split! Divide and
conquer! Avenge me!

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"YOU HAVE READ NONE OF THIS. NONE OF IT IS TRUE"

The Bird regrets to inform its readership that Anne Butler has met an untimely demise due to a freak accident. *The Bird* expresses its sincerest condolences



From their tree-top hideouts, the Nut Posse plan to prevent the British takeover of WPSS and make the campus their own

for the entire Butler family. We also wish to inform our readers that Anne's column will be replaced by an advertisement for

An army of common citizens moving about all night would take the dark from criminals and other nefarious individuals. This would make it much harder for these scoundrels to ply their trades in public.

Criminals are by nature cowards. Cowards always avoid strength. The numerical strength of a society running on a 24 hour schedule would encourage many of them into seeking employment in the insurance industry.

Life on 24 hours could be more fun. After putting in eight to ten hours at the office or shop you could still go out with friends and have a good ol' time. Plenty of time for beer, for sports, for movies. Plenty of time to communicate with your family. Just more time.

With all this time we could take up new hobbies. Have you ever wanted to learn to fly a plane? Well, now you can. Take up horseback riding. Learn new computer skills. I have always wanted to know how to play the tuba. In a 24 hour world I would have plenty of time to learn. And no neighbours complaining that they can't sleep because of my practicing.

Sleep is easily avoided. Coffee, that sour brew, black as bile, can be a friend in avoiding the oblivion of sleep. Certain sodas, pills, crack, and pornography can keep anyone from falling asleep. Trust me, I know what I am talking about.

In closing, I would like to say that sleep is bad. It is a luxury which society can no longer afford. In this modern world there is no time for boredom. If streetlights can turn night into day and instant communications can put us in contact with those on the other side of the Earth who are enjoying the light, why should we not come out and enjoy the night?

The productivity sleep robs us of is appalling. The average human sleeps 8 hours a day. Those eight hours add up to a lot of down time that could be used to find the cure for cancer or developing new ways to feed children. But we don't do this. Instead, we sleep.

toothpaste. We have been assured that this ad will have as much content and quality as Anne's column ever had.



MICHAEL PUSKAR

Prime Minister Dick Tater poses for a snapshot with his new intern. Tater said that he is "very excited" to be working with the intern who has previous presidential experience.

British Invasion

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litical Science Departments will undergo changes as well. "By the year 2000, we hope to have completely restructured the curriculum of these departments to reflect the proper culture and necessary education of the times," Spice explained. American history and literature will be eliminated and replaced by classes with British themes. History majors will be required to take two new classes, "The War America THOUGHT They Won" and "Life, Death, and Chastity in Victorian Society."

The Political Science Department is already implementing British themes into classroom lectures. "I always show clips from Monty Python to my Introduction to Political Science classes. They also are required to read George Orwell's 1984," said Dr. Spice Smith, Professor of Political Science.

Foreign study opportunities will also be altered. The Budapest Program will be cut and replaced by a branch institution in Westminster, England. "With the added branch campus in Westminster, England, I have fulfilled my dream of legitimately renaming our institution's name in the states," Prime Minister Tater explained. "The name 'Westminster Post Secondary School' has so many advantages over Western Maryland; it doesn't sound like a state school and it gives no hint as to our obscure location."

While many of these changes seem academic or administration oriented, students will notice

changes in the social atmosphere as well. This is because infiltration of UK citizens has been started in the Ministry of Control. Briton Jim Pushen, the newest member of the staff, has cut a deal with the Ministry of Student Affairs to incorporate British laws on campus by allowing those over 18, not 21, to be in possession of alcohol. "I've been going out on the piss since I was 14. I think it's bloody daft to make them wait until they're 21," he said.

In conjunction with the new drinking age, the Pub will accurately reflect its name and serve alcohol. Bass Ale, Woodpecker Cider, and Newcastle Brown Ale will be added to the menu along with fish and chips. The only other available beverage will be hot tea.

Water tower

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Avenue, called 911 to request help. At that point, a crew came to the scene. Luckily nobody needed to be rescued from the rushing water.

The main switch that brings water to the pump at the base of the tower was shut off by Rowin Ashore, a worker at the Westminster water supply company, at around 2 a.m. However, water in the top tank continued to empty, as there was no way to stop it.

The broken pipe was repaired and service was restored to Saturday. The remaining pipes were inspected and authorities expect no further problems. Flood damage was limited to four Pennsylvania Avenue houses.

From Glop to Gourmet

BY LAINI STAMATHIS
Newspaper Crumpet

In addition to new, extended mealtimes and the option of eating in the Pub after hours, WPSS's dining accommodations are slated to receive an even more radical makeover.

Alex Cooper, a '91 WPSS graduate who went on to receive a masters degree in gourmet cooking and restaurant management at the Cordon Bleu Cooking University in Paris, will return to his roots in September to provide upscale dining services for WPSS students.

A self-proclaimed connoisseur of only the finest in food and wine, Cooper especially found fault with the simplicity of Englop Dining Hall's staple meals. "I would rather eat shards of broken glass than a mass-produced grilled cheese sandwich," exclaimed Cooper.

The nationally renowned culinary genius spent three years as executive chef of Chez Coop in Georgetown, Washington DC after receiving his degree, but said he always knew that he would one day come back to Westminster and rectify the dire dining situation.

Cooper's first step will be to do away with the present cook staff and bring in his own team of emergency technicians. In order that current employees need not lose their jobs, Cooper plans to enroll them in a rigorous six-week training course to become certified waiters, busboys, and place setting experts.

"That tacky conveyor belt will be a thing of the past!" declared

Cooper. His plans also include a complete renovation of Englop Dining Hall, despite the fact that the space has just recently undergone a refurbishment, so that the decor of the dining hall will reflect and complement his culinary vision.

"A well-rounded dining experience must be pleasing to the eye, as well as the palette," said Cooper. "In picturing matching tablecloths, napkins and reupholstered chairs, all in shades of soothing green, to aid digestion."

The menu for WPSS has only begun to be planned, but according to the chef, it will include a wider variety of experimental dishes. Already in the schedule is a weekly Frog Leg Friday and Sushi Saturday.

Cooper will receive a significant grant to fund his complete overhaul of the WPSS's dining services. These drastic measures are being taken as a response to students' gradually worsening opinions of the food in Englop Dining Hall.

Student reaction to Cooper's high-class makeover are mixed. Freshman Deena Dwyer, upon hearing about the proposed experimental theme nights, commented, "I think I'd rather keep eating Cap'n Crunch three times a day."

WPSS's desperate diners are overall willing to try anything at this point. Even the recent sample day from an alternate catering company was not enough to pacify the majority of dissatisfied students. This radical approach was seen as the last resort.

Bombing soon to a theatre near you

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR
E-mail King

With the box office success of *Titanic*, James Cameron has decided to shoot for the stars with *Challenger*, a film concerning the '86 STS 51-L explosion.

"Since the shuttle was named for a naval vessel of the 1800's," film critic Lotus Hunter stated, "Cameron felt that it would make sense to do this disaster film after having done one about a ship."

Cameron gave no response to this remark, though it most likely carries some truth. *Challenger* will be a sort of *Aliens-Titanic*, if you will, with Terminator-type FX.

"Cameron will cast actors with whom he has worked in the past," Hunter equivocated. "His wife, *Terminator's* Linda Hamilton, will make a cameo as Sally Ride, the first American woman in space."

Universal has not verified a Sally Ride role but has mentioned that three major roles are already possibly cast. Disagreeing with Ron Howard's decision to not use Gary Sinise as an astronaut in *Apollo 13*, Cameron has talked the

star into portraying the shuttle's pilot, Michael J. Smith.

Cameron also feels that Lily Tomlin (*Flirting with Disaster*) will make an excellent Judith Resnik, one of the civilian crew members. For the third role, payload specialist Gregory Jarvis, Cameron will have *Titanic's* Billy Zane cast.

"Zane has one great behind," asserted Hunter. "But is too rigid of an actor to be in any more Cameron films."

Someone whom Cameron desperately wants to work with again is Kate Winslet. He feels she'd be great in bed... uh, that is, perfect as teacher Christa McAuliffe. Universal, however, disagrees and wants Cameron to seek out Helen Hunt, who just beat Winslet in the Oscars for her performance in *As Good As It Gets*.

However, the studio did say that if Cameron could get Leonardo DiCaprio to appear as the gay ghost of Jack, his *Titanic* character, they will sign Winslet as McAuliffe.

As for a release date, Universal and Cameron hope the movie will explode into theatres January 28, 1996.

Cookery Corner

SQUIRREL MULLIGAN

3 squirrels, dressed
2 onions, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
2 Irish potatoes, diced
4 tbs chili pepper
salt and pepper to taste
dash of Louisiana hot sauce
1/4 cup celery
1 cup cooked rice
Stew squirrels in water until tender. Remove from bones. Place meat back into broth. Bring to boil; add remaining ingredients, except rice. Cook 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add rice and serve.

BRUNSWICK STEW

Cut 2 plump young squirrels into serving pieces. Dredge the pieces in well-seasoned flour and brown them in fat with 6 onions, thinly sliced. Transfer the meat and onions to an earthenware casserole and add 3 cups boiling water, 6 tomatoes, peeled and sliced, 3 red peppers, chopped, and a generous pinch of thyme. Cover the casserole and simmer the stew for 1 hour.

Add 2 pounds each of lima beans and okra, the kernels scraped from 6 ears of green corn, and 1 tbs each of chopped parsley and Worcestershire sauce. Cover the casserole and simmer the mixture until the meat and vegetables are tender. Thicken the sauce with equal amounts of flour and butter kneaded together and serve in the casserole.



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Watched by her mother Linda Clark, Kelly Middleton displays the medication she is taking to fight the HIV virus.

NATHAN BIRDSELL

ASAP speaker is a family affair

Mother and daughter give personal insight to living with the HIV virus

BY JENIFER SIRKIS
Staff Writer

Every 13 minutes, someone in the United States is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, according to the Centers for Disease Control. That fact is surprising enough, but it is even more startling to learn that one in every 250 college students is infected with HIV, and the number of new HIV infections is increasing every day.

Kelly Middleton, a young woman living with HIV, and her mother, Linda Clarke, were invited by AIDS: Support, Awareness, and Prevention (ASAP) to speak in McDaniel Lounge last week. Middleton said that she spoke in order to "raise awareness about HIV and AIDS among your own

life," telling the approximately 60 students in attendance that abstinence is the only way to fully protect oneself from HIV. Middleton stressed to the women in the audience that "We need to protect ourselves."

Libby Liu, a freshman Psychology major, felt that "Hearing [Middleton] gave the disease a face. A person always hears statistics about HIV and AIDS, but what they had to say made me think of the consequences one could face if they have unprotected sex."

Middleton said that she was infected with the virus in 1987 at the age of 19, and diagnosed as being HIV-positive in 1988. Her then-boyfriend, who was an HIV-positive IV drug user, knowingly passed HIV to her through unprotected sex. Like many teenagers, she thought that she was invincible and that nothing as serious as HIV could happen to her.

Living with HIV is a daily struggle, Middleton said. Among the 25 pills she takes a day is a drug cocktail consisting of AZT, 3TC, and a protease inhibitor which together slow down the reproduction of the HIV virus and suppress the disease. The drugs are extremely expensive, she noted, costing over \$1,000 a month.

When Middleton received her diagnosis, she was seven months pregnant. She was told that her baby would be born with HIV. Since this was the late-1980's,

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SGA representatives address faculty meeting

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

In an event that is considered unprecedented, two Student Government Assembly members attended the April faculty meeting to announce the revision of the SGA constitution and address the student orientator/classroom assistant controversy.

"In Dr. Chamber's history with the college since 1984, that was the first SGA presentation made at a faculty meeting," according to the Office of the President.

At the meeting, SGA Vice President Aaron Corbett told the faculty about a change to the constitution that would have an impact on the graduate program and Jeremiah Kelly, the freshman class president, spoke on the issue of the SO/CA merger.

The students were invited to the meeting by the Faculty Council, a group that forms the agenda for the faculty meetings.

Specifically, Corbett informed the faculty that Article III of the constitution now reads, "Only undergraduate students are subject to the constitution." Previously it read "all students."

Corbett said the SGA felt it was time to make this clarification for several reasons. SGA funding is only intended for undergraduate social activities, said Corbett, and by modifying this statement, graduate students will no longer be eligible for allocations.

Also, Corbett cited the fact that the graduate program has become more sizable and said it might be time for the graduate students to form their own assembly.

However, Ken Pool, dean of Graduate Affairs, said he is not sure if there will be enough interested graduate students to form such an SGA.

He said that most of the 1,400 graduate students — an all time high — take part-time classes and work full-time as teachers.

"Do they care for representation or not? I don't know but I am will-

ing to find out," said Pool, who is planning to conduct a graduate student survey. "If they are not interested, there is no sense in pushing it."

Pool expressed some interest in learning more about this matter during the faculty meeting. After speaking with Corbett, he said in an interview that he understands the rationale behind the SGA decision.

"They are not attempting to exclude the graduates but to help the undergraduates. If we can find some way to have representation,

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Ravens to improve campus parking

BY ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

WMC recently reached a verbal agreement with the Baltimore Ravens to improve campus parking and roads. According to Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance, the fine points of the agreement are still being worked out. However, it is certain that significant improvements will be made by mid-July.

The Ravens, who use WMC's facilities for their summer training camp, approached the college in February expressing a desire to have parking on campus for their spectators, said Seidel. Previously, Ravens spectators have been made to park off campus in order to pre-

serve the privacy of the faculty, staff, and students who are on campus during the summer.

"If this was just to improve the Ravens spectator situation we wouldn't do it," said Seidel. However, he believes that collaborating with the Ravens to provide spectator parking is also an opportunity to make needed changes that benefit the college community.

The Ravens will help finance modifications and additions to the water tower parking area, including 20 additional parking spaces as well as paving and expanding the road which runs parallel to Pennsylvania Avenue. Plans are also being made to pave the gravel park-

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Capital campaign nears target

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

WMC's Defining Moment Campaign has raised \$32.5 million in committed and recorded gifts and pledges since it was launched in the Fall 1996. Approximately 18 months remain for the campaign to reach its goal of \$40 million.

Last spring, WMC received a Challenge Grant from the Kresge Foundation which pledged to donate \$600,000 to the campaign if WMC raises an additional \$1.9 million for the construction of the new science building by Dec. 1, 1998.

This additional 2.5 million would bring the total pledged for the new science facility to nine million dollars, with another \$4.4 million to raise.

"We have every opportunity to meet the conditions of the challenge, potentially ahead of schedule," said Dick Seaman, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

Currently, WMC is \$800,000 shy of reaching the figure needed to complete the Kresge Foundation's criteria.

Regional campaigners are contacting top prospects for pledges, and Institutional Advancement will conduct phoneathons this month and in August to solicit donations from 6,500 alumni, parents, and friends of the college who have a special interest in the new science building, Seaman explained.

Financing the Lewis Hall addition is not the only component of the campaign that is running smoothly, said Seaman.

The endowment fund's target of \$9.6 million has been oversubscribed by \$1.3 million. "This signals the success of the campaign," said Seaman.

Approximately one-third of this fund will be devoted to scholarships and financial aid.

The Annual Fund, which solicits pledges from alumni, parents, and friends of the college, has set five successive records. This year's goal is \$1.25 million, and the drive is already \$100,000 ahead of where it was this time last year, said Seaman.

The Annual Fund is a key component of the campaign because the income it will generate this year is equivalent to the earnings drawn on a \$20,000,000 endowment, Seaman explained.

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we can go from there," he said.

Jeremiah Kelly expressed to the faculty the SGA opinion that student input should have been involved in the decision making process to merge the SO/CA positions and create the peer mentor position.

He added that a petition of 737 signatures shows students are concerned. Kelly said that by combining the two positions, the best possible candidates for each might be excluded due to a busy schedule or low level of enthusiasm.

Kelly, who will be a peer mentor next year, mentioned to the faculty a proposed orientation advisory board that would give former SO's, CA's, and PM's the opportunity to give feedback based upon their experiences.

The panel is to consist of different representatives from the faculty, administration, and student body.

Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, academic coordinator of the first-year seminar, explained the circumstances of this issue at the faculty meeting. She said that first-year seminar faculty requested the two positions be combined.

Discussions with students in her own seminar class showed that they were in agreement.

"It never occurred to me to ask SO's and CA's how it went, it did occur to me to ask my freshmen seminar students," Bendel-Simso said.

At that point she presented the issue to Provost Joan Coley and Dean of the First-Year Program Barb Horneff, and they, in turn, decided to merge the two positions.

In general, there was very little faculty reaction to these SGA announcements, but Kelly said that doesn't matter.

"By them inviting us and hearing our protest, that shows they are willing to listen to us," he said.



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News in brief

WMC will sell seven lots of its Singleton Matthews property. The college planned to sell this small portion of the property, located near County Road, several years ago; however, Carroll County placed a halt on development until a better county-wide growth plan could be adopted, said Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance. Now that the County has created such a plan, WMC will now sell these lots. The funds raised from their sale will be placed in the endowment.

WMC recently sent out bids to subcontractors for the construction of an addition to Levine Hall set to begin this June. A two-story annex will be built into the hill next to Levine. The first story will be a large practice room, and the ground level will contain offices and practice rooms. A four story "connector" with an elevator and a stairwell will be placed between the buildings. Such an addition will make Levine handicapped accessible. Funding for the addition was furnished by bequeathments to WMC from alumni Dr. Edward and Evelyn MacKenzie who targeted their gifts for the Music Department.

WMC will host the MidAtlantic Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, this Saturday, April 18 in Hill Hall. Students from about 15 schools will present research papers on various historical topics, including WMC students Justin Stafford, a junior history major from Hurlock, and Craig Patterson, a senior history major from Westminster, who will discuss slavery and the crusades. The top three papers in both graduate and undergraduate categories will receive awards. WMC faculty members William Chase, Theodore Evergates and Patrick Reed will serve as paper commentators. Professor Donna Evergates will serve as a judge in the graduate category. Cornelius Darcy, professor of history, is the faculty adviser of WMC's Omega Upsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

The Lady Wedgwood, Pamela Tudor-Craig, will present The 1998 Wenner-Wingate Memorial Lecture at 8 pm on Tuesday, April 21, in McDaniels Lounge. Her illustrated program, "A Day in the Life of Samuel Johnson," is free and open to the public. A native of Cambridgeshire, England, Dr. Tudor-Craig is on a lecture tour of the

United States. Westminster is her first stop. In addition to the Wenner-Wingate endowed lecture, Dr. Tudor-Craig will present "Medieval Angels" at 4:45 pm on Monday, April 20, in Hill Hall room 108.

The third annual "Bring It Out of the Dark" Candlelight Vigil for National Rape Awareness Month will be held Thursday, April 16, from 7-9 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, in Westminster. The vigil, free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Social Work Department and Social Work Club of Western Maryland College, and the Rape Crisis Intervention Service (RCIS) of Carroll County.

WMC student art work will be on display April 29-May 15 in the Esther Prangle Rice Gallery at Western Maryland College. The juried Kathryn E. Wentz Art Show features work by WMC's art majors and includes sculpture, printmaking, drawing, photography, painting, and computer graphics. An opening reception, free and open to the public, will be held Wednesday, April 29, at 7 pm, in the gallery.

Juniors discuss graduation

CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

The Class of 1999 is currently taking steps to have more input in next year's honorary degree recipients.

After last year's controversy centered around moving graduation from Saturday to Thursday, "we'd like to make it known that we want more input in graduation," said Jaime Walker, a junior representative to the SGA.

At a recent class meeting, juniors discussed possible degree candidates, including Laura Sullivan of the *Baltimore Sun*, WBAL television personality Dan Rodericks, and former Baltimore Colts player Art Donovan.

Juniors were sent surveys earlier this week, and Junior Class President Mandy Hofstetter plans to present their ideas to the Trustees and the Administration.

In addition, juniors have discussed having commencement outside, possibly in Bair Stadium. "I want to have graduation outside, under a white tent, on the football field," said junior SGA Representative Casey Vain.

However, moving graduation outside entails too many considerations, said Hofstetter.

Juniors would like to improve the reception held following commencement. At their meeting, they talked about the possibility of having a band there. "I'd like the reception to be more than just a single tent and people hanging out in The Quad," said Hofstetter.

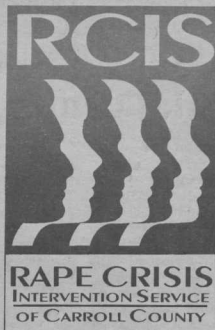
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ing lot near the football field, and to create a one-way road which will loop around the football stadium and exit on to Main Street. The plans for an additional parking lot located between the tennis courts and the caboose are still tentative.

All of the improved parking will be multi-functional — open to students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Although the parking improvements will provide much needed additional spaces, the "convenience" of parking will not be improved as the new lots will be primarily located on the perimeter of campus. Seidel notes this by saying, "In keeping the heart of the campus attractive, the trade off is putting the parking somewhere else."



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SGA Update

*The third annual Campus Clean-Up Day will be held on April 25. We will meet in Red Square (Ensor Lounge in the event of rain) from 9:00 am until noon. Registration will be in Ensor Lounge at 8:30. There is a limited number of t-shirts available. For more information contact Mandy Hofstetter at x8330.

*The administration plans to combine the position of classroom assistant with student orientor for this incoming class. Many people felt this decision may not have been in the best interest of next year's first-year students. To show their concern, students initiated a petition against the combination SO/CA position which obtained 737 signatures.

Shakespeare returns to WMC after eight years

It's been almost 10 years since theatre students at Western Maryland College prepared for a production of anything by William Shakespeare. Not since the Dramatic Arts Department became the Theatre Arts Department in 1990.

The upcoming "Twelfth Night," which opens April 17 at 8 pm in Alumni Hall, also is a first for Professor Ron Miller, who came to WMC in 1987 and has never directed Shakespeare. He has thought about it, but has always been able to talk himself out of actually doing it.

Simply put, the Bard is hard. "First, there's the language, which sends even trained professionals into at least one vocal technique workshop," Miller said. "Then there are the physical demands. Shakespeare requires a muscular intensity totally committed to playing the action."

Not to mention the pressure on the director. Everything by Shakespeare is now considered a masterpiece and it is tough to live up to the directorial expectations. "It's one of the most challenging plays I've directed here and is major in time and energy to a similar musical, and as complex to direct and stage," Miller said. "The only reassuring thing is that Shakespeare obviously didn't regard his works as masterpieces."

"We think of Shakespeare as the ultimate playwright, but there is nothing pretentious in his work," he added. "He's really just a practical theatre man who understands the event and what must be done to put on a good show."

"Twelfth Night," a tale of mistaken identities, true love and self-knowledge set in the imaginary land of Illyria, is actually the culmination of this year's performance

Speaker offers mother and daughter perspective on living with HIV

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medical professionals automatically assumed that this would be the case. However, it is now known that only 8% of babies born to HIV mothers are infected with the virus, according to Middleton. Luckily, her daughter was born without HIV and Middleton also had a son five years later who tested negative.

Realizing that she lived with a "100% fatal disease," Middleton said she used drugs to escape the pain in her life. She served time in jail and her mother, Linda Clarke, forced her into a halfway house after her release and told her to get her life together.

Not only has this disease affected Middleton, but it has profoundly affected the life of Clarke who also lost one of her sons to AIDS. Clarke said that she mentally "buried [Linda] the first year" since she knew that the end result of having HIV was ultimately death. Clarke has been left to care for her grandchildren, now 9 and 4 years old, because their mother is

not able to do so. Their grandmother has given them a stable life and the children are able to see their mother frequently, according to Clarke.

Middleton has now gotten her life back together and is optimistic about her future. She has been HIV-positive for 11 years without showing any symptoms of the disease. However, many are not that fortunate. Her brother died in 1995 from AIDS-related pneumonia which

"attacked him," she said.

Shannon Tinney, president of ASAP, said that "by sponsoring the event, we really wanted to educate people about HIV and AIDS. With these two speakers, it was down to earth and students could hear first hand how HIV not only affects the person who is infected with HIV or AIDS, but how it affects the family as well."

ASAP really tried to promote the speaker, and was impressed

with the turnout, added Tinney.

Clarke and Middleton have been speaking to college and high school students for the past two years. "I know that I've done what I came here to do if one person can learn from what I've said," added Middleton. Clarke and Middleton plan to continue speaking about HIV and AIDS and how the disease has affected their family in ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS in the future.

Three bands set to rock PELC

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

Three up and coming bands will rock WMC next weekend. A concert, sponsored by the Campus Concert Committee, SGA, and CAPBoard, will feature moe., brownie mary, and Jonasay.

The concert will be held in PELC Gymnasium on April 24, at 7 pm. Tickets cost \$10 for students with ID and are on sale now.

Well-noted for its highly improvisational performances, moe., will conclude the three-band show. "The moe. concerts I've been to have been excellent," said first-year student Nick Valentine. "They jam a lot with their songs. It's not at all like listening to their CD. Each of their shows is completely different even if they play the same songs."

moe. is currently touring a bit to promote its CD, *No Doy*. "The songs we recorded had been performed for at least six months, allowing them to come into their own," said guitarist Al Schmier in a recent press release.

brownie mary, formed in 1993 at a West Virginia college, will open the show with a line-up highlighted by lead singer Kelsey Barber's strong vocals and equally powerful stage presence.

Jonasay is scheduled to perform between the other acts. Critics acclaim the group's straight up pop songs for their honesty.

See page 9 for reviews of moe. and brownie mary albums.



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WMC appoints artist in residence

In an emotional ceremony earlier this month, Western Maryland College welcomed its first official artist in residence.

But Walt Michael is not a new face on campus. A 1968 graduate of WMC, Michael is founder of Common Ground on the Hill. He has run the program for about four years.

It was started, he said, simply as a way to bring together people of all backgrounds through music.

"Sure, we all have differences, but we have even more in common and we can come together through the arts and share those experiences," said Michael, an internationally-recognized hammered dulcimer player.

Common Ground on the Hill will host its fourth summer program this July, bringing together people of all backgrounds to learn other cultures through music, art, and philosophy.

Participants can take classes ranging from the music of Africa to the sounds of Appalachia to Native American philosophy and how to build a dulcimer and didgeridoo. The structured children's program also includes learning through the arts. And there are nightly concerts featuring instructors and students.

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1968 WMC graduate, Walt Michael, is the founder of Common Ground on the Hill.

Music Box

The WMC College Choir will perform at 7 pm on Sunday, April 26, in Baker Memorial Chapel. The concert will feature a wide range of choral pieces including student-conducted "Anvil Chorus," Giuseppe Verdi's "Il Trovatore" and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat" from the smash musical "Guys and Dolls."

The Western Maryland College Madrigal Singers will premiere several pieces at its spring concert later this month, including three hymn settings penned by a New York composer who once toured with singer Judy Collins. "An Evening of Madrigals," part of the College's season-ending musical extravaganza which includes nine concerts in 20 days, will be held at

7:30 pm, on Tuesday, April 28, in Baker Chapel. The Madrigals will open the concert with "Pastime With Good Company" by Henry VIII. "I always like to open with that because to me that's what choral music is and should be," said Dr. Margie Boudreaux, the Madrigals' director. "It is time spent with good company."

The Western Maryland College Gospel Choir is dedicating its spring performance to the legacy and memory of the late Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The free concert, featuring a variety of spirituals, as well as traditional and contemporary gospel songs, will be held at 7:30 pm, on Thursday, April 23, in Baker Memorial Chapel. The 65-member choir of students, faculty, staff and commu-

nity voices also will premiere gospel choir director Eric Byrd's "To Be a King." Written in honor of the slain leader, the song will be published and submitted for inclusion in the Civil Rights archives at the King Center in Atlanta.

The Monday Night Music series at Western Maryland College will pay tribute to the masters of jazz piano at 7 pm on April 20, in McDaniel Lounge. The free concert will feature the jazz piano trio of WMC lecturers Michael Connell, piano, and Jon Seligman, drums, and guest artist Russell Sledge, acoustic bass, performing works of jazz greats Kenny Barron, Chick Corea, the late Bill Evans, Herbie Hancock, and the late Thelonius Monk.

Poetry reading

Artists of Common Ground on the Hill will join at the Ain't that a Frame Gallery in Westminster to partake in a poetry reading on Sunday, April 19 from 2 to 6 pm.

Poets featured include Kevin Thornton and Edgar Silex. Live music will be performed by the Jeanean and Carl Martin family.

Thornton, who grew up in Bronx, New York, categorizes his poetry style as "suburban contemporary" and says it reflects his struggle as a recovering alcoholic. He has written two books, entitled "Bloom" and "The Bricklayer's Germ."

Silex, a Texas native, lectures and conducts poetry workshops on Native American themes. His published poetic works include "Through All The Displacements" and "Even the Dead Have Memories."

The Gallery is located at 31 West Main Street. This event is free and open to the public.

by Jonathon Shacat

Honor & Conduct Board

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Monday, March 9, 1998, involving a student charged with endangering the health and safety of others, damaging the property of members of the college community, and violating the alcohol policy. The student was found responsible for all three violations and was removed from the residence halls for the remainder of the Spring 1998 and Fall 1998 semesters, required to complete an alcohol outpatient treatment program, given 20 hours of community service, required to pay restitution for the damage, and not allowed to have a car on campus until the Fall 1999 semester.

The Honor & Conduct Board met on Friday, March 13, 1998, to hear a case involving a student charged with violating the policy on illegal drugs. The student was found responsible and was required to withdraw from the College and pay a \$300 fine. The student may apply for readmission to the College next semester upon the successful completion of an intensive drug treatment program.

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 3/29/98 at 12:35 am DoCS documented a student for possession of alcohol in public areas in the Garden Apartments.
- On 3/29/98 at 1:05 am DoCS documented a student for disorderly conduct at the DoCS office.
- On 3/29/98 at 1:49 pm DoCS documented a student for underage possession and consumption of alcohol outside of Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/30/98 at 1:20 am DoCS documented a student for criminal mischief on Whiteford Lane.
- On 3/30/98 at 1:45 am DoCS documented a student for threatening or dangerous conduct in Blanch Ward Hall.
- On 3/30/98 at 1:17 pm DoCS documented a student for stealing in the ANW and DMC quad.
- On 4/2/98 at 11:43 am DoCS documented a student for stealing in Levine Hall.



- On 4/3/98 at 10:20 pm DoCS documented a student for underage possession and consumption of alcohol in Rouzer Hall.
- On 4/5/98 at 12:56 am DoCS documented a student for the use of a controlled dangerous substance in the Garden Apartments.
- On 4/5/98 at 1:02 am DoCS documented a student for a Residence Hall policy violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 4/5/98 at 4:30 pm DoCS documented a student for harassment of an individual in Englar Dining Hall.
- On 4/5/98 at 6:20 pm DoCS documented a student for a Residence Hall policy violation at Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 4/7/98 at 7:05 pm DoCS documented a student for a Residence Hall policy violation in the Art Annex.
- On 4/9/98 at 1:30 am DoCS documented a student for underage possession and consumption of alcohol in Rouzer Hall.

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Letters to the Editor

SO/CA Update

I am writing this letter to inform and assure the student body.

First let me do a little informing for those of you who haven't heard about this or read the three articles in *The Phoenix*. Over the past month, I have been working diligently on resolving the SO/CA problem. The first argument was brought to me by my former SO, stating that the two positions were going to be combined this year.

I heard many complaints about the lack of student input and exclusion of the candidates who haven't got the time to devote to the "peer mentor" position. As a member of the SGA, I am responsible for voicing the problems and concerns of the student body. This combination didn't have just a few people upset, it had a lot of people upset.

To find out just how many, I petitioned the student body, acquiring 737 signatures that state the student body concern over this issue. It was brought up at the All College Council meeting last month, starting a debate that required an emergency meeting a week later.

The arguments were hashed out, and both sides were heard. I was invited to the Faculty Meeting by Provost Coley and Terry Dalton (a representative from the faculty for the Faculty-Student Relations Committee) to speak about this issue. I was unsure how the faculty would react to some Freshman kid coming in and telling them that the student body disagrees with something they have done.

Secondly, I want to do some assuring. The petitioning and debate hasn't reversed the decision. It would be a little unreasonable to tear up 30+ "peer mentor" contracts this late in the selection process.

What we did get out of this is something that this college hasn't seen in a long time; a student body who cares about something, and an SGA who has the guts to stand up and do their job by representing them.

If you think it's a normal occurrence for a student to speak on an issue at a faculty meeting, you are wrong. I have been told that it hasn't happened in about fifteen years.

I want to assure the student body that the faculty and administration have heard our voice. They understand that we are upset because we weren't involved in the decision making process from the beginning. We brought many problems about the merger to their attention.

This is a new era for the SGA of WMC and a new era for the relations between the faculty, administration and the student body.

I have proposed a Student Orientation Advisory Board consisting of a broad representation of the students involved (old SO's, Peer Mentors, freshmen from this year and next), faculty, and administration. This Board will redress this issue after first semester next year, involving the students' input from the very beginning.

I can assure you that our active

effort hasn't gone unnoticed. I can also assure you that student input will be present in any decision rendered involving the student body. The SGA has been assured that we will be in the loop from here on out.

All three facets of this college must work together in an effort to make the best possible programs and experiences that set Western Maryland apart from the crowd. I want to thank the student body for your support and assure you that the SGA, at least while I'm around, will make the voice of the students heard.

I also want to especially thank Dean Horneff, Provost Coley, Dean Sayre, President Chambers, and Terry Dalton for their patience and for their desire to establish firm communication between students, faculty, and administration.

Thank You All,

Jeremiah Kelly, Freshman Class President

Response to Glar Criticism

In the last edition of *The Phoenix*, I found Adam Dean's commentary "Is Common Sense at Work in Glar?" a little disconcerting. While doing his "research" for the article, I wonder if he talked to Jeff Calihan, Glar's front-of-the-house manager, who knows the logic be-

hind the rule.

When I asked about the paper cup incident Dean pointed out, where a student was denied taking a little bit of soda in a paper cup, I was told a paper cup is not a fruit or ice cream and, therefore, cannot be taken beyond Glar boundaries.

I agree that the one fruit/one ice cream per person per meal is a limited choice, but if the Glar workers were left to their wits about which items would pass, then each meal would have different allowances according to the person working.

Sure there's quite a size difference between a 747 and a farm tractor, but what about an ice cream, slice of pizza, and a filled pita? One lunch you might be allowed two pieces of pizza but at dinner nothing larger than a muffin. The one fruit/one ice cream rule gives consistency from meal to meal on what is allowed out.

Another reason for the strict rule is that, in the past, there have been some extreme thefts of food. Be glad you are allowed to even take your backpack into Glar in the first place.

See those cubby holes on the wall directly to your left as you walk into Glar? Back in the day, there was a wall of them blocking the entrance to the dining area. Students had to drop off their backpacks before going in to eat. This was to cut down on the number of ice cream, fruit, sandwiches, sodas (smuggled out in water bottles and other open containers, also a current no-no in Glar), and the like being taken out of Glar.

And the "doggie bags" Adam suggested? Glar is an all-you-can-eat buffet-style restaurant. When was the last time you went to a buffet, and they allowed bottles of their soda or dishes of their food to be taken out of the restaurant? They expect you to eat what you can there and come back later for another meal, which is the same reasoning behind Glar.

Personally, I haven't heard about the student who was harassed about removing a bagel from the Glar premises. There have been cases, however, where people have been taking whole bagel bags or filling their backpacks with ice cream sandwiches, taking them back to their room, and stashing them in their microfridges. These are the people who need to be watched to not spoil it for the rest of us.

The Glar people can't be everywhere all the time to pick out the individuals, so they have to watch the whole of the students who eat there. The strictness of this one fruit/ice cream rule helps their authority and consistency in following orders from their boss.

Rich Suchoski

Those who want to express their views and have a free lunch should go to the Food Committee Meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, April 23 at noon in the President's Dining Room. Call Jeff Calihan at x733 for more information.

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Quirks: The Men in Black and Glar

In the secret MIB headquarters on campus:

Q, the head of the secret organization called the Men in Black, looked down at two of his top agents, Kay and Jay.

"Gentlemen, the strange influx of squirrel jokes at The Phoenix has me worried. It's a startling and weird phenomenon."

Kay looked thoughtful, while Jay looked doubtful.

"Oh com'n, chief," Jay said. "You don't really believe there are 'alien journalists' at the paper do you?"

"Kid," Kay responded, "stop being so skeptical. There is at least one registered alien on the staff, a columnist I think, correct?" Q nodded and Kay continued, "What does-?"

"WARNING! Danger Will Rob-er, uh... WARNING!" shouted the pleasant sounding but cold computer voice. "A 614 is happen-

"I just want my sandwich," he sniffed, "they won't let me take it... to my room."

ing outside the dining hall. A 614 is happening outside of the dining hall. Thank you."

Quickly, Q pushed a button on his wrist communicator. "What's the deal with the 614?" He frowned and sighed as he heard the answer.

"Jay, Kay, you guys should go handle this one. It's a doozy, but I think the kid here is ready for it."

Kay considered it, and then said, "I think so too. Is this 614 with Jacko?" Q nodded, and Kay sighed. "Him again. He's always making trouble. Com'n, kid." Kay headed toward the exit with a confused Jay reluctantly following him.

"Hey," Jay asked his partner as he caught up to him. "What's a 614?"

Kay turned to face the younger man. Kay's expression, more grim than usual, startled his partner. "A 614 is one of the worst crimes one can commit on this campus," Kay replied in a low voice. "Trying to

Anne Butler parodies a common Glar problem.

take non-fruit and nondairy food out of Glar!"

Entrance to Englar Dining Hall:

Sam, the All-card checker, didn't think that fending off strange-looking, irate students was in his job description. Generally, he was only supposed to check and swipe All-cards, occasionally preventing someone from exiting with illegal food.

He'd been doing his job, trying to prevent the weirdo from taking out a ham sandwich, when the weirdo had gone crazy. The student (who said his name was Jacko) had tried to bite Sam and run off with his ham sandwich! Right now, Sam and two other Glar employees had cornered Jacko and were trying to calm him down and get the ham

sandwich from him.

"It's going to be okay," Sam's boss, Linda, said soothingly. "Just give us the sandwich. Why don't you take a nice apple instead?" She was keeping close to Jacko but not within his reach.

"I DON'T WANT AN APPLE!" Jacko wailed. "I JUST WANNA LEAVE WITH MY SANDWICH! WHY WON'T YOU LET ME HAVE MY SANDWICH?"

Jay and Kay entered the dining hall and surveyed the scene.

"Not a moment too soon," Kay muttered, as Jay just started around in amazement. Quickly, Jay went over to the crowd around the distraught alien. "Jacko, buddy, why are you making trouble?" he asked in a friendly tone.

Jacko calmed down a little, but he was still visibly upset. "I just want my sandwich," he sniffed, "they won't let me take it back to my room."

Kay shook his head and made a scolding

sound, "Now, you know that you can only take fruit or an ice cream novelty out of the dining hall."

Jacko slumped but looked up pleadingly at the MIB agent, "But WHY?! I need this sandwich back in my room! You know that!" Jacko was beginning to shake rather violently, and he was glowing a nasty green color.

Kay nodded encouragingly. "Yes I know that, but hold on-" Jay was signaling his partner.

"Yo, Kay," Jay said, drawing him aside. "What does he mean by 'he needs it'? There's something wrong with him?"

"His species needs ham to survive, if they don't-" Jay glanced over at Jacko, Jay following his gaze. "It's too late now."

"Whaddya mean?" Jay began just as a loud pop sounded from the direction of the

alien, and everything in the immediate area (including the two MIB agents) was covered in glowing blue goo.

"If they don't get ham, they explode," Kay finished.

"Ah man!" Jay exclaimed. "Do I have to be slimed on every assignment we go on?"

"It's a part of the job, kid. Com'n, the cleanup crew is here; you take care of the people," Kay said matter-of-factly.

"I know, I know," Jay said wiping goo off his arms and patting his pockets. "Yo, peoples, you mind looking over here for a minute?" All the Glar employees and diners approached the agent.

He fumbled with his coat for a minute and then pulled out a pair of shades and a metal tube. He put on his shades and flipped the tube open. "Smile," he said before hitting a button on the device.

FWOOSH!

Students pool resources to stay cool

Chris Dietzel describes the innovative efforts of some students to try and beat the heat.

Something happened the other day that changed my life forever.

I was walking to my friend's room. On the way there, I passed an open door. As I walked by, I looked in and saw something incredible. Inside the room was a swimming pool... yeah, a swimming pool.

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For the love of God, what is going on around here? Maybe some students think this type of thing happens everyday, but I have never seen it before, and I was amazed.

This pool wasn't a three foot, hard plastic pool. This thing was at least six feet round and was inflatable.

This raises a question everyone is probably asking themselves right now. Weren't the students worried about it getting a hole and deflating? I asked them, and one of them said they had considered that.

Another question raised by this adventure in campus life is how the students filled the pool. One would assume they had a hose go from the sink or shower to their room, especially since their room is right next to both facilities. Is it fair to assume that?

Well, the students did not use a hose. Instead, they carried buckets of water back and forth, filling the pool a few liters each trip.

When I walked by the first time, the students had started having troubles with the pool. The two students were taking the water out of the pool.

They said the water had turned gray. At least, no one peed in it.

I walked by again later in the day, and one of the students said our dorm's Residence Life Coordinator had confiscated it. You just knew it would either burst or get taken away, didn't you?

So much for trying to beat the excruciating heat with a nice swim.

Stumbly Sidewalks

Eric Barry comments on the state of campus sidewalks.

The sidewalk between Blanchard Ward Hall and Whiteford Hall is very slanted. Presently, the College is renovating many different locations on campus. However, I'm glad this isn't one of them.

I am very amused watching people walk on this particular slanted sidewalk. The sidewalk is so slanted, I have actually seen two people fall and tumble all the way down to the Whiteford parking lot.

This sidewalk can be embarrassing for those of you who manage to slowly keep drifting to the right of it until you are in the grass. Actually, you might just do this to get a closer look at the girls who are lying out trying to rid themselves of their farmer's tan.

I think we can blame the slanted sidewalk, not on the landscape, but on El Nino itself.

I'm not one to wear high heels too often, so I rarely encounter trouble walking on this sidewalk, but I know many do. This sidewalk definitely doesn't need immediate attention, but it is definitely a worthy cause if any clubs want to raise money for something besides beer.

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Outlook: Student/faculty relations

Kate Hampson on students using the faculty meetings to voice their concerns

For the first time since the 1980's, student representatives spoke at a faculty meeting last week. This may not seem like a major breakthrough but it raises the question as to how students have been communicating their needs to the faculty.

This monthly meeting is one of the few times that the entire faculty of this college is gathered together. It is a perfect opportunity for students to voice their opinions in a setting where all the faculty will hear them.

It is true that this time is used to discuss faculty issues, but these are intertwined with student needs. This editorial is not advocating student participation in every meeting, but we should certainly be aware that this forum is available.

The issues raised by SGA representatives Corbett and Kelly were not of such outstanding importance that they would warrant breaking a precedent. There have certainly been student issues in past years that were equally worthy of faculty attention.

So why have students not been using this meeting to get their voice heard? Of course, there are other ways of addressing the faculty: the All College Council and the *Phoenix* for example. However the council only has a few faculty representatives on it so issues raised may not reach the ears of all the faculty, and students cannot

guarantee that the faculty will read the newspaper article.

By speaking at a faculty meeting, students can be sure that their message is received by the target audience. Also, faculty members will not be able to complain that they were not aware of a problem.

If another issue arises that the SGA and the student body feels is necessary for the entire faculty to be aware of, we should use the opportunity taken up by Corbett and Kelly and address the faculty at their meeting, where they have no choice but to listen.

Megan Martin discusses a troubling campus occurrence.

Is it appropriate to prominently display images of Jesus on a college campus? Many people would say it is appropriate, especially at Easter-time.

Certainly, there is nothing wrong with displaying images or symbols of Christianity in a place like a dorm room.

A better question would be: Is it appropriate for a campus publication to display images of Christ?

The last edition of *WMC in Brief* prominently displays two Easter-related images of Christ.

On a campus publication, this seems like an endorsement of Christianity. This is particularly odd, since WMC has not been af-

WMC in Brief. The Phoenix received an anonymous note that brought this matter to our attention. Although this person made no mention of Glar (those were just my observations), he or she was offended by the newsletter.

All the differences embodied on our campus should be celebrated. Some faiths or cultures should not be highlighted while others are flat-out ignored. In this age of political correctness, you would think the former would have been attempted.

There are several cultural and religious groups on campus. Maybe the Multi-cultural Association or some of the religious clubs would like to get together and come up with suitable, inclusive images and decorations for holidays celebrated during school months. It might be a worthwhile project.

In the end, it is an all or nothing

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filiated with any church for some time.

However valid the reasons behind this were, other faiths were completely ignored. At this time of year, Muslims are conducting their pilgrimages to Mecca. In the midst of the Christian Holy Week, those of the Jewish tradition are celebrating Passover.

In Glar, most of the decorations, if not all, are related to Easter. Seems almost like a celebration of "WASPishness."

WMC students pay to go here and be part of a community. This community has members from all over the world, and not every member, whether student, staff, or faculty, is a Christian.

Should non-Christian students be alienated by a secular campus publication? Some people were offended by the clip art on the

deal. Either all faiths or cultural groups are represented in campus publications, on campus decorations, or in campus-wide activities, or none can be celebrated.

The best thing the *WMC in Brief* could have done would have been to find, at least, some subtle Christian and Jewish images. If both kinds of images were unavailable, then some secular images, like a couple of decorated eggs, and some seasonal greetings could have been placed on the newsletter. A simple, "Happy Passover!" and "Happy Easter!" might have been appropriate.

If the college picks and chooses which religious holidays to celebrate, people are going to be offended and feel alienated. Some already feel this way, and the community should work towards fixing this problem.

Beethoven plays campus for free

*Jonathan Shacat
reminds the campus
that free entertainment
exists.*

I have observed a very interesting situation with respect to college students.

Everyone seems more than willing to shell out 10 bucks for a ticket to a rock concert. Meanwhile, virtually nobody will attend a free piano performance, unless a professor offers extra credit.

I wonder why.

It is clear to me that students who like listening to a certain band's music will probably want to see that group perform live. I also understand that most students don't typically purchase CD's of work by Chopin. But, there is more to this issue than just that.

People have to realize that going to a classical music concert is part of an important educational process. And experiencing someone's interpretation of Beethoven can be quite inspirational.

So, stop depriving yourself. Without being bribed by offers of extra credit, go to a campus music event that features work by composers like Beethoven or Chopin.

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Students question some common Glar practices

By SARAH RADICE

Staff Writer

"Where do they get this stuff?"
"There's nothing good to eat again."
Does this sound familiar?

Englar Dining Hall has long been the butt of campus jokes and the recipient of much criticism. In an effort to address student concerns, Director of Dining Services and Executive Chef Alan Dolid, Assistant Director Brenda Davidson and Director of Auxiliary Services Barry Bosley answer some common questions.

Why does the food taste so bad?

While this is a commonly heard question, Dolid explained that it is too general to address well.

"If somebody doesn't care for the food, they need to be specific about their wants and desires. When you're serving 800, it's not going to appeal to everyone; that's why we try to give different options. It's not your mother's cooking but we buy only Grade A food, probably as good as, or better than, restaurants in town," he said.

He encourages students to use the many

avenues available to them—calling, napkin comments, and the food committee—to give him useful, specific feedback on what they are dissatisfied with.

Why doesn't the Dining Hall serve the same food as is served in the Pub?

The same food is served in both the Din-

ing Hall and the Pub, as well as at food shows and the special dinners. "It's psychological," said Bosley. Dolid agreed, "The chicken tenders in the Pub and cafeteria are the same,

so is the coffee. The only difference is psychological. The Pub is outside of Glar and cooked to order, the dinners have nice arrangements and are served to you."

Why aren't students allowed to get two entrees at once in the serving line?

The reason is simple: it wastes less food.

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Alan Dolid, director of Dining Services and executive chef

Instead of the regular utensils?

Equipment breakdown is the culprit. Explained Dolid, "when the dish belt breaks down there's no way for dishes to go through, or if the steam goes off, we can't sterilize the dishes."

Can nutritional information be made available on the food served?

"Yes," said Dolid, "you can get an approximate nutritional analysis and this will be incorporated in the fall semester."

Should breakfast hours be extended on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate students with classes that begin at 10 am?

"In the fall," replied Dolid, "continental breakfast will be served until 10:30 am."

What happens to leftovers?

The amount of food served is calculated based on historical data, so there are usually not a lot of leftovers. When there is "they're served within one day and eaten" or donated to homeless shelters, Dolid said.

Is food recycled?

"No," said Dolid. "Any food, once served, is not reused—it goes in the garbage disposal."

How does the new block meal plan work?

The new meal plan for next semester has 220 meals a semester that can be eaten at any time. Fifteen are available for use in the Pub from 10 pm to midnight. Said Davidson, "it also allows reentering on a meal, which you can't do now."

What are some changes that will occur next semester?

"We plan more Mediterranean-style items for a more healthful outlook, some foods cooked to order on a grill, and a special dinner each month that will be on the meal plan, by reservation only for a small group of students, featuring more exotic items that might not appeal to the wider population," replied Dolid.

Alan Dolid welcomes student comments. He can be reached at extension 732.

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Woo reviews *Lost in Space*

This critic's advice: Don't bother finding this mindless rehash of the sci-fi classic

By ALEX MALLOY

Staff Writer

This futuristic adventure follows the All-American Robinson family. Headed up by John (William Hurt) and Maureen (Mimi Rogers), this family of squabbling, dysfunctional intergalactic space travelers is in search of peace among the stars.

The rest of the family includes Judy (Heather Graham) a one dimensional snot, Will (Jack Johnson) perhaps the dumbest child actor around, and Penny (Party of Five's little Lacey Chabert) a munchkin on helium who deserves to get pushed out a porthole.

Polluted, overpopulated, and quickly running out of resources, Earth can only support life for about another 20 years. So, the Robinsons and ace pilot/sex fiend Major Don West (Friends' Matt LeBlanc) blast off in search of a habitable planet.

Only hours into the mission, their spaceship is knocked off course and the Robinsons awake from their cryogenic slumber to find themselves lost in uncharted territory.

Dr. Zachary Smith (Gary Oldman), who sabotaged the ship, is along for the ride. A fate he talks about loudly and with regular-

ity. Unfortunately, most of the time, I don't think the audience had any idea what the hell he was talking about.

Lost in Space packs its travel bag with tons of special effects but forgets most everything else. The film is loaded with more than 750 effects, including everything from exploding planets to annoying talking robots to spaceship dog fights to killer spider-like creatures.

The average of six special effects per minute is connected to one third of a story and about half a brain. The movie lifts effects from Star Wars to StarShip Troopers and just about everything in between.

Oh yeah, watch out for Blawp (the sound when you throw up) the adorable space monkey with Disney written all over it.

Alas, then there's the dialogue. Thanks to Akiva Goldsman (the brains behind the last two Batman flicks) the audience is subjected to such lines as "This cold war just got hotter" and "Last one to kill a bad guy buys the beer."

The pattern for the film is simple: exciting effects for the eyes and mindless drivel for the ears.

GRADE: D

A Closer Look.....

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

BY JEREMY LOPUS
Staff Writer

One of the most under appreciated and important organizations on campus are the hardworking members of the housekeeping staff.

These men and women clean up the messes left behind, without a word of thanks from the average college student.

One of these worthy souls is **Donny Moorefield**. Moorefield is not only a housekeeper on campus, but he also works as a volunteer firefighter in Pleasant Valley.

When he's not working, Moorefield is a professional four-wheel driver. Moorefield is also applying for a position in Campus Safety. "I want to move up on campus," he says.

Moorefield feels that WMC is a nice place, and students and employees are friendly. However, he wonders if future classes are going to be as large as the current freshman class. "Are we running out of space due to an overload of students?" he said.

Another concern is the lack of

credit given to some of the staff. Moorefield said, "Everyone says that the basketball court looks good, but you never hear about the people that work to keep it looking so nice," he added.

To some upperclassmen, the freshman class seems to be merely a huge group of individuals who, naive and inexperienced, are making all the mistakes that we made when we first set foot on the Hill.

However, when looked at more closely, this huge class is made up of distinctive individuals. One of these is of **Monica Mariniello**, a freshman, who came to WMC because she felt that it was an extremely attractive campus.

She has involved herself with many activities, such as CAP-Board and the History Club, as well as been an active member of the basketball team. Her favorite memories thus far have been WMC's victory over John's Hopkins, and being in the *Carroll County Times* photo of the infamous celebration following.

WMC has good town/gown relations

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Staff Writer

Western Maryland College and its students are wonderful, according to a small sampling of Westminster residents. In a recent survey there were very few complaints from residents and local store employees about the college community.

The owner of Carriage House, Dan Mawhinney, commented that he notices an increase in liquor sales at the beginning of the year and a marked decrease when students leave for breaks. He also works with Sodexo, the school's food service, when they cater an event on campus that serves alcohol.

Mawhinney makes an effort to know his customers, especially college students, since they comprise a significant percentage of his business. The students respond to his friendly attitude by giving feedback about what they like to drink and prices.

"It's easier for me to track a keg than it is for Campus Safety," said Mawhinney, who will make calls to other distributors to find out if the alcohol confiscated at a party was from their stores.

Only once did Campus Safety "bust" a keg party where the keg was provided by his store, said Mawhinney. He further works with them to reduce underage drinking by letting students know his policy about carding, etc.

Candidate for county commissioner, Patricia Holbert, commented that she does not understand how college students can get drunk every night and still get good grades, but points out that she does not think WMC is a "party school."

She praised students as being "great, conscientious, clean-cut, and all-American!" Holbert has enjoyed interacting with student-teachers when she substitutes at local schools. She is also fond of student helpers of the Target program, a group which aids in the development of mentally and physically handicapped individuals. In addition, she dealt with several college students when helping with the Dole-Kemp campaign. All of these encounters have been prob-

ways really polite and helpful if we ever need directions," said Spicer.

She said she is unsure if the business advertises at the college, but there does not seem to be much of a demand for flowers by college students. However, she said, "It's a fine school from what I've heard."

Her only complaint, the only fault anyone mentioned about WMC, was that she feels it's "a little expensive" and that she would rather her children attend a school with "more focus" than the liberal arts education offered here.

While Spicer did not express a big interest in attracting more customers from WMC, Paul "Uncle Paully" Bessette did. An apprentice at Little Vinnie's Tattoos, Bessette said that perhaps they should advertise in the *Phoenix*. As it stands now, there are several college students who go there and Bessette has no gripes about them.

"Everyone is pretty personable," he said. Having two master's degrees himself, he can appreciate all that college students accomplish to receive their education.

Bessette, like most who were interviewed, never attends events on campus. Four of the six said they use the college for recreational purposes, or that they go there to watch the Ravens practice.

Westminster resident Rick Redman has used the college to play sports, for example. He thinks the college is "great for the town, good for businesses."

Redman would like to see WMC students become part of Westminster's future. "They get a lot of out-of-towners, who knows, they might decide to stay," said Redman.

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lem-free for Holbert.

She feels Westminster offers a lot for students "between places for employment and places to kind of chill." In return, she thinks WMC provides worthwhile activities for the community.

Becky Spicer, who works at the Flower Box, has taken advantage of Theatre on the Hill and said she always watches the Homecoming Parade. While she does not consider herself very involved with the college community, she said she has never had any problems on the Hill.

For instance, when the Flower Box provides flowers for an on-campus wedding, everyone is "al-

moe.'s studio albums maintain their live style

BY RICH SIMMONS
Staff Writer

No Day is the nine-song, hour-long major label debut from the band by the name of Moe. This, their second studio effort, preceded by their independent release of *Headseed* in 1994, is filled with what can only be described as pure groove. For Moe., a band whose premier claim to fame is their incendiary live shows, *No Day* is able to capture a good amount of their live fire, with the clarity of sound that comes with a well-produced studio album.

The musicians who make Moe. work are all of the caliber rarely found in rock music today. They tend to form their own melodic structures, giving the album a rich and fulfilling aural quality. With Chuck Garvey and Al Shnier trading rapid-fire guitar licks over top of Chris Mazur's drumming feats, the album surpasses most other bands in their sketchily-defined "neo-hippie rock" genre.

Much of the album follows structures derived from funk, rock, reggae, jazz, blues, and quite a bit of Allman Brothers/Grateful Dead influencing, but there are shining moments when Moe. delivers their own unique take on musicality. One such moment that comes to mind is "Rebulba," the 11-minute push song that takes the listener from mellow jazz licks to all-out rock'n'roll while the players remain stop-on-time responsive to each other.

While some are quick to say that Moe. is merely an attempt to latch on to the burgeoning audience of Phish and Dead fans, that notion is quickly dispelled after one listening to *No Day*. The fans may look the same, but maybe they just know good music when they hear it.

Naked's feel-good tunes are more than just pop

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Managing Editor

brownie mary's lead vocalist, Kelsey Barber, has the kind of smooth but spunky voice that exudes a mellow vibe even through the most upbeat and energetic pop songs.

However, it's clear from the opening notes of their CD, *Naked*, that brownie mary isn't just another band with a sullen-girl singer bearing the problems of the world on her shoulders. Barber's delivery and attitude are more reminiscent of such brash and fun-loving frontwomen as No Doubt's Gwen Stefani.

There's a lot more to the band than its vocalist, however; the funky and aggressive backing from guitarist Rich Jacques, bassist Ron Bissell and drummer Mark Rajakovic give the album a buoyant beat that should make any listener want to hear more.

The band's debut release since signing with the Blackbird/Sire Recording Company just a year

ago has the sort of irresistible energy that should surely translate into a very sensational live show.

brownie mary are well-known for their busy touring schedule and the enthusiastic response to their live shows all around the northeastern coast. Although the band has not yet brought its sound to WMC, Barber is supposedly well-known for her "unique stage presence," ac-

cording to the Blackbird website.

The energetic quality of their tunes, juxtaposed against Barber's soothing but strong voice, only hint at their potential as crowd-pleasers when performed onstage.

The album gets off to a rocking start with "Like I Really Do," a track in which Barber declares: "I can actually walk and talk and breathe without your help... gotta

hear, gotta see like I really do." This theme of independence and of keeping a strong identity seems to permeate the thirteen songs that make up *Naked*.

Songs such as the title track, with its funky guitar and powerful vocals, and the short but very sweet "I'll Be The One," about the joys of being the other woman, are the highlight of the album because they deviate from the simple, sunny, pop sound. The former has the sort of infectious beat that can't help but move a crowd to dance, and the latter verges on being pure punk.

Naked has its share of slower, more relaxed tracks as well, such as "Wonderful Enough," "Memphis," and the excellent "Silver," with its bluesy sound and uncertain lyrics. These songs make terrific use of the seductive nature of Barber's voice.

Whether the audience is in the mood to dance along with upbeat tunes or enjoy a few mellow songs, the tracks from brownie mary's *Naked* should provide a concert full of accessible songs for everyone.



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brownie mary will be opening WMC's campus concert this year.

Many enjoyments, few regrets mark these seven careers

Seven retiring professors reminisce about campus and student life over the past 30 years

By NIKKI BELANGER
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History, Political Science, English, Math, Physical Education, Graduate Studies, Sociology.

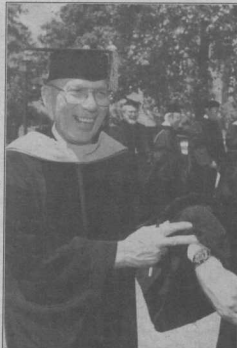
Seven professors who have left their career on each of these departments, many for more than 30 years, will be retiring from Western Maryland College after the spring semester.

While this is not the largest number of faculty members to retire in one year, this number will represent a significant loss and change to the college, since many of the professor are current or former heads of their departments.

The retirees, including Dr. James Lightner, Dr. Robert Weber, Dr. Cornelius Darcy, Dr. Ronald Tait, Dr. Herman Behling Jr., Dr. Richard Clower, and Dr. Raymond Phillips Jr., recently gave their perspective of life at WMC and their feelings about their upcoming retirements by answering the five questions opposite.

1. What is your favorite memory of WMC?
2. Compare students now to when you first came here.
3. What are your plans for life after retirement?
4. What have been some of your biggest accomplishments or disappointments during your career here?
5. How has the college changed throughout the years?

Clower helped create a viable PE program



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Dr. Clower is the unofficial commencement ceremony timekeeper.

Dr. Richard A. Clower, Professor and Department Head of Exercise Science

Clower has also served as the Director of Athletics at WMC and first came here in 1950 to earn his A.B. in history and physical education. He then went on to receive his M.S. in physical education at Springfield College and his Ed. D. in physical education at West Virginia University.

As a former lacrosse, basketball, and track coach, Clower has influenced WMC since coming here in 1963 as an associate professor.

1. His memories include personal ones with people he has known here over the years.
2. When he first came here, most students were first generation college students and now many have had someone in their family.

"I would put our students up against any group of students in the country."

Dr. Clower

Lightner will never wander far from WMC

Dr. James E. Lightner, Professor of Mathematics

Lightner has been a familiar face on campus for many years. He has not only taught at WMC for 36 years, but also attended college here from 1955 until 1958 and received his B.A. degree in mathematics.

After achieving his M.A. at Northwestern University, his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University, and teaching in public school for four years, Lightner came back to WMC in 1962 to become a professor in mathematics.

Throughout his years here he has achieved many honors including being named Maryland's Outstanding Mathematics Educator of the Year in 1986 and receiving WMC's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1966.

In the description of Lightner's career at WMC during his 25 year celebration, the certificate of appreciation states that "it is not surprising that your tireless efforts have been recognized widely," such as in the Who's Who in American Education listing and the American Men and Women of Science.

1. Lightner has been involved in so many things that he has trouble thinking of one memory that stands out. He did chair two campus presidential inaugurations, Dr. John's and Dr. Chambers'.

Weber added that Lightner has also been a big part of graduation and doesn't know how the college will handle it without him.



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Dr. Lightner has not only taught at WMC, but also received his BA in mathematics at the college. He is pictured here with Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Lightner also says he has good memories of fine students who've become friends through the years.

2. Students aren't necessarily all that better, according to Lightner. They have the same intellect, but present-day students know more about different things.

3. Lightner won't wander far from WMC. He will continue teaching one course in the fall and one in the spring. He plans to travel, including going to Alaska this June. His biggest project will be to begin work on a new history of the college because the old one wasn't complete. It may end up being a ten-year project. He says he plans to keep "reasonably busy."

4. As the first director of Jan term, Lightner "got it off and running for 13 years" and was the first to give students the opportunity to study abroad in the early 1970's.

He was also instrumental in starting the math proficiency program, and recently worked with Provost Coley to coordinate a new strategic plan for WMC.

5. Lightner still remembers "Old Main" and says the campus is physically very different. Academically, WMC is a better college, than the limited WMC he attended. He studied math from one professor and says there has been a "knowledge explosion" since then. "Science is a big example. We didn't know about DNA, for example," Lightner said.

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Dr. Behling has influenced many local school administrators with WMC's graduate program.

Behling's accomplishments are his successful students

Dr. Herman E. Behling, Jr., Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Graduate Program in school administration

As part of the WMC community for 24 years, Behling has had a huge effect on local public schools because so many area school administrators have gone through WMC's graduate program.

Behling received his B.S. degree in education at Kent State University in Ohio and his M.A. and Ph. D. also in education at Columbia University before coming to WMC in 1967 as an adjunct faculty member. He stayed for 14 years before moving on to Johns Hopkins University and Appalachian State University. WMC drew him back in 1988 to coordinate the graduate program in school administration.

1. His favorite memories are of the students he worked with who have become successful, many as school principals. He also taught a man who became the state superintendent of schools. "It's also nice when old interns are happy to see me. They smile instead of frown at their teacher," Behling said.

2. The most dramatic change in students at WMC has been the increase in the number of women in the school administration pro-

gram. When he first taught graduate classes in 1967 there were no women. Behling remembers when the first woman came in to his class and had to be reassured that she was in the right place.

3. His plans include teaching a seminar at the National Teachers College in the Philippines from January through March of next year. He has been to 42 countries and enjoys working with people who live in underdeveloped countries.

4. Behling says his accomplishments are his students. Last year in preparation for the state evaluation by the Maryland Department of Education, he sent questionnaires to students from the past five years who returned with his department. Of those who returned the surveys, 70 percent had already been promoted to a school administration position and all indicated they were satisfied with the program at WMC. "It was a very rewarding experience to get those questionnaires back from the former students," Behling said.

5. "Over the years my admiration for WMC has grown," Behling said. As former assistant state superintendent of schools, he was visiting many colleges at one time and says that WMC is one he has always admired.

Darcy brought Phi Beta Kappa chapter to WMC

Dr. Cornelius P. Darcy, Professor of History

Students recognize Darcy as the professional professor, wearing a tie at all times. He has been at WMC for the past 35 years, coming here in the fall of 1963 from a teaching career in New York and New Jersey. Darcy says he will always remember the date because it was the fall in which President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Darcy received his B.A. degree in history from Bowdoin College, his M.A. in European history from Harvard University, and his Ph. D. in history from Columbia University.

Constantly pursuing his scholarly interests through research awards, Darcy has created many new courses at WMC. He is a member of the Maryland Committee for the Humanities as well as being instrumental in bringing a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to WMC.

His certificate of appreciation letter after 25 years of service states that Darcy has "treated our entire community to numerous exhibitions on historical and artistic subjects. [He is] a noteworthy patron of the arts, as well as a supporter of seemingly every on-campus event."

1. A memory that stands out in Darcy's mind is the day in the 1970's when he learned



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Dr. Darcy has put together many new courses at WMC in the 35 years he has been here.

less focused because his wife, a historical researcher, will continue to work for one or two more years.

4. A big accomplishment has been serving as an officer and on the governing board of the American Association of University Pro-

Darcy plans on working on his project: art and propaganda during World War I, hoping to give it direction.

WMC had received membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He worked hard to establish this chapter and found it to be a rewarding experience.

2. "WMC has a very interesting student body," Darcy said. In 1963 students were here for the social aspects of college life and he thinks this is still true today. He has had some very serious students and others he describes as "happy-go-lucky".

3. Darcy plans on working on his project: art and propaganda during World War I, hoping to give it direction. He says his plans are

fessors for 25 years. He has also, along with his colleagues, put together a "fairly strong" history department program and has worked with the Phi Alpha Theta honor society for undergraduate and graduate students in history for many years.

Some of his disappointments include seeing so much talent in faculty in arts and music that is not appreciated by students. In 1963 students had to attend certain cultural events, but now student representation is poor. "Students can be pleasantly surprised by these programs," Darcy said.

Tait can't think of a better living than teaching

Dr. Ronald K. Tait, Associate Professor of Sociology

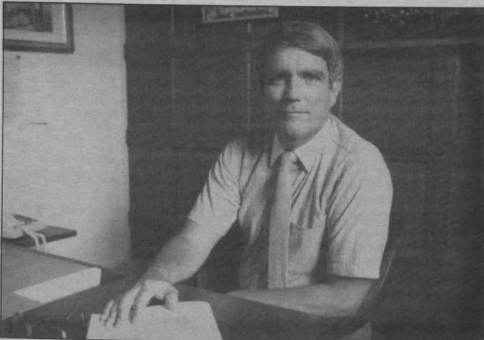
The college community may soon see Tait on the pro-basketball courts after his retirement. He claims that his wife is negotiating a \$4 million contract for Tait and his friend to replace the two forwards on the Washington Wizards.

Besides his sense of humor, Tait is known for his service as a volunteer for organizations such as Big Brothers and Sisters and Special Olympics and as an influential professor in sociology for the past 30 years at WMC.

After receiving his B.A. in economics in 1962 at the University of Delaware, he went on to receive his M.A. in sociology also at the University of Delaware and his Ph. D. at the University of Maryland.

His 25 year certificate of appreciation letter states that "over the years [Tait] and his charges have applied technical expertise to studying and researching a wide variety of campus issues, from attitudes toward the college to graduate student satisfaction to student attitudes toward our library."

1. Tait's fondest memories are that of his stu-



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If he doesn't become the newest member of the Washington Wizards, Dr. Tait plans to teach part-time at WMC next year.

dents, which he describes as very fine young people in both academics and character.

2. He says that although he's been asked

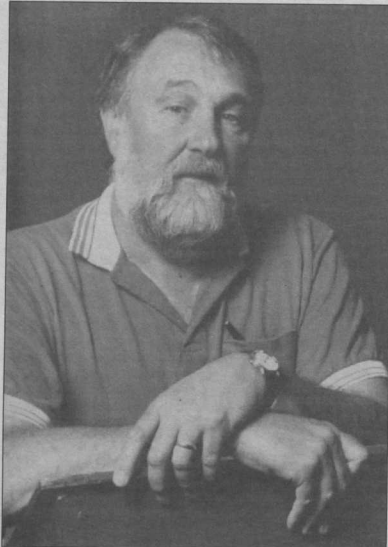
many times to compare students now to when he first came here, he has never been able to.

3. Besides his time on the pro-basketball court, Tait will continue to teach part-time at WMC next year. He would also like to do some mentoring with a young person in the community.

4. Tait's source of satisfaction has been through his teaching career. "I don't think there's been a more delightful way to make a living," he said, describing WMC as a "virtual cultural playground" with its many plays, lectures, and concerts. He hopes his greatest accomplishments have been through his encouragement of students toward altruistic thinking, the concern for others. He has gotten a number of students involved in the Big Brothers and Sisters program and has been involved in the Zepp Leadership award. He has also organized students to raise money for poor people in other countries.

5. Throughout his 30 years, Tait has seen more continuity than change in academic rigor at WMC. He thinks the college has maintained strong academic requirements in the liberal arts program. One change he does notice is the move toward job preparation in the classroom, like an emphasis on social work and business administration.

Weber puts student needs first



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Dr. Weber can't think of a single disappointment he's had to endure during his 29 years at WMC.

Dr. Robert J. Weber, Professor and Department Head of Political Science

Upon entering his office, the sweet smell of cigar smoke may hit you as it has hit many others before your time. Perhaps this, as well as his 29 years of influence and experience at WMC, is what distinguishes him from other professors on campus.

Weber received his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in political science and history, and both his master's and Ph. D. at the University of Maryland in political science.

After teaching English and social sciences at North Carroll High School, Weber arrived at WMC in 1969 to become a professor in political science.

Weber has been an active member of the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs and has sponsored town meetings on a variety of subjects. He has also traveled to places like Great Britain, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands to study his field.

In his 25 year Certificate of Achievement letter, it states that he has "consistently stressed student

needs above all else, and, as a result, [he has] made this [political science] department one where students feel that they have a real 'home.'"

1. Weber's favorite memories of WMC include the student reaction to and the activities surrounding the Watergate crisis. "It was gratifying to see students caught up and excited about that. The excitement of that era and the emotion captured the whole campus," Weber said.

2. WMC is still attracting excellent students, according to Weber. He says that the top 25 percent of students at WMC over the past 29 years would succeed at any institution they choose to attend.

3. While Weber says he can always involve himself in a home-improvement project, he sees himself in almost exactly the same place as he was after he graduated from college. He plans are to encounter the forces that act on him and move him through different experiences. More concrete plans include traveling, reading, and giving back to the state of Maryland, claiming that he is the "adopted son" of a state that has been good to him.

4. He can think of no single disap-

pointment about his career at WMC. One of the achievements he's most proud of is the fight to get internships accepted in academics. While it just came about as an internal struggle to introduce internships during Jan term and only for the political science department, Weber is very happy with the outcome of his two-year struggle, finally realized in 1970. He has also taken students to Harvard for the past 29 years to role-play in the United Nations Model Simulation. 5. The year Weber was hired, the college was a small school of just 800 students, so physically it's grown. The institution has never been stronger than now, according to Weber. The buildings and grounds have improved, and Weber thinks the students are very satisfied with what's going on at WMC. He can remember a time when students used to demonstrate on the president's lawn about the dining hall. With the introduction of the honors program and the tremendous number of internships, students are very well-prepared upon graduation and don't end up in dead-end jobs.

Phillips-isms

Dr. Phillips' classes sometimes seem more like a comedy show than a literature class. Here are some of his most memorable lines:

- When I was in Dickinson College, just after the Civil War.
- I'll be a flower...[musical interlude]...time to dance! That's the first time I've ever been a flower. Didn't know I was going to be one today, otherwise I would have worried about it all night.
- Student: "Well have you ever seen an adult crawl?" (Dr. Phillips gets down on his knees and crawls towards her.)
- Quizzes — they drop from heaven...like bombs.
- ...As I slip into my anecdote...
- Adult hypocrisy — if you haven't learned about that by now, you haven't had the right kind of adults around you.
- When I see someone rooting through the dumpster I don't take a picture. I just feel sad...it's usually an assistant professor.
- On "Daisy Miller" by Henry James: Randolph is the sort of child you'd like to send out to play on the median strip.
- If I were God...and that's not such a stretch...
- Spam: The Koreans love it...but then, they eat dogs!
- Pretend your life...or even worse, your grade, depends on it.
- I could never wear contacts, I'd be too handsome.
- I gotta practice my routine.
- Thank God for my thermos.

Compiled by Veronica Zito

Phillips' fun teaching style will be missed

Dr. Raymond C. Phillips Jr., Professor of English

Students for the past 35 years can attest to Phillips' theatrical antics during lectures including routines he has honed throughout his time here, using his thermos flask as a prop.

Phillips received his A.B. degree in English at Dickinson College in 1953 and his M.A. in English at Columbia University in 1959 before coming to WMC in 1963. While here he earned his Ph. D. at the University of Pennsylvania

that students know less and less about American history and little about current events. He's noticed that in the last 10 years students also know very little about American geography.

3. Phillips' biggest project is to "do something with" the hand-written autobiography his father started. He would like to give it to his children because they loved his father. He also enjoys writing essays and would like to do a lot of reading, exercising, and napping, but not necessarily in that order, he says.

Phillips' biggest project is to "do something with" the hand-written autobiography his father started.

nia in 1963.

Besides being a member of the Thoreau Society and the American Association of University Professors, he was elected as the first faculty ombudsman.

His 25 year certificate of appreciation letter states that Phillips has "delighted the campus and local audiences with [his] acting ability in several plays and in the film *We're Carroll County*."

1. Phillips' most memorable event at WMC was when he met his "dear friend" Keith Richwine in an upper office in Hill Hall in February 1963. Phillips met the acting chair who then became chair when he came to WMC for an interview.

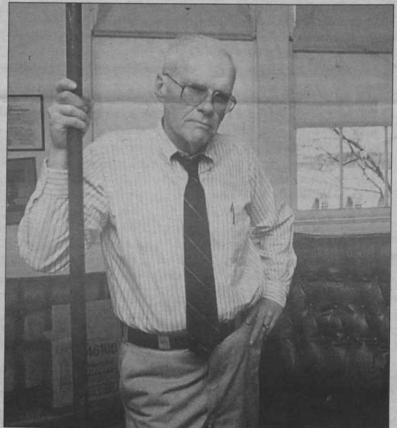
2. WMC has always had good students, Phillips says. He does think

Phillips still plans on being a common sight on campus, though.

4. Although Phillips still thinks the college is very good, he cautions anyone who thinks it's better than it once was academically. The campus has physically improved incredibly, he adds.

5. One of his biggest achievements was to become involved in the American Association of University Professors, of which he was local chapter president in 1967-1968.

WMC has always been a wonderful place to be and for his children to grow up in, according to Phillips. Because they have been exposed to the college life from early on they have never been intimidated by it.



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Dr. Phillips' theatrical classroom antics have delighted WMC students for 35 years.



Messiah snaps WMC softball winning streak

The Green Terror had a 1-4 loss when it was defeated by Messiah in a non-conference game on March 30.

Senior center-fielder Kari Thompson had four of Western Maryland's hits, including a double and a triple, and also drove in the Green Terror's only run with a single in the fifth, but this wasn't enough to clinch the game.

Messiah snapped WMC's four-

game winning streak, and left the Green Terror with an 8-3 record at this point.

Junior right-hander Kim Ruprecht fired a four-hit shutout to lead Western Maryland over Washington 12-0 in the first game of a CC doubleheader which took place on March 5.

Ruprecht struck out two and walked just one in raising her record to 4-0. She was supported

by a 17-hit attack, with Thompson and Courtney Wunderlich both going three-for-four.

In the second game of the doubleheader, WMC scored twice in the top of the fifth inning to take a 5-2 lead. Washington's Shorewomen responded with two runs in the bottom of the fifth, and earned the split with two more in the bottom of the seventh.

Julie Backof homered and

doubled in the nightcap for the Green Terror.

The Green Terror continued its winning spirit by scoring twice in the top of the seventh inning to snap a 9-9 tie to defeat Shepherd 11-9 in the second game of a non-conference doubleheader. However, Shepherd did win the opener 10-2 after scoring seven times in the fifth inning to break a close game.

Stacy Seward opened the Green Terror seventh of the nightcap with a single. She moved to third on a Backof single, and scored the go-ahead run on a squeeze bunt by January Scott. A single by Gina Hughes drove home Backof with the insurance tally.

In their next Centennial Conference doubleheader, WMC allowed just two runs and committed no errors in sweeping Muhlenberg.

Sophomore Amy Cipolloni pitched a complete-game seven-hitter as the Terror won the opener 10-1. Seward and Scott both went four-for-four with three runs scored to key WMC's offense.

In the nightcap, Ruprecht allowed 10 Muhlenberg hits but stranded 10 Mules on base in a 4-1 victory. Scott added two more hits and scored an insurance run in the top of the seventh.

This sweep enabled WMC to remain with Dickinson and Gettysburg as the only Centennial teams with one conference loss.

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Women's Tennis

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unbeaten records intact.

Henderson and Keller teamed at first doubles for their 13th straight win, dating back to last season.

The pair is the defending Centennial Conference doubles champions.

Not surprisingly, WMC's dazzling women's tennis team went on to deal another non-conference shutout to Villa Julie.

In this game, the doubles pairs of Henderson and Keller at number one and Desrosiers and Sheridan at number two captured their contests by 8-2 counts.

Villa Julie forfeited at sixth singles and third doubles.

With a record of 10-0, 6-0, WMC stayed perfect on the season and with their next match, the Lady Terror equaled its most Centennial Conference wins in one year with an 8-1 victory over Ursinus.

WMC claimed the top five singles matches and swept the three doubles, including 8-0 shutouts by Henderson and Keller at number one and Desrosiers and Sheridan in the second spot.

Henderson and Keller, the defending Centennial Conference doubles champions, are now 9-0 this season and proudly maintain an impressive 15-match winning streak.

Desrosiers and Sheridan, who both are 10-0 in singles, pushed their doubles mark to 9-1.

Track has record-breaking meets

Green Terror Track and Field has had a record-breaking stint recently, at the Colonial Relays on March 3, and just this Saturday at the Retriever Classic at the University of Maryland - Baltimore County.

WMC set two school records at the 36th annual Colonial Relays, which were held at the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

The Green Terror women's 4x200-meter unit of Kerry Wilson, Dana Fraser, Aleya Horn and Jamie Falcone posted a new record of 1:49.24. The group was 16th of 24 teams in the event.

On the men's side, Richard Smith, Chris Hydorn, Gavin DeFreitas and Darren Wolf combined to establish the sprint medley relay record of 3:36.48. Out of 34 groups in the event, they placed 23rd.

At the Colonial Relays, Wilson became the first Western Maryland athlete to qualify for the final in an event. She had the sixth-fastest time in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.83 seconds.

The final and the remainder of the events, set to take place the next day, were cancelled because of heavy rains.

Wilson also made a very impressive showing on Saturday, when she broke one individual school record and was part of two record-setting relay teams at Saturday's University of Maryland-Baltimore County Retriever Classic.

Wilson became the first Green Terror woman to run the 400-meter dash in under a minute, placing seventh at 59.95 seconds. The previous record was held by Erin

Murphy, with a time of 1:00.08.

The Western Maryland 4x400 relay unit of Sommer Chorman, Horn, Fraser and Wilson lowered its own record to 4:10.47 from the 4:12.59 the group ran at the Wake Forest Relays in March.

Wilson and Horn joined with Falcone and Jenny Spahr to establish a new school low in the 4x100 relay at 51.08 seconds.

To cap off her afternoon, Wilson won the 100-meter hurdles and lowered her Division III championship provisional-qualifying time to 14.84 seconds.

DeFreitas claimed the fourth record, as he dropped the 200-meter dash mark down to 22.11 seconds. There was no team scoring in the meet.

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The Green Terror Scoreboard

SOFTBALL

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Bethany - 6-2 - W - 1-0

Salisbury State - 4-7 - L - 1-1

Moravian - 14-0 - W - 2-1

Wilkes - 12-4 - W - 3-1

William Peterson - 4-2 (semifinals) - W - 4-1

Salisbury State - 1-9 (championship) - L - 4-2

Franklin & Marshall - 17-2 - W - 7-2

Haverford - 17-2 - W - 7-2

Haverford - 15-1 - W - 8-2

Messiah - 1-4 - L - 8-3

Washington - 12-0 - W - 9-3

Washington - 5-6 - L - 9-4

Shepherd - 2-10 - L - 9-5

Shepherd - 11-9 - W - 10-5

Records

10-5 Overall

5-1 Centennial

2-1 Home

4-4 Away

4-0 Neutral

Upcoming Games

4-18 URSINUS 1:00 pm

4-21 at Catholic 3:00 pm

4-23 ELIZABETHTOWN 3:00 pm

4-25 GETTYSBURG 1:00 pm

4-26 SWARTHMORE 1:00 pm

4-29 SUSQUEHANNA 3:00 pm

BASEBALL

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Catholic - CANCELLED

Marion, Wisc. - 13-5 - W - 1-0

St. Lawrence - 1-8 - L - 1-1

St. Joseph, Me. - 2-6 - L - 1-2

Clarkson - 10-8 - W - 2-2

SUNY-Brockport - 5-7 - L - 2-3

Mount St. Mary, NY - CANCELLED

Vassar - CANCELLED

Hamilton - 9-8 - W - 3-3

Catholic - 2-13 - L - 3-4

St. Mary's - CANCELLED

Swarthmore - 11-1 - W - 4-4

Swarthmore - 10-8 - W - 5-4

Johns Hopkins - 4-17 - L - 5-5

Johns Hopkins - 7-17 - L - 5-6

Muhlenberg - 4-8 - L - 5-7

Muhlenberg - 14-5 - W - 6-7

Washington - 1-9 - L - 6-8

Records

6-8 Overall

3-4 Centennial

3-3 Home

0-2 Away

3-3 Neutral

Upcoming Games

4-18 at Haverford (2) 1:00 pm

4-21 at Dickinson 3:00 pm

4-24 DICKINSON 3:00 pm

4-25 at Ursinus (2) 1:00 pm

4-28 LEBANON VALLEY 3:30 pm

4-30 at Messiah 3:30 pm

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L

Johns Hopkins - 5-2 - W

Swarthmore - 8-1 - W

Muhlenberg - 7-2 - W

Washington - 8-1 - W

Catholic - 9-0 - W

Haverford - 6-3 - W

Hood - 9-0 - W

Goucher - 7-2 - W

Singles

Player - Position - W - L - %

Alethea Desrosiers - 2 - 8 - 0 - 10

Becky Lyter - 5 - 7 - 0 - 10

Christina Santoni - 6 - 1 - 0 - 10

Amy Sheridan - 4 - 8 - 0 - 10

Lara Henderson - 1 - 6 - 6 - .833

Kim Keller - 3 - 6 - 2 - .750

Kali Horsford - total - 4 - 3 - .571

Doubles

Player - Position - W - L - %

Henderson/Keller - 1 - 7 - 0 - 10

Desrosiers/Sheridan - 2 - 7 - 1 - .875

Lyter/Nemecek - 3 - 5 - 2 - .714

Lyter/Horsford - 3 - 0 - 1 - .000

Upcoming Games

4-16 NOTRE DAME, MD

4-18 at Bryn Mawr

4-20 FRANKLIN & MARSHALL

4-22 at Dickinson

MEN'S TENNIS

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L

Elizabethtown - 0-9 - L

Johns Hopkins - 0-7 - L

Catholic - 1-8 - L

Washington - 0-7 - L

Goucher - 0-7 - L

Muhlenberg - 1-6 - L

Franklin & Marshall - 0-7 - L

Doubles

Player - W - L - %

Klunk/Weider - 0 - 5 - .000

Forman/Menyhart - 0 - 1 - .000

Forman/Zwack - 0 - 1 - .000

Forman/Weider - 1 - 1 - .500

Menhart/Powell - 0 - 2 - .000

Menhart/Zwack - 0 - 1 - .000

Klunk/Zwack - 0 - 2 - .000

Szepesi/Powell - 0 - 3 - .000

Szepesi/Zwack - 1 - 1 - .500

Deck/Menyhart - 0 - 1 - .000

Forman/Powell - 0 - 1 - .000

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Villa Julie - 6-12 - L - 0-1

Dickinson - 18-6 - W - 1-1

Goucher - 11-10 - W - 2-1

Howard - 28-0 - W - 3-1

Washington - 18-6 - W - 4-1

Muhlenberg - 19-6 - W - 5-1

Ursinus - 5-13 - L - 5-2

Franklin & Marshall - 13-14 - L - 5-3

Scoring

Player - Goals - Assists - Pts.

Courtney Boden - 33 - 11 - 44

Meaghan Giorno - 27 - 4 - 31

Amy North - 16 - 4 - 20

Natalie Hannibal - 13 - 6 - 19

Amy Bittinger - 8 - 9 - 17

Goal Tending

Player - Saves - Allw'd - Save %

Amanda Rose - 89 - 67 - .571

Upcoming Games

4-16 at Notre Dame, MD 4:00 pm

4-18 at Bryn Mawr 1:00 pm

4-21 at Johns Hopkins 4:00 pm

4-25 SWARTHMORE 1:00 pm

4-30 HAVERFORD 4:30 pm

5-2 SUSQUEHANNA 1:00 pm

MEN'S LACROSSE

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Marymount - 11-12 - L - 0-1

Virginia Wesleyan - 9-10 - L - 0-2

Widener - 15-13 - L - 1-2

Salisbury State - 7-25 - L - 1-3

Lynchburg - 8-9 - L - 1-4

St. Mary's - 16-17 (ot) - L - 1-5

Swarthmore - 18-9 - W - 2-5

Gettysburg - 7-15 - L - 2-6

Scoring

Player - Goals - Assists - Pts

Mike Sargent - 20 - 15 - 35

Rob Witte - 18 - 9 - 27

Bo Schrott - 16 - 10 - 26

Charlie Heinzer - 14 - 3 - 17

Jeremy Kober - 7 - 6 - 13

Brent Sweeney - 7 - 6 - 13

Upcoming Games

4-18 FRANKLIN & MARSHALL 1:30 pm

4-22 DICKINSON 3:30 pm

4-25 RANDOLPH-MACON 1:30 pm

5-2 at Washington 1:30 pm

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Redskins to instruct youth at WMC and George Mason

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The first session will be held June 21-25 at Western Maryland College. A second session will be held June 27-July 1 at George Mason University located in Fairfax, Virginia.

Monk's camp allows the youth players to learn about football and meet members of the Washington Redskins. The

youth players also learn positive lessons about life.

"I like to let the young players know there's life after sports," said Monk. "We stress education, staying away from drugs and alcohol, and keeping your body healthy."

Washington Redskins scheduled to instruct at the camp include Gus Freette, Terry Allen, Darrell Green, Brian Mitchell, Jamie Asher, Marcus Patton, Henry Ellard, Ed Simmons, and Ken Harvey.

For more information, please call 1-800-555-0801. Overnight housing is available.

Women's Lacrosse

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ladies went up against Franklin and Marshall in the closest contest of their season.

F&M started out by scoring goal after goal with none on the Terrors' part, but WMC came back against F&M's powerful defense,

across the team and its fans.

Unfortunately, with 22 seconds left, F&M freshman Megan Bermingham scored her team's fourteenth and winning goal, though questionable in nature as it appeared to have been a crease vio-

Despite the loss, which brings the team's record to 5-3, Rose made a whopping 21 saves.

Congratulations are in order for Boden and Giorno, whose combined goals of ten against Swarthmore and eleven against

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bringing the score for the first half to 8-6 F&M.

Throughout the second half, WMC really began to rival its opponent, and Hannibal, who had three goals, evened the score 13-13 with 33 seconds remaining in the game, sending an ecstatic wave

lation.

Although the Lady Terrors were able to clear the ball to their side of the field, they were not able to take the game into overtime.

Benson and Giorno each scored one, and Boden made five goals and one assist and North three and one.

Muhlenberg have earned them a place on the Women's Lacrosse Honor Roll.

Boden, who only had a combined total of 24 goals and nine assists in her first three years at WMC, has broken through to the top with a current tally of 33-11 for her senior year alone.

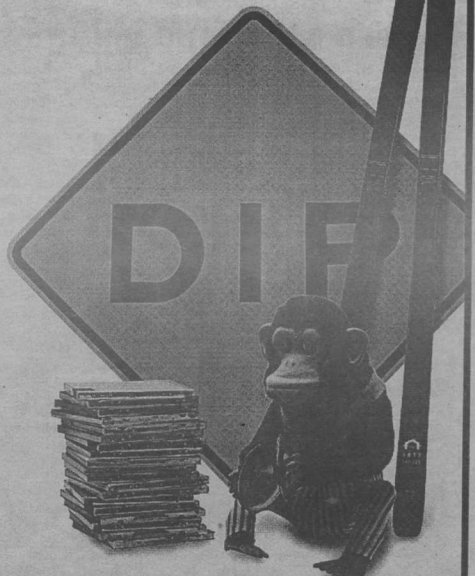
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Western Maryland College

Thursday, April 16, 1998

Lady Terror lacrosse defeats Mulhenberg

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Art Editor

With a 4-1 record for March, the Lady Terror lacrosse team swept Mulhenberg away 19-6 when it hosted the Mules on Thursday, April 2.

Senior Courtney Boden led the team with six goals and three assists, with a little egging-on from assistant coaches Erin Eaton and Jodi Wagner.

Sophomore Meaghan Giorno followed close behind with five and one. Also scoring were senior Stacey O'Brien, freshman Amy Bittinger, and junior captains Amy North and Natalie Hannibal, the latter scoring the final goal of the game, her second, with little time left.

"18-6ers" would have been an interesting new moniker for the team, for the ladies had already won two-fifths of their season with

a score of 18-6. However, Director of Sports Information Scott Deitch humorously noted that those wins had been on Tuesdays and so 18-6 couldn't possibly be the final score for a Thursday game.

No sooner than he had said that did Hannibal make her goal. Goalie Amanda Rose assisted the victory with nine saves.

Saturday, April 4 saw an end to the Lady Terror's five-game winning streak as they lost to host Ursinus 13-5. Sophomore Shannon Benson, Boden, Giorno, Hannibal, and North each contributed one goal, while the latter had one assist. Rose came out with 11 saves.

The following Wednesday, April 8, WMC hosted the Mighty Ducks; unintentionally that is, for a mallard and its mate showed up and were almost trampled as the

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Women's tennis undefeated with best record in years

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Managing Editor

Lady Terror tennis is currently off to its best start in 23 years, currently boasting a perfect, undefeated record.

On March 31, the WMC women commanded an 8-1 Centennial Conference win over Washington (1-6, 1-3).

Western Maryland (4-0, 4-0) won the second through sixth singles matches in straight sets, and also swept the three doubles.

Freshmen Alethea Desrosiers and Becca Lyter, and junior Amy Sheridan all pushed their singles records to 4-0.

The doubles teams of Lara Henderson and Kim Keller, and Desrosiers and Sheridan also kept their perfect marks intact.

The unblemished record contin-

ued to hold strong on March 2, as WMC blanked Catholic 9-0 in a non-conference match.

The Green Terror remained undefeated at 5-0, bettering the 4-0 start of the 1996 squad. It also is

pushed their individual records to 5-0.

After a 6-3 Centennial Conference win at home against Haverford, in which the Terror set in stone its longest winning streak since 1975 and bettered the more recent record of five consecutive victories in 1993, WMC went on to shut out Hood completely, 9-0.

On March 8, Lady Terror Tennis received 6-0, 6-0 wins from its top three singles players in recording a 7-2 non-conference win over Goucher (4-2).

Henderson at number one singles, Desrosiers at the second spot, and Keller in the third position all blanked their Goucher opponents.

Desrosiers, Sheridan and number five Becca Lyter all kept their

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Henderson and Keller are the defending Centennial Conference doubles champions.

the first 5-0 start from the time results can be confirmed in 1975.

Desrosiers at second singles and Keller at number three both won their matches by 6-0, 6-0 counts. Desrosiers and Sheridan both

Western Maryland golfers win individual and team titles

WMC senior Tony Worm placed first individually and the Green Terror claimed the team title of the Ocean City Invitational on March 30 at The Beach Club.

Worm posted a two-day total of 151, seven-over par, with rounds of 74 Sunday and 77 in the second day. The Terror, which was tied with Mulhenberg after Sunday's first round with a score of 321, lowered its mark to 313.

Sophomore Tony Santillo joined Worm with a 77 Monday, Craig Zabora fired a 79, and Ryan Reid shot 80.

The Green Terror's final result of 634 was four shots better than the State University of New York-Binghamton and five ahead of Susquehanna Mulhenberg and York tied for fourth in the eight-team field, seven strokes behind Western Maryland.

At the Elizabethtown College Blue Jay Classic on March 8, WMC was edged by one stroke by Susquehanna for the title.

Susquehanna posted a score of 317, and the Terror was paced by Ryan Reid, who tied for second at Hershey Country Club East with a total of 76. Santillo and Mike Diehl each shot 80 for WMC.

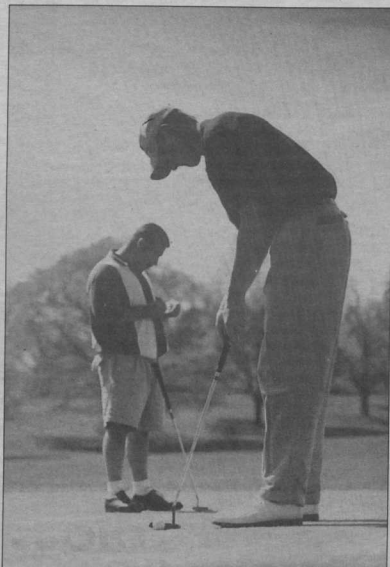
WMC went on to host the Western Maryland College Invitational last Saturday, in which the University of Maryland-Baltimore County placed its four scorers in the top 11 to grab an eight-shot win.

UMBC posted a total of 296 strokes over WMC's course on the hill. The hosts' 'A' team was second at 304, with the Green Terror 'B' squad next at 305 and the Western Maryland 'C' unit fourth at 308.

Morgan Gregory of the 'B' team was the medalist with a one-over par 71. Brad Moore of Maryland-Baltimore County and Western Maryland's John Wheeler were just one shot back.

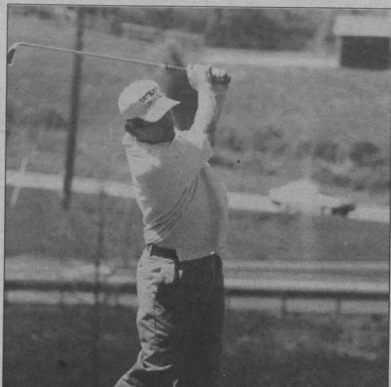
In addition to Moore, Kurt Benedict tied for fourth at 73, Gary Hasinus was knotted for sixth with a 75, and Will Repath ended tie for 10th with a 76 for Maryland-Baltimore County.

Also in the top 11 for the Green Terror were Worm in the tie for fourth, Santillo in the tie for sixth, and Kevin Marsh in the tie for 10th. Courtesy of Sports Information



JOSE (UBRA) SIQUEIRA

A WMC golfer putts toward the team title of the Ocean City Invitational at The Beach Club.



JOSE (UBRA) SIQUEIRA

The college hosted the Western Maryland Invitational on April 11.



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WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

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Thursday, May 7, 1998

Riot police break up party

BY JONATHAN SHACAT

& KATE HAMPSON

Senior Writer & Editor-in-Chief

Two students were arrested as police with dogs and pepper spray broke up a Spring Fling party Saturday evening.

Initially, five city police officers were called in by Campus Safety to disperse an unauthorized party in the quad, according to Lt. Dean Brewer of the Westminster

Police Dept. Three hundred students had gathered in the area between ANW and Daniel MacLea, even though official Spring Fling events were not taking place there.

Sean Healey, a junior, was charged with one count of disorderly conduct and one count of failure to obey a lawful order of a police officer. Lynda Oxley, a sophomore, was charged with two counts of second degree assault, two

counts of disorderly conduct and one count of resisting arrest, according to Brewer.

Police were contacted at 7:02 pm because the students would not listen to college security officers, said Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster. Also, there were two reports of fist fights and numerous instances of alcohol violations.

Campus Safety made an "incredible mistake," said Paul Charbonnier, a senior. "They should have tried to do something before calling Westminster City."

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KATE HAMPSON

Westminster police officer Mark Berard, who was struck by Lynda Oxley, discusses the incident with students.

moe. rocks campus



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Rob Derhak of moe. entertained concertgoers for well over two and a half hours at the campus concert on Friday, April 24. For a review of the concert and interviews with the band see pages 10 & 11.

Porn shown on WMC 17

BY KATE HAMPSON

Editor-in-Chief

WMC students were in for a surprise the weekend before last when they turned on Channel 17. The station was broadcasting a hard-core pornographic movie throughout the campus.

This was not part of the scheduled programming, according to Richard Suchoski, general manager of Channel 17. While Suchoski was at the moe. concert, somebody put a video entitled "Sex Abroad" into the station's VCR.

The station door did not show signs of forced entry, according to Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster. "It appears to have been keyed entry or the door was not properly closed," he said.

Nine members of the Channel 17 staff have a key to the station, including their advisor Dr. Robert Lemieux.

Campus Safety were alerted to the incident by an anonymous phone call, according to Webster.

At 11:20 pm Campus Safety pulled me out of the concert," said Suchoski. "They asked me if I knew what was playing on chan-

nel 17." At that point he ran to take the tape out of the machine.

Suchoski said that he gave the tape to Campus Safety. He claims officers have dusted it for finger prints and plan to match them with those of the organization's key-holding members this week.

However, Webster said that he did not think that his department personnel has done this. He said that it was unlikely that the suspect would be caught in this manner as Campus Safety can only take fingerprints from volunteers and few college age students have given their prints for investigative purposes.

When interviewed several days after the incident, Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre was unaware that the incident had happened. He expressed concern that he had not been notified of the incident. He explained that showing pornography violates the college's policy on lewd conduct.

There is some debate as to whether it is illegal for Channel 17 to show pornography. Webster stated that if the movie was seen

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Phoenix nationally honored

First place for Overall Excellence—weekly newspapers or papers published less frequently. The Society for Collegiate Journalists recently distinguished the *Phoenix* as such in its annual national contest for the year 1997.

"The award really speaks of the staff's efforts and coming together to produce great issues," said Carolyn Barnes, the paper's editor-in-chief during that year.

Of the staff members who received individual awards, Art Editor Mike Puskar received three in total, including first place for editorial cartoons, second place for a sports/features story, and an honorable mention for a Green Terror comic strip.

Features editor, Nikki Belanger, received a third place award for a sports/features story. Her piece on Director of Alumni Affairs Donna Sellman's induction into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame appeared last fall. For his set of stories on student/faculty dating, Senior Writer Jonathan Shacat won a third place award for news stories excluding sports.

"I am absolutely thrilled by the news for our amazing success in this national contest," said SCJ advisor Terry Dalton. "The fact that the *Phoenix* competes against colleges and universities that are much larger than us makes the results all the more meaningful," he added.

SCJ has approximately 55 active chapters across the country. WMC's chapter was founded in December of 1996.

by Christian Wihwohl

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BY ERIN HOWARD

Assistant News Editor

After 2 years of hard work and struggle the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity received their national charter and was named the Delta Eta chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma at a chartering ceremony and banquet held on Saturday, May 2.

The national charter gives the fraternity, now 25 members strong, recognition on the national level and a voice and vote in the Inter-Greek Council at WMC.

"The charter is important be-

cause it makes them official," said Assistant Director of College Activities Betsy Chimock who considers the chartering a right of passage more than anything else. "The system accepts them as Phi Kappa Sigma, not the Phi Kappa Sigma colony."

All of the new members expressed a feeling of great satisfaction having received their charter in just little over a year, which is considered very quickly by the national organization's standards.

Dr. Brian Wladkowski, the Phi Kappa Sigma adviser, said he

thought the chartering process would take much longer. "I expected the students to be less organized, to put in less time and effort," said Wladkowski. "And they have proved me wrong."

"We met the challenge," said Phi Kappa Sigma president Mike Blundin, who best summed up the fraternities feelings in his closing remarks at the banquet.

The executive vice president of Phi Kappa Sigma International and the two alumni members of the WMC chapter, Dan Ebrahimi and

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Vigil raises rape awareness

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

By simply lighting candles and throwing stones into a trash can, survivors, activists, and participants found healing, spirit, and knowledge. The "Bring it out of the Dark Candlelight Vigil" provided the WMC and Westminster communities this outlet for promoting rape awareness.

The third annual vigil took place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in mid-April.

Twice during the evening, candles illuminated the church. When we all light a candle, we light up all the dark places, when we speak out against the darkness of rape, we light up all the dark places in the world," said Pastor Gayle Watson of the Damascus Friendship United Methodist Church.

As a powerful drum beat thundered through the church, those who attended the vigil approached the altar to throw stones into a metal trash can, a sound which echoed the drums. Everyone was throwing the stones with feeling and meaning. They weren't doing it just to do it," said Dr. Colleen Galambos, assistant professor of social work and one of the event's coordinators.

Participants reacted positively to this healing ceremony. "The [stone throwing] was a very powerful experience. A lot went through my mind as I did it," said Kate Quicker, a sophomore.

Galambos developed this exercise from similar ones used for small groups of rape survivors. Performing this ritual with a large

Pornography

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by minors then it is illegal. If not then the charge would only be fourth degree burglary.

Maryland law states that a person may not willfully or knowingly display or exhibit to any person under the age of 18 years material which is principally made up of obscene description or depictions of illicit sex.

At their weekly meeting immediately after the incident, members of Channel 17 were curious as to the identity of the culprit. Suchoski said that he thought it was somebody who worked at the station since they would know how to operate the equipment. However, Technical Manager Anne Butler pointed out that it is "not that taxing to work out."

Lemieux said that he was shocked, asking "Who?" and "How?" when he heard the news. "My biggest fear is that somebody breaks in and steals equipment," he said. "Another big fear is people showing shows that should not be televised."

Suchoski received many phone mail messages about the surprise show. Students seemed happy with the broadcast, leaving messages saying "We love you channel 17, you're our new favorite station," and "Pornography says it all for Channel 17."

While the movie was being shown, station member Dan Gadd was watching television with "twenty-five to thirty guys in an ANW suite." Flipping channels, they came across the pornography. Asked if he had known it was going to be shown he replied: "I hadn't heard anything about it," before accidentally turning on the channel.

Suchoski used one of the sexually toned phone messages to make a commercial promoting *Junk Boy*, an animated show which features explicit sex. This show is graphic, said Suchoski, but it is not pornography.

Butler expressed regret that the pornography was broadcast. "It's not the image we're trying to portray," Suchoski was apologetic but jubilant: "We got ratings," he said.

group shows that rape will not be tolerated, Galambos said in her remarks during the vigil.

This year's vigil included more music. "Music and healing go hand in hand," said Corie McFaul, a WMC social work major who helped coordinate this year's event.

WMC's Gospel Choir performed two songs, and Dr. Robin Armstrong commented on Tori Amos' "Me and a Gun," a song about dealing with rape. Armstrong, a WMC assistant professor of music, then played Amos' CD for the audience. McFaul performed Gloria Estefan's "Coming out of the Dark," and WMC junior Adam Schwaninger played the drums during the healing ritual.

This evening of healing and awareness featured several speakers. One of them, Tracy Gilmore, said that rape is the most unreported crime, and it is most often reported well after the crime has occurred. Gilmore works for the Carroll County State Attorney's Office.

An anonymous survivor of child molestation described her years of silent suffering. Her experience as a child created a cycle of abuse that carried into her adult life with her ex-husband. "I lost so many years to abuse, years I'll never get back," she commented.

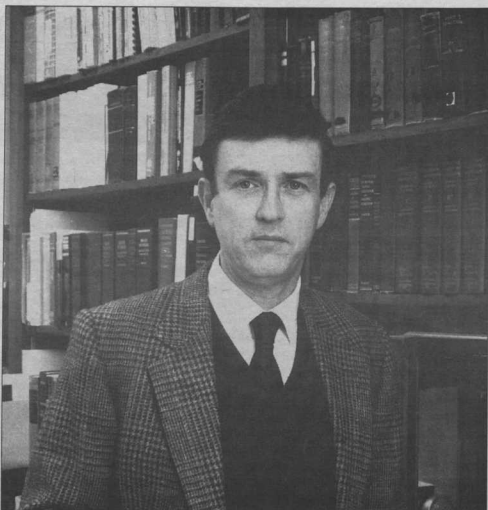
With the assistance of Carroll County's Rape Crisis Intervention Service, she affirmed that she now lives a happier, healthier life.

Other speakers included City of Westminster Mayor Kenneth Yowan, Maryland State Senator Timothy Furgeson, Delegate Nancy Stocksdales, and Lt. Col. Cynthia R. Smith of the Maryland State Police.

"I would've liked to have seen more survivors than politicians speak that night," said Quicker. "[The survivors'] experiences are very important."

However, combining the political and community aspects is essential, commented McFaul. "Having politicians at the vigil allows them to see how important this issue is to their constituents."

This year's vigil was coordinated by a segment of Galambos' Social Welfare Policy class, which included McFaul, Cindy West, Bronwyn Craig, Michelle Hughes, Lyndae Gates, and Mogan Lewis.



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Dr. Smith wins Zepp award

An outstanding record of teaching and research has proved a winning formula for WMC Chemistry professor Richard H. Smith, Jr. who was named Maryland Chemist of the year by the state section of the American Chemical Society in 1995, and is the 1998 recipient of the Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award.

He was a 1993 recipient of a Camille and Henry Dreyfuss Scholar-Fellow grant and served for two years as a mentor and tutor to a recent Ph.D. in Chemical Science who joined the College's faculty to experience teaching and research in an undergraduate setting. This award was one of only eight presented that year to colleges and universities across the country.

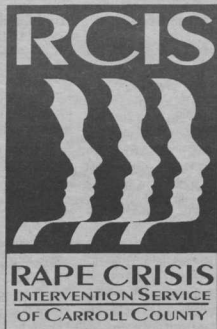
In 1990 he developed a course in the his-

tory of scientific thought. This course is based on a compilation of excerpts from 40 landmark publications.

He is a Visiting Scientist at the National Cancer Institute's Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center where with his undergraduate student colleagues he has performed research on the chemistry of triazines as it relates to the development of new anti-tumor drugs. This research has involved over 30 student collaborators and had resulted in more than 25 journal articles, the majority coauthored by students.

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Student art displayed in Peterson

RAIN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The annual Kathryn E. Wentz art exhibition, which features student art work and is sponsored by the art and art history departments, began last week in Peterson Hall. The opening reception took place in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery and showcased sculpture, painting, photography, printmaking, drawing and computer graphics done by WMC art majors.

Among this year's winners were: Michael Eubing who won first place for his oil painting entitled "Geckos," and Pamela Murrell who won second place for her pen/ink/color pencil drawing entitled "The Ideal Man."

The show was named in honor of the late wife of Harold F. Wentz, a retired pharmacist. Before his wife died, Wentz enrolled in art classes at WMC.

His gift to the college, in memory of his wife, funds awards and ribbons which are given for the best artwork presented at this final student show.

In addition to student works, the exhibit also featured the Albert and Eva Blum Collection of Art



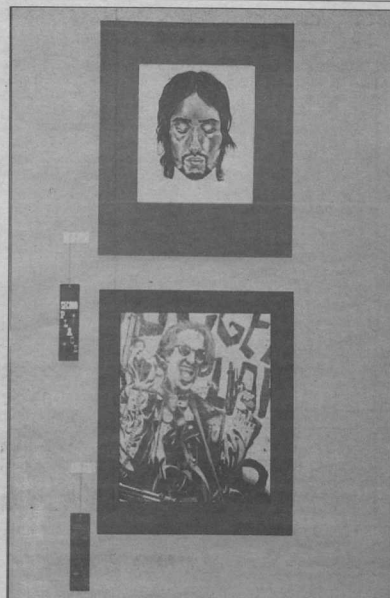
NATHAN BIRDSALL

Above: Along with his first placed entry, Michael Eubing entered this work "Perseverance." Above left: Pamela Murrell won second place for this work entitled "The Ideal Man."

from five continents. These art works are on continuous display.

The student art exhibition will run from April 29 - May 15 in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery. Located on the second floor of

Peterson Hall, the gallery opens on Monday - Friday from 12 - 4 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 pm. For more information call (410) 857-2599.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Faculty to reconsider January Term requirements for year 2000

Survey shows that students do not want the term to change

BY JONATHAN SHACAT
Senior Writer

Despite student opinion to the contrary, the faculty might still consider changing the WMC Jan Term experience.

Of the 120 students who responded to a campus mail survey, half want to leave this intensive study requirement unchanged, while a quarter said the term should be eliminated. Only ten people recommended that a May term be substituted in its place, according to information compiled by Provost Joan Coley.

"If this is a representative sample, it would look like people want it the way it is," said Coley. "And, in fact, based on the survey there is no reason to eliminate it."

But student choice is not necessarily the final determining factor, rather it is just one component of the decision making process. The Curriculum Committee may present the survey results at a faculty meeting next semester and the faculty can, in turn, make their own decisions.

Dr. David Herlocker, who will have completed his term as Curriculum Committee chair by the time this matter comes up for discussion, said "I sense no real push in one direction or another." He added, though, that he does not know what the faculty would do since much depends on the committee's report.

Regardless of the outcome, Jan

Term 1999 will go as scheduled since those courses have already been approved, said Coley. However, the curriculum for Jan Term 2000 and after could be affected.

He said it is probably time for a review of the program because upperclass student participation is currently at a low. About twenty years ago, two-thirds to three-quarters of students would take part in Jan Term. Now it is down to between one-quarter and one-third, according to Herlocker.

A hypothetical solution that would get more upperclassmen involved, said Herlocker, might be to make it a requirement that all students take two Jan Terms.

Many of this year's approved Jan Term courses will be taught by adjuncts, not professors. The cause of the shift can be attributed to the fact that it is no longer mandatory for full-time professors to teach a Jan Term every three years, as was the case at one time.

"It certainly is true that a large number of people who teach in Jan Term are not full-time faculty," said Coley. "But I don't know that necessarily diminishes the experience. I mean, we have really good adjuncts and some of them have been doing it for a long time."

Those professors who don't teach in Jan Term generally spend the time doing research, like Dr. Debra Lemke, assistant professor of sociology, or simply preparing for the spring semester, as does Dr.

Donna Evergates, associate professor of history.

"I think they are doing something that they would consider more important than teaching," said Coley. She added that based upon the way the faculty load is now structured, she could not see that requirement being reinstated any time in the near future.

Originally, Jan Term was meant to be an intensive experience with a course that is different from the courses students typically take during the regular semester, with an emphasis on things like study tours. Coley said that many students who want Jan Term courses to count as BLARs don't understand that concept.

"The idea of January term is just the opposite, to take something that is not required, to take something that is a different kind of experience," said Coley.

The faculty, at their April meeting, were concerned that a professor's teaching load during Jan Term may interfere with the intensity of course material and they decided that a person should only be allowed to teach one course per Jan Term.

Students said the best things about Jan Term are the interesting courses, the study tours, the opportunity to take internships, the ability to concentrate on one course, and the fact that there are very few people on campus, according to the survey responses.

Trustees approve budget for next year

ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

A healthy budget for the 1998 - 1999 academic year was approved by the Board of Trustees at their April 18 meeting.

Included in the approved budget is a 6.77 percent pay increase for WMC faculty and staff, and an 8.8 percent increase in the financial aid budget.

According to Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, the net revenue for the 98-99 budget, which runs from

However, Seidel said that the 4 percent tuition increase for 98-99 which was announced earlier in the semester, will actually average out to only 3.6 percent due to the increase in the financial aid budget.

"We keep looking for alternative sources of income, so that the students pay less," said Seidel of the college's strategic plan to stay competitive with state colleges and universities by keeping cost down and tuition increases below 4 percent.

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July 1 to June 30, increased 6 percent over the budget for the present year.

Seidel said he attributes the favorable budget to a strong stock market, a good economy, a healthy endowment, more support from the State of Maryland, and the successes of the Annual Fund and the Capital Campaign.

"The more outside income we have, the more we can keep cost down," said Seidel.

Still, in spite of the increase in outside contributions, 73 percent of the budget is funded through tuition, room, and board payments.

In addition to presenting a healthy budget for 98-99, Seidel was happy to mention that the budget for the present year will not need to fall back on the contingency fund, a \$300,000 sum set aside in case anything throughout the year should cost more than expected. He also expects that the budget for the present year will have money left over in addition to the contingency fund.

The contingency fund and all left over money will go toward the Residence Hall renovation project, as has been done for the last four years.

WMC hosts the Phi Alpha Theta history conference

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
News Editor

A group of student historians recently gathered at WMC to present their research on topics ranging from ancient history to the history of American slavery and minorities.

Fourteen area colleges and universities participated in the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Regional Conference, hosted by WMC this year.

"Making contacts with historians at other colleges and universities and organizing the event gave me practical experience which will benefit me in my career,"

Rachel Harrison '98

Two WMC students, Justin Stafford and Craig Patterson, presented papers at the conference.

"[The conference] was a good preparation for my senior sem next year," said Justin Stafford, a junior history major and member of Phi Alpha Theta. The round of questions and suggestions following his presentation was helpful, he added.

Stafford's paper compared and contrasted slavery and indentured servitude during pre-Revolutionary America. "Freedom is a state of mind...something you're conditioned into," commented Stafford.

Since slaves and indentured servants lived together, worked side by side, and were bought and sold in the same manner, their experiences were similar, said Stafford. However, laws provided the clear distinction between them as a means to separate the lower classes.

Likewise, Rachel Harrison's experience with Phi Alpha Theta conferences parallels Stafford's.

"Fighting questions and defending a thesis prepared me for my senior sem, but in a more relaxed atmosphere," said the senior history major who, at past conferences, has presented papers on the historiography of the film *Gettysburg* and mob violence during the Revolutionary War.

Participation in the conference provides

students with an opportunity to engage in a professional activity as undergraduates.

"Exchanging ideas and presenting research to your peers at these conferences is similar to what historians do at the professional level," said Harrison.

Graduate students presenting papers at the conference allows undergraduates to see what will be expected of them at the graduate level, explained Dr. Cornelius Darcy, professor of history and Phi Alpha Theta's advisor since its chartering in 1981.

As President of WMC's Phi Alpha Theta chapter, Harrison planned this year's conference. "Making contacts with historians at other colleges and universities and organizing the event gave me practical experience which will benefit me in my career," said Harrison. Patterson, who was unavailable for comment, presented a paper entitled "Changing Interpretations of the Fourth Crusade."

Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity receives charter

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Fabrizio Ferranato, were at the banquet to lend support to the WMC chapter, as well as 7 members of the Phi Kappa Sigma chapter of Miami University of Ohio, and 4 members of the Towson colony.

"We feel [they] have raised the standard at WMC, and done the same for Phi Kappa Sigma [international], and we thank [them] for that," said Robert Miller, executive vice president of Phi Kappa Sigma International in his address at the banquet.

Although the new fraternity unofficially began in December of 1995 with founding members Jeff Soltz and Dave Long, the real work began in March of 1997 when the then group of 10 men became a Phi Kappa Sigma colony.

They chose Phi Kappa Sigma out of a list of 16 other national organizations because they believed it to be the organization that best matched their ideals of academics and brotherhood, said Blundin.

Since becoming a colony, the fraternity has had to recruit in order to have a mem-



Members of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity celebrate receiving their charter

in order to meet the national fraternity's standards for receiving a charter.

They must also conduct regular meetings,

In addition to receiving their charter, 6 members of Phi Kappa Sigma were inducted into the Order of Omega and 6 members re-

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bership that is equal to or exceeds the campus average, raise money in order to have a reserve fund of at least \$500, as well as have an approved budget, bank account, and pledge and new member education program

ceived awards at the Order of Omega awards ceremony. Also, 9 members were inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha National Greek Academic Honor Society.

News in brief

Varga wins Alumni Volunteer Award

The 1998 winner of the Alumni Volunteer in Admissions Award is Hungarian trustee George Varga. Varga '61, provided valuable assistance to President Robert Chambers and others as they developed WMC-Budapest.

Dr. Chambers is convinced Varga's blessing helped to seal the deal that made WMC-Budapest a reality in 1994. The first group of students, which took two years of courses in Hungary before coming to Westminster in September 1996, will graduate this spring.

Varga, who was a law student in Budapest at the time of the Soviet attack, joined others in fleeing to the Austrian border. Paying farmers and coal miners familiar with the terrain, the Hungarians were smuggled to safety. Later reaching the United States, Varga was sent to a camp in New Jersey. He was then brought to Carroll County where WMC awarded Varga a scholarship.

After rising through the ranks at General Electric in the United States, Varga was named CEO and president of GE's manufacturing venture with Tungsram, Central Europe's major light bulb manufacturing company. In 1989 he joined the WMC Board of Trustees and in 1992 received an honorary doctorate in the humanities.

Lockard named graduate program coordinator

Brian Lockard, retiring superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools, has been selected coordinator of the Western Maryland College Graduate Program in School Administration, according to Ken Pool, Dean of Graduate Affairs.

Joseph R. Bailer Award

Pennsylvania Congressman William F. Goodling is the 1998 winner of the Joseph R. Bailer Award at Western Maryland College.

The prestigious award, named for one of the college's career educators, is presented each year to a WMC master's degree recipient who has made a significant contribution to the field of education.

Jazz Night

A week of concerts winds up with the steamy, hot campus favorite Jazz Night at 8 pm on Thursday, May 7, in the Decker College Center's Forum. The program features WMC's three jazz groups on everything from swing to hot jazz.

Honorary degree recipients

Mystery writer Sue Grafton will be given an honorary degree at this spring's commencement ceremony. The award-winning author is known for thrillers such as "A is for Alibi" and her most recent chart-topper "M is for Malice."

She will be joined by Ervin S. Duggan—head of the Public Broadcasting System as well as co-author of the 1977 political novel "Against All Enemies"—and top investment money manager Eddie Brown.

Duggan was handed the Public Broadcasting System control board in 1994 after serving as head of the Federal Communications Commission under President George Bush.

President and CEO of Brown Capital Management, Inc., Eddie Brown was called "one of the most careful, and successful, students of securities alive today," by Louis Rukeyser of Wall Street Week.

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"This is a dream come true. There are no easy answers for the upcoming year since student government is not an easy process."
Aaron Corbett, SGA president

"I'd like to see the SGA further develop the connection between the students and the faculty and administration. We need to continue campus wide programing that fosters school spirit."
Matthew Gribbin, SGA vice president



"I'm excited to start SGA as an executive officer. We have a good foundation for next year."
Grace McAleer, SGA secretary

"I look forward to bringing the campus community together next year. We will also try to make sure everyone is satisfied with the allocations process."
Dana Jacobson, SGA treasurer



Photos by Erin Howard

Centennial colloquium provides forum for student research

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
 News Editor

WMC hosted a unique Centennial Conference event last month. Interestingly enough, the occasion did not feature student athletes, but rather student research.

Students from four Centennial Conference colleges gathered at WMC for the third annual Centennial Conference Student Research Colloquium. These schools included WMC, Gettysburg, Ursinus, and Washington. Students presented their works ranging from the humanities to the hard sciences.

In his opening remarks, President Robert H. Chambers said the colloquium was founded to promote exchanges among Centennial Conference students beyond athletic fields.

Students found their participation in the conference beneficial.

"[Presenting at the colloquium] gave me an insight to what academic presentations will be like senior year or in graduate school," said Mike Blundin, a sophomore philosophy major who take part in multi-media presentation on German philosopher Martin Heidegger. The other presenters included Aaron Jenkins, Robert Ward, Carolyn Barnes, and Heather Woods.

The group delivered a multi-point argument concerning Heidegger's participation in the Nazi Party in pre-World War II Germany. "It's important to look into Heidegger's life before you explore his philosophy," Blundin commented.

The students incorporated into

their presentation a tape-recorded speech by Heidegger in German and many visuals including Nazi propaganda films.

During her presentation on computational chemistry, WMC senior Sarah Chenoweth said she had to adjust it slightly to accommodate her audience. "I had more physicists than chemists in my session. Even though my research con-

ference since they have a greater need for it."

Associate professor of foreign languages, Dr. Martine Motard-Noar, agreed with Guerra. "It's ironic that students in the humanities aren't taking advantage of this opportunity since very few of these exist for them at the undergraduate level." Motard-Noar recalled that she did not take part in a similar conference until she almost finished her doctoral work.

Both Guerra and Motard-Noar attribute the poor participation, especially in the humanities, in the conference to a lack of publicity.

"I called colleagues at other [Centennial Conference] schools, and they knew nothing about the colloquium," said Motard-Noar.

Guerra and Motard-Noar did admit the relatively recent introduction of the colloquium also contributed to the low levels of participation. They agreed that changing the location every year will promote more participation and awareness of the conference.

For the past two years, Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA, hosted the colloquium. WMC only sent a handful of science majors to the two previous gatherings, said Guerra. This year WMC students took part in 35 presentations at the colloquium.

Next year, Washington College in Chestertown, MD, will host the fourth annual event.

"I hope to see more students start preparing for [next year's colloquium] in the fall," said Motard-Noar.

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taind quantum physics, I had to emphasize its chemical aspects since my audience already had a stronger background in physics," Chenoweth explained.

The sciences dominated the research presented at the colloquium. Both WMC and Ursinus had the largest representations, and the majority of their students presented their work in the sciences.

"There is no lack of conferences like this one for undergraduates in the sciences," said Dr. David Guerra, assistant professor of physics. "It would be good to see other disciplines represented in this con-

Students help to clean up campus

The SGA sponsored its third annual campus clean up on April 25.

Various student organized groups, including Greek organizations and ROTC, helped out by planting flowers, painting speed bumps, and picking up trash and cigarette butts.



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Quirks: Friday Night in Whiteford Lot

Anne Butler writes about the dangers of drinking on-campus and driving.

"You're wondering how I ended up here, eh? Well, it's a simple enough driving. You've heard it many times before I'm sure, and you're gonna hear it again 'cause this damn idiot in the robe is making me tell it to ya. So shut up and listen."

Mark was feeling pretty good, the week was over; he'd finished that fifty page paper from hell, assigned by that idiot history teacher, Dr. Staff; he'd managed to avoid getting a ticket from Campus Safety; and he'd just been to a great party.

He'd been lucky that the police hadn't seen his less-than-great driving on the way back from the party. He'd been swerving all over the road. He had managed to hit four squirrels, though.

He pulled into a spot close to the left basement entrance to Whiteford and turned off the engine. His girlfriend, Maureen, kissed him and got out. Bryan, the couple's mutual friend, had been riding in the back. He jumped in front, causing the car to shake and the bottles in the bottom passenger seat to clink together.

"You sure you don't wanna go back, Maureen? There's still that one fraternity party we could go to," Mark asked his girlfriend.

Maureen smiled and shook her head, "Nah, I have to get up early for a meet tomorrow." She frowned a bit at a sudden thought she had, "Are you guys going out to drink some more?" They both nodded. Maureen grinned, she'd expected that answer, "Just be careful okay? I don't need Campus Safety busting you like they did Steven Dreisher."

"What happened to him?" Bryan asked, puzzled.

Mark grinned lazily and looked over at his friend, "You didn't hear? That idiot got tanked and was picked up by Campus Safety after they found him shouting curse words at the Christian Fellowship Happy Hour last Wednesday."

Bryan shook his head, "Idiot."

A vehicle passed them. It read "Campus Safety." A radio blared from the open window of the car, "Roger that, we have a report of a violation in room B18, that's a violation in room B18. We've been authorized to search."

Any reply the officer in the car might have made was drowned out by Maureen's shocked reaction. "Oh God! That's my room! They'll find everything!"

Mark looked at his girlfriend quizzically, "What do you mean? You ain't got any alcohol in there."

Maureen glanced at him with panic in her eyes, "I have other illegal stuff besides alcohol!"

Mark grinned lazily and tried to focus on his girlfriend. "You mean like halogen lamps, power tools, and stuff?" he asked jokingly.

"YES!" Maureen cried, entirely serious. She shot Bryan an accusing glance, "Why did I let you talk me into keeping your power saw for you?"

Bryan sat up suddenly alert, "Damn! I forgot you had that!" He quickly got out of

the car, "I'll keep 'em busy while you go get rid of it!"

Maureen nodded and raced off to her room. Bryan ran off in the other direction, waving at his friend as he went, "See ya later, bud. Sorry I can't go with ya."

Mark nodded but fumbled with his keys. "Yeah, yeah, stupid jerk..." he muttered to himself. After a few tries, he'd managed to get his keys in the ignition and get the car started up. He backed up too far and hit the car behind him. He pulled forward, drove onto the road in a wide arc, narrowly missing hitting a street sign.

After a minute of driving, he remembered to turn on the headlights. Suddenly, he saw another car coming at him; he swerved and careened into the side of the road. A telephone pole seemed to jump in front of him. He managed to sober up enough to scream and turn the car to the side, but by then it was too late.

"So that's why I'm here with this black-robed guy with the scythe. You've heard the story a million times, right? I told ol' skullface it wouldn't be any use, you all don't care. You didn't listen to your parents, teachers, or no one else, so why should you listen to me? Hell, I don't even care myself. So what if I drove drunk? I mean, getting somewhere, even if I'm 'intoxicated' is real important. Even more important than my life, right?"

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Letters to the Editor

It Ain't Easy Being Greek

Responsibility... Leadership... Character... Success... Scholarship... Philanthropic service. What people can relate to all of these words? People in fraternities and sororities, of course!

College students in fraternities and sororities, more commonly known as "Greeks," have gotten a bad rap in the past. I am sure you have seen the countless movies and

ern Maryland College campus, I feel that fraternities and sororities get too much bad publicity and are seldom recognized for the positive things they do.

For example, what news crew shows up when Phi Sigma Sigma sorority makes countless visits to Carroll Lutheran Village retirement and Easter cards for the residents and had a great time delivering them while having (sometimes

areas. They are seldom commended for making such a move for women's rights.

Who notices when Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity helps local businesses look more attractive? They also participate in the Adopt a Highway program. They have traveled as far as New Jersey to help other Sig Ep brothers with building, repairs and clean up.

Alpha Nu Omega sorority participates in the Clothesline Project

a local church to set up for an event. They also provide security for the campus concerts.

Does anyone notice when Phi Mu sorority puts so much time and energy into raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network and Project HOPE? One way the support CMN is by having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of WMC faculty and staff. They also visit the University of Maryland Children's Hospital to spend time in the pedi-

You, as WMC students can help them by showing your support for organizations which are often judged and misunderstood and by just giving them a little recognition. Greeks aren't nearly as bad as everyone would like to think.

Thank you for sticking with me and reading this far. Just by reading about this topic, you are encouraging and supporting every good cause that Greeks stand for.

So, when you see people in

College students in fraternities and sororities, more commonly known as "Greeks," have gotten a bad rap in the past. I am sure you have seen the countless movies and television shows about horrible "Greek" activities.

television shows about horrible "Greek" activities. The truth is, these shows portray isolated incidents that could happen to any college student — Greek or otherwise.

I know you've seen people walking around Western Maryland's campus with those strange symbols on their chest and wondered who they were. Well, if you let me take a few moments of your time, I'd be happy to tell you who they are: They're Greek, and they should be proud.

As a Greek student on the West-

long) chats with the residents. They also go every year to sing Christmas carols. These women are appreciated by the residents who get few visitors, as well as by those people who are visited often!

And, what newspaper writes an article every time Phi Alpha Mu sorority sponsors a program for women's issues such as domestic violence or rape awareness? They participate in The Clothesline Project for this cause and bring informative speakers to both our campus community and surrounding

for women's rights and contributes their services to the Adopt a Highway program. They made therapeutic pillows for heart surgery patients and visited St. Joe's Hospital to deliver the pillows.

With little recognition, Phi Delta Theta fraternity does service for both the WMC campus and the Westminster community when they participate in things like the Charity Bowl, Christmas in April, Adopt-a-Family (for Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas) or Adopt-a-Highway. They helped

atrie care unit.

Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity has helped the Shepherd's Staff shelter to set up, clean up, and organize. The American Leukemia Society is their national philanthropy. They raised an amazing \$500 (a difficult task on a college campus) for the American Heart Association.

Everyone falls victim to stereotypes sometimes, but when you see someone walking around campus with those strange letters on their shirts, say HELLO... They are proud, friendly Greek students.

class, in your dorm, or anywhere else on campus wearing those strange symbols, keep in mind the words of Ghandi, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world." Remember also that Greeks at Western Maryland are making some of those changes.

Stephanie Craven
Inter-Greek Council President
and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

A Dream That Became True

My name is Eliane Maroun. I am 25 years old, French, with an MA in Foreign Languages applied to French Business Law and Political economics, I have always dreamed about visiting the US and living here for a year.

Finally, I realized my dream by coming to WMC and becoming a Director of the French house and a Freshman (First-year) Student (Major undecided). Although none of the 12 credits (minimum required

scrapers, (in NY and Baltimore...), I was also surprised to see the numerous signs notifying the public that a thing is forbidden, for example outside of the Lincoln Memorial in D.C., there are signs that say: NO FOOD, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, DO NOT TOUCH THE STATUE.

I found this series of "NO" surprising, it gave me the feeling that a part of my freedom was taken away because all this seemed obvious to me.

But little by little, I got used to all those forbidding signs dictating behavior because I started to see things in a different way

- the ability to use any computer, to attend any classical or jazz music concert for free.

- the opportunity to practice any kind of sports on any field, to play golf for free.

- to live in a quiet environment away from the city and its noise.

However, in order to enjoy the advantages, I had to face some difficulties because that is life. Sometimes the only way to notice advantages in life is to experience drawbacks and vice versa.

The first difficulty was that of transportation. I came from Europe where public transportation

excuses for the cancellations because the others are not my "chauffeurs."

The other drawback is that I was disappointed that only \$140 was granted to the French Club for two semesters because this limited all my plans to promote French culture. The money was gone after two activities, a French play at the embassy and a field trip to the Renaissance festival, plus the price of the van.

Also, because I lost the small key (given without a key ring) to the video cabinet of Hill Hall 110, which had been reserved to show a French film, the French club was

department helped with additional expenses.

I also managed to do the French film festival showing, for free, the most famous French movies, subtitled in English, even though sometimes only two people showed up, and there were never more than eight. But, I always told myself that eight people are better than none.

Although, I enjoyed my work here and met some nice people, I found it extremely frustrating not to be able to separate my private life from my work. My time here would

When I arrived, I was amazed by many things. Why? Because everything seemed so big to me: the highways, the distances, the cars, the skyscrapers, (in NY and Baltimore...). I was also surprised to see the numerous signs notifying the public that a thing is forbidden, for example outside of the Lincoln Memorial in D. C., there are signs that say: NO FOOD, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DO NOT TOUCH THE STATUE.

to be a full student), would be transferred to my University, LA SORBONNE-PARIS, and because of this great opportunity to live on a campus, I decided to come here in order to widen the scope of my knowledge of American culture.

When I arrived I was amazed by many things. Why? Because everything seemed so big to me: the highways, the distances, the cars, the sky-

and stopped comparing them to my French Culture.

I seized the opportunity, taking any class I wanted and attending as much as I wanted. My tuition was paid by the foreign languages department, as well as the rent of the French house and the meal plan. So, I attended the classes I was interested in and realized that the opportunities to succeed are tremendous on this campus. For example:

is more developed than here, and where people drive less than in the U.S.A.

I didn't have a driving licence nor a car, so, like any other student without a car on campus, I felt like I was in a prison because I was forced to depend on others. I had to rely upon their answers and sudden cancellations at the last minute to take me for shopping or on some important duty. I perfectly understood the

charged \$27, and I had to pay the Bursar's office \$60 for the loss.

However, beyond this lack of money in the Club and the apathy among the members, I managed to do some activities during the second semester with money from the R.A., who granted me \$25 for a pizza party, \$25 for a Mardi Gras party, and another \$25 to share with the German club for an Easter party with a chocolate fondue. Fortunately, the foreign language

have been much more enjoyable if I had been able to have my own transportation. Perhaps the school would invest in a vehicle for the foreign language assistants to share. We would be able to take the languages house members on more cultural trips and not feel we are kept here against our will.

Eliane Maroun
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The Soapbox: In 3-D

Adam Dean takes his last chance to write something good and wastes it.

This is it, my friends. The last "Soapbox" you will ever read. Some of you may think, "None too soon," but that is to be expected. You can't make everyone happy. If you spend your time trying to make everyone happy, all you will succeed in doing is making everyone unhappy.

The Phoenix and Western Maryland have both been good to me. Though I have been critical of the school and of the social life here, I don't believe that there are very many serious problems here.

American sources makes me kind of ill. It just is not appealing.

The Europeans are now on their way toward adopting a common currency. This is probably a good idea for most of these countries. A common currency can serve to unite Europe into an economic block which is powerful enough to compete with the United States, China, Japan, and other economic powers in the global market. The only thing I find disturbing about this monetary union is that it seems to be revolving around Germany and France.

I believe Germany and France are still bitter about their emasculation after WWII. Before the World Wars, France and Germany, along with Great Britain, were strong global

is the rise of a new rival for the United States. The French and the Germans are nations that have known power. The French were able to influence the world for centuries. Knowledge of the French language became a mark of an educated person. Even today, French is the language of diplomacy, though that is changing as English-speaking becomes more prominent. French art and French culture are still imitated all over the world. The center of fashion is Paris, not New York or Rome.

The Germans never gained as much influence as the French did. This probably has to do with the fact that there was no unified Germany until the 1870's. But, look how they were able to affect other parts of the world after their unification. Uniting the French and

reassert itself, there was no room for them. The Cold War divided Europe into Communism and Free blocks. Europe became a chess piece for two non-European superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

The United States should view the European monetary union with alarm. If the Americans want to maintain their place in the world, they must be ready for a new rival.

The IRS horror stories we have all heard are starting to bother me, too. I don't know what these people want Congress to do. They seem to hold hearings on IRS abuses every five or ten years. Then, whoever is in charge of the IRS at the time comes out and acts like he is shocked and that all this is new to

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That being said, there are some developments in the world outside the campus I would like to address.

What the hell is up with that Taco Bell dog advertising campaign? I mean, if I were Mexican, I would have been put off by the "Yo quiero Taco Bell" line delivered in a Speedy Gonzales accent. That probably isn't a big problem for Taco Bell. I don't think any self-respecting Mexican would ever eat in Taco Bell.

That was bad enough. But then they decided to dress the dog up as Che Guevara and have him address a crowd that looks like something from Peronist Argentina. This is just disturbing. The red flags, the songs, the muscular "workers" arms holding some strange taco-like concoction aloft, all this totalitarian imagery from various Latin

powers. They had influence and power over areas far from their borders. That is not true today. The incredibly expensive world wars drained both countries of the resources needed to maintain their power and influence. Their once great colonial empires shriveled up and died as more and more nations gained their own freedom.

Now, all the French hold are some small islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific, along with a malarial stretch of jungle on the coast of South America. The Germans lost it all after the First World War. The British were able to maintain some international influence through the commonwealth system and other ties. The Queen of England is also the Queen of Canada and Australia, for example.

What the Euro, the proposed common European currency, seems to signify to me

the Germans together could create the next global superpower.

For now, the British are not part of this monetary union. But, I would not expect that to last. Britain is too tied to the continent to stay out for long. To do so would be economic suicide. I doubt Britain could survive without the rest of Europe.

The point of all this is that the United States needs to realize that all power is fleeting. Fifty years ago, the Americans were isolationists and American influence was mostly confined to this hemisphere. This changed after WWII. The United States asserted itself after the war. The Europeans had destroyed themselves again, for the second time in a quarter century. Despite the Marshall Plan, we basically kicked them when they were down. By the time Europe was able to

him. Then, nothing happens.

To collect revenue the IRS needs some enforcement powers. But, why does the IRS need armed agents? If there has been a crime committed, are there not already other organizations which would be better equipped to handle it? I don't know about you, but I find the thought of an armed IRS agent storming a private home or business for a nonviolent crime frightening. Why do the homes and businesses of those who are not a real, physical danger to themselves or others need to be invaded commando-style? What ever happened to the Fourth Amendment?

That is not everything on my list, but I don't want to write anymore. I thought it would be nice to look at the real world and discuss it with you. After all, that is where we are going. I'll see you there.

Offensive Prank on TV

Megan Martin criticizes a campus-wide prank played out through Channel 17.

As almost everyone knows by now, a pornography film was recently shown on Channel 17. It was a pretty good prank, in the sense of, "Oh my God! What is that doing on TV?" There are a few things to consider, however, when pulling a prank.

First of all, you have to consider the audience. Walking into your friend's room and popping a video in his VCR is one thing. When the video is pornography and put on for the entire campus, the whole context changes.

Not everyone on campus is interested in pornography. There are some people who, because of their religious or moral beliefs, find pornography wrong or distasteful. Others feel that sex is a private activity and do not want to watch it on TV. Some people also find pornography to be especially degrading towards women.

There are reasons why mainstream TV stations do not carry pornographic material. These people are a large part of the stations' viewerships, and the stations cannot risk offending anyone.

Now, I suppose anyone watching TV the night the pornography was played could have changed the channel. I am sure they did, but before they could, many people probably saw something of the movie.

When looking for something to watch on TV, people on campus usually check Channel 17 to see what is on. If something is playing, people will stop. They should not have to be disgusted by what they see. This kind of prank could cost Channel 17 viewers.

Another consequence of this prank has to do with Channel 17 itself. While Channel 17 is not regulated like broadcast television stations are, it is regulated by the policies of WMC. Since the airing of the pornography violated college policies, Channel 17 has to face up to whatever sanctions the college feels are appropriate. These sanctions, at the worst, could result in a loss of funds for the station.

While the station management is ultimately responsible for what is put on the air, it does not seem fair that, once again, the actions of a few hurt many. Is pulling a campus-wide prank worth hurting a learning tool of the campus? It may be good for maybe one or two laughs, but ultimately you have to think about the people a prank can affect.

We Want Cheazy!

Eric Barry comments on the absence of popular bands at the campus concert.

Would you have rather seen Cheazy-E (myself) or some cover band perform as student talent at Spring Fling?

Cheazy offered to perform and would have gotten paid a measly \$75. But they went ahead and agreed to have some Phish wannabe band play. They didn't even know who the two other student bands were at the time I asked to play, but they assured me that "anything is better than Cheazy-E."

My manager was laughing when he heard the news that they wouldn't let me perform. He knows after my debut album, "CR a.k.a. The White Mystery," is released that I can charge at least \$1000 a gig. When Cheazy's debut album on Chirp Records hits the charts and goes platinum, I'll get the last laugh. Until then, I can just cry.

I was going to have Platen, my DJ, fly up from Flagstaff, Arizona, just to perform for 30 minutes. Also, I asked my back-up vocalist, Lidey, to take off some time writing songs for his solo album on Sutton Rekords, and he agreed. He was going to take time to perform at this little college, just for me.

Platen was quoted as saying, "I'd make the 'moe' concert look like a @\$\$%& baby-shower."

I guess CAPBoard stands for Cheazy's Album Passes Bowels Out an Ass Repeatedly & Deliberately.

Many students here at WMC get to do independent studies and internships related to their major. It's hard for me to get independent studies and internships dealing with entertainment. I am going to be an entertainer, and this was a rare chance for me to do it.

Lidey was quoted as saying, "Colleges won't let you perform unless you got an acoustic guitar up your butt... plus it helps if you smoke a lot of weed."

I probably should've lied and told them I sound like "The Grateful Dead."

When I came in to tell them I wanted to perform, an anonymous person said, "The last thing we want is originality... the student body prides itself on it's sheep-like antics."

To all you students out there, you can show your support by buying my album next September, or you can just scream "WE WANT CHEAZY!" in Glar on Monday, May 11 at exactly 5:49 pm. Thanks.

Salute to Departing Phoenix Staff

Terry Dalton is the advisor to the Phoenix.

This issue of the *Phoenix* is the last one that will carry the work of five graduating seniors who have made enormous contributions to this newspaper and to student journalism in general. It is time to salute them.

As adviser to the *Phoenix*, let me try to give you some idea of why these five will be missed so much.

Adam Dean has opinions. And for the past three years, he has shared his views with you. First as a contributor to the paper's commentary pages, and later as the section's editor and "Soapbox" columnist, Adam has overseen a section that grew to several pages.

You surely did not always agree with Adam's often unconventional views (once he even defended Giar), but I'll bet you read them. Whether scolding the college for putting up new academic buildings while the dorms swell at the seams, or second-guessing the recent alphabet war that turned freshman orientation SO's and CA's into PM's, Adam kept his fingers on the pulse of the campus. More importantly, he helped turn what too often had been a blah and arcane opinion section into a frank and feisty one that came to set the tone and temperament for an entire newspaper. And that's no small thing.

If Adam Dean gave the *Phoenix*'s commentary pages more vim and vigor, Michelle Hamilton gave them something equally important: a professional and inviting look. Indeed, one of the first things Michelle did when she took over as editor-in-chief in January 1996 was to totally redo and modernize a section that needed a new face. Fifteen months later, Michelle's persistent efforts paid off with a national award for editorial page design and content from the Society for Collegiate Journalists.

But her contributions went well beyond that. Just a sophomore when she became editor, Michelle accelerated and expanded the paper's welcome turnaround in the mid-90s that had begun under her predecessor. During her two-semester editorship, the paper began to achieve what every student newspaper longs for but only a few obtain: respect.

In 13 years of advising two student newspapers, I have never known a student to change more over four years than Jonathon Shacat. A shy, quiet student in my fall, 1994 freshman seminar class, Jonathon joined the *Phoenix* later that year and gradually became the paper's top news reporter. The same student who rarely spoke a word in that Media Ethics class now fires off e-mails to Provost Coley and President Chambers when he needs information. And

they answer him.

But Jonathon is much more than a curious, aggressive journalist uncovering stories that some might prefer not to be uncovered. First in his "Lock & Key" column and later in his many articles and opinion pieces, Jonathon emerged as a true champion of his fellow students. Whether it be an in-depth look at the issue of professor-student dating or a glimpse at how easy it is for students to run up massive credit-card debt, his hard-nosed reporting always put the student first. Soon he'll be headed to Africa for two years in the Peace Corps. Then, one hopes, back to the world of journalism.

If there is a true unsung hero at the *Phoenix* these past few years, it may very well be Jennifer Vick. In her own unassuming way, she has provided the paper with a wealth of talent, most notably as both a topnotch writer of human-interest stories and as the *Phoenix*'s features section editor for several semesters.

Currently completing a successful internship (her third over all) at *Baltimore* magazine, Jen has also served this past year as president of the WMC chapter of the aforementioned Society for Collegiate Journalists. In that role, she has worked diligently to build the chapter into a model of student journalism at its very best. The organizational and leadership skills of this aspiring magazine journalist will be difficult to replace.

When I think of Christian Wohl, the seasoned news editor of the *Phoenix*, I think of the conscience of the newspaper. As both a student journalist and a member of my Media Ethics class last fall, Christian consistently demonstrated a keen sense of fair play and compassion in both his words and deeds. If a story of his own or another reporter's tilted too much to one side, he would restore the balance. If an article seemed slightly more negative than I needed to be, he would find a way to give it a more positive spin.

Always a gifted news reporter and writer, Christian's output this past year reached new heights - three or more quality articles in a single issue was not an uncommon sight. Whether journalism is in his future or not, I'm not sure. But whatever career path he chooses, he will bring to it the very highest of professional and ethical standards.

So to these five graduating seniors, I say thank you. Your combined contributions over the past four years to this newspaper cannot be accurately measured. Your work has set a standard for the *Phoenix* that others will strive to reach in the years ahead. To you all, good luck and good journalism.

Thanks

Jonathon Shacat looks back at his last four years on the Phoenix.

I don't think I will ever forget my first *Phoenix* meeting.

Only went because I had some experience working with Page Maker on the Macintosh computers we used in my Graphic Arts class in high school, and I figured it'd be fun to help layout the paper. Well, I guess another reason was because my freshmen seminar professor and the *Phoenix*'s advisor, Terry Dalton, pleaded with his students to lend a hand to the paper's limited staff. But, little did I know, that decision would change my life.

When I arrived at the office, I took a seat on a sofa and said to then-editor-in-chief Susan Sommers, "All I want to do is help with layout." She had a different idea in mind and insisted I write "a little something" about the large ROTC class. I tried to convince her I wouldn't make a good reporter and recall repeating the phrase "I can't write" several times, but either she didn't listen or I wasn't assertive enough.

I left that meeting with a story to write.

When I began working on that first article I realized what a mistake I had made by taking the assignment. I was in no way capable of writing something that would be read by a large group of people. I mean, you're talking about a guy who had his mother write his essay to apply to college. And, quite simply, I had no clue how to write a news story.

I conducted a short interview with a ROTC sergeant and sat down to write the article. I must have spent hours. And even after all that work, the finished product — a mere four column inches — still seemed pathetic. Completely frustrated, I asked then-managing editor Lisa Hill for assistance. She went over what I had and made some corrections. Actually, she rewrote it.

It was instant gratification to see my article in print and that's what kept me writing. I felt I was accomplishing something by informing the public. After one full year of being a reporter, I showed improvement in my writing and took a position as a columnist. Thus came about "Lock and Key."

"L&K" was a column based on controversy, there's no sense in lying about it. I would search for good stories and write about them. This attitude quickly earned me the title "the most feared journalist on campus."

Even to this day, Brenda Palsgrove drops her pen in shock when I enter the Academic Affairs Office to ask a simple question. It's like she's thinking to herself, "What dirt is Jon trying to dig up now?" And even Joan Stickles quickly comes to my service when I stop by the campus post office to buy a stamp. She too, seems scared

of something. It must be due to a past article I wrote about UPS fees.

I continued working on "Lock and Key" for three semesters, striving to provoke a change to a college policy or at least get people to think about and discuss many of the current campus issues. I don't know if my opinions have had any effects, but perhaps what I had to say about junk mail made people aware of paper-saving options. And maybe my point of view let the faculty realize that eliminating the foreign language requirement would be a grave mistake. It's too hard to say.

Because I studied abroad in Spain for a semester, I discontinued the column. Upon my return I decided to go back to being a reporter. My articles were now less controversial and more focused. By then, I understood the role of a journalist in society and took the job seriously. I was writing page one news stories, one of which recently won third place in a national contest organized by the Society for Collegiate Journalists.

So, in a few short years, I went from "Non-writer" to "Phoenix senior staff writer." In hindsight, I never did do much layout for the newspaper. I did, however, gain a valuable skill that I could not have acquired if it weren't for the *Phoenix*. I'm proud to say I will never let my mother write anything for me again.

Letters to the Editor, Cont'd

DeW We or Don't We

Has Western Maryland College been affected by the Coke and Pepsi war? You bet we have.

In February, our Barnes & Noble bookstore removed Pepsi products from the shelves. As an avid Mountain Dew drinker, I began to ask why has the consumer's choice been limited in this way? In talking to Kyle Melchoe, Manager Campus Bookstore, I discovered that our choice was limited for a questionable reason, "poor service from Pepsi Corporation." Deliveries were repeatedly delayed and mixed up. Kyle, out of frustration, decided to eliminate this problem with Pepsi by joining with the College's exclusive contract with the Coca-Cola Corporation. This was not enough of an answer to appease me. I decided to see what I could do to get the beverage of my choice restocked.

First, I spoke to Barry Bosley, Director of Auxiliary Services and Facilities Management, and found that the bookstore and the college are operated independently of each other. Coca-Cola has an exclusive contract with Western Maryland College for 7 years. In spite of the fact that the Col-

lege has an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola, Mr. Bosley arranged for Pepsi products to be allowed to remain in the bookstore. It was understood that in the event of a problem with Pepsi in the future, the bookstore would change to Coca-Cola. Unfortunately, this problem has arrived and been resolved without the consumers (students, staff, and faculty of Western Maryland College) being allowed to voice their opinion in the switch. I believe that had the consumers been involved in this situation, we could have made a difference in the quality of service received from Pepsi Corporation.

Ethan Seidel, Vice President of Administration and Finance, guaranteed me that the student's choice will be on the top of his list when he reviews the new contracting options. They may only offer exclusive contracts. He stated that he was not the individual who signed the present contract with Coca-Cola and would need to review the current contract process closely to see how the contracting process works.

How do the exclusive contracts affect the consumers at Western Maryland College? Coach Carpenter said, "Coke does no more for us on an inter-collegiate athletic level than they do for

any other college - scoreboards, ground improvements (such as steps leading down to the sports field). It seems to me that should the school decide to change to an exclusive contract with Pepsi, changes to scoreboard advertising and soda vending machines will automatically take place since Pepsi would not allow Coca-Cola's logo to be present in their exclusive territory. Advertising rights should be basic components of future contracts.

Do the consumers have to give in to this blackmail by being made to choose between their preference and whether or not we get a new scoreboard?

What do the consumers at Western Maryland College want? In a survey of 40 randomly selected consumers, 75% expressed a desire for Pepsi to return. Have we been affected by the conflict between Coca-Cola and Pepsi? Absolutely! The individual Western Maryland College consumer should not be forced to choose between a scoreboard and a soda, but what do I really know, I'm just a Mountain Dew activist.

Abigail D. Engel



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Clockwise from top left: Brownie Mary frontwoman Kelsey Barber performs during the opening act; Chuck Garvey of moe. concentrates on the music; moe.'s lead singer Al Schnier plays some chords during their soundcheck; moe. hang out backstage while being interviewed by the Phoenix; the mostly off-campus crowd enjoys the sounds of moe.; a moe. roady takes a break backstage; Jonasay perform their seventh live show.

New band Jonasay "just wanna rock"

Emily Stamathis met with this up and coming band before their set.

If the members of Jonasay get their wish, WMC students will be able to say that they had the pleasure of seeing "the next Spinal Tap" up close on the PELC stage when they were only seven live shows into their career.

Hailing from suburban Maryland, Jonasay - consisting of vocalist and songwriter Justin Sheehy, guitarist Mark Williams, bassist Rik Ferrell and drummer Mike Leach - is a band that's rich with a fun musical background, big goals and what Sheehy likes to call "tight, rootsy pop," fused with a folk sound.

He chose to sum up the band's sound as catchy and straightforward, with little pretense and no over-the-top playing by any one in particular.

The music on Jonasay's self-titled debut album, released last week on the Sam Record label, is a conglomeration of the diverse

tastes and influences of each band member.

"Everybody brings their own sound to the band," said Sheehy. From Leach's love of country music and the Police to Sheehy's Bad Company influences, they all seem to agree that their music is about compatibility.

"Our main goal is to be a legitimate success before we're legitimate has been because of our age," joked Sheehy.

Perhaps Williams summed it up best: "I just wanna rock."

But based on Jonasay's upcoming prospects, they may already be headed for success. According to Ferrell, the band's future looks promising.

They are "not at liberty to say" who exactly is expressing interest in the band, but hinted that they include labels and also IMP, a local booking agency.

Their single is being played on radio sta-

tions such as 103.1 out of Annapolis and also Now Hear This, a show on 99.1 WHFS devoted to new and progressive musical acts.

Ferrell still works at WHFS; all the band members are balancing day jobs with their burgeoning musical careers. They were all studio musicians up until eight months ago when Jonasay officially formed, and hold jobs in the music industry. Williams is a guitar buyer and seller and Leach used to be a producer and tour manager for acts such as Dylan Fence and Juliana Hatfield.

Jonasay may only have been a band for eight months, but Sheehy and Leach have known each other for 29 years. "We were friends in my basement when all we had was a Farrah Fawcett poster and Bill Cosby Records," recalls Sheehy. He's been writing songs for eight years.

He said he's known Williams for four years, and they only met Ferrell six months ago when he answered their advertisement for a bass player. Ferrell said that being the newest member is exciting because the songs are new to him. The others agree that his presence brings another whole aspect to the band, both musically and meaningfully.

"People are surprised they haven't been together that long; the sound is really tight," said band manager Justin Jones.

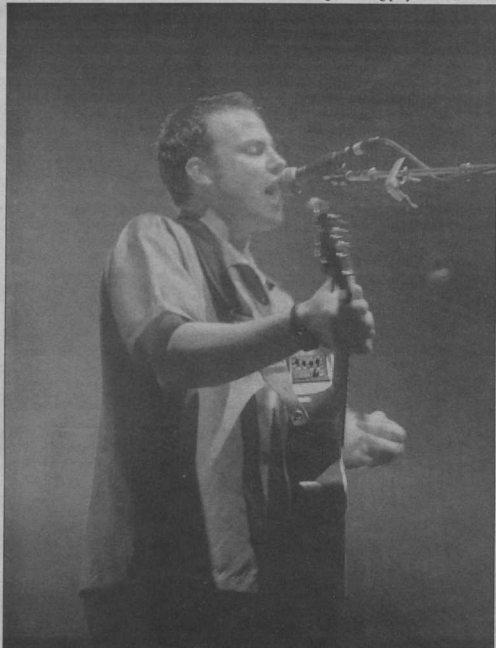
Although Jonasay are thrilled to have their new album recorded, they all stress that performing live is the best part of being in a band. They've played to numerous different kinds of crowds, and can't recall any "disasters" as of yet.

Sheehy said the band enjoys the spontaneity of live shows, since recording is a no-pressure situation and has none of the immediate gratification that concerts do. They also find it genuinely fun, which they claim is most important about being in a band, even more than the fame.

They chose their tour opening up for the band The Tubes as their favorite touring experience so far. Their worst experience was playing at Parker's, a restaurant in Bethesda, Maryland, to "people at their tables eating salad," Sheehy said.

Upcoming dates in Maryland include a show at Hunter's of Ellicott City on May 29 at 10 pm, and Jillian's of Annapolis on June 6 at 9 pm.

At a Jonasay show, the band promises their audience real interaction, both between the members themselves and with the audience. Most importantly, Jonasay fans can look forward to seeing a band that's establishing its footing with each new gig and giving a truly sincere performance.



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Campus Concert Special Report



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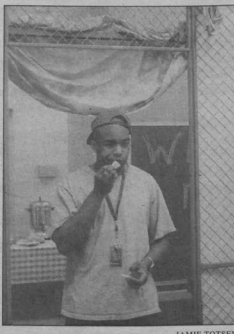
Slow start for moe. performance

It was clear from the low turnout during the opening acts of WMC's 1998 Campus Concert that the main attraction of the night was definitely the jam band moe. The overwhelmingly off-campus crowd that filled PELC on Friday night consisted of hardcore devotees that make up the core of moe.'s fan base.

For a band that is known for its incendiary live performances, moe. started off their evening's set on a sluggish note. From the opening number, Head, through various tunes until Spaz, the band's playing was uncharacteristically tame. moe.'s playing style is usually much more musically tight than the sub-par offerings of the first portion of their set.

Then suddenly, as if the band could feel that they were on the verge of letting a show slip away from them, they ripped into the song Letter Home which ended the show's slow starting streak.

After that song their was a brief jam session, in which the band's perennial crowd-pleaser Meat was teased, but never took shape. Instead the band went into another favorite, Timmy Tucker. Timmy Tucker segued directly into Moth, a ballad touching on themes of war and



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the gypsy moth.

The next three songs were performed much more intensely, solidly backed by extensive jamming.

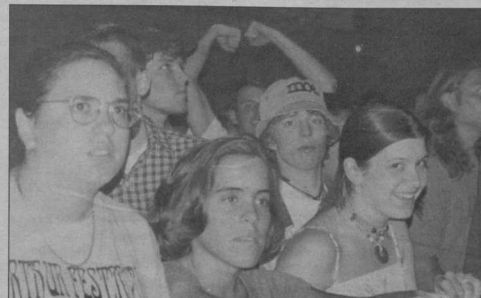
Before the obligatory encore, moe. closed with Rebutla, a critically acclaimed song from moe.'s 1996 CD, No Doy. The band's encore was 32 Things, also from No Doy. The song riled up the crowd for one last Dionysian moment before moe. left the stage.

Overall, the band's less than stellar first half paled in comparison to other live shows, but the high-energy performances of the second half of the set saved the concert from mediocrity.

It's quite possible that the performance had a lot to do with the fact that they were playing to a small crowd in PELC after a few highly-recognized years on the national level.

Another detractor was the high volume at which the sound crew blasted the set through PELC. At some points in the performance, the headache-inducing bass wash was so strong that single bass notes could not be delineated and the two guitarists were all but drowned out.

by Emily Stamathis and Rich Simmons



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Four guys named moe.

Rich Simmons talks with Al Schnier, Rob Derhak, Chuck Garvey, and Vinny the drummer.

I met with moe. in the basement of PELC, in a locker room that had been converted into a sort of backstage area, where the band was waiting to perform for the year's Campus Concert. We sat down around a table, and while Rob Derhak's dog explored the show-ers, we talked about who moe. was, and how they had gotten to be that way.

ME: Where did you guys go to college?
moe.: I went to SUNY Oneonta (Al). The rest of us went to SUNY Buffalo. Al moved up there after he had finished school in Oneonta (Rob).

ME: How did you guys meet?
moe.: Rob and Chuck met in the dorms on campus, and my girlfriend was a friend of theirs, and Vinny played in virtually every band in Buffalo (Al). I think I tried to scam in on a gig once with you guys, or something (Vinny). Yeah, Vinny wanted to be in the band for a long time, but just couldn't afford to be in it (Rob).

ME: So how long have you guys been together?

moe.: Like about eight years (Rob). Vinny's been with us about a year and a half now (Al). Time is starting to fly by (Vinny). Yeah, if you make it two years, you're the winner (the longest a drummer has stayed with the band), I'm gonna win! (Vinny).

ME: What are your influences? I could take some guesses...

moe.: Food, TV, money, yeah money's a big one, other music, the Simpsons, women, muzak (Rob + Al). You know I used to sell that stuff (Vinny). What, muzak? (Rob). Yeah, when I worked for 3M (Vinny).

ME: Do you guys play live in the studio, or do you record tracks separately?

moe.: We've done it all sorts of ways. It's a process of figuring out whatever works best for a particular song (Al). You always start out, or most bands do, thinking that you have to make a live recorded album. Then by the time you get through the drum tracks, you start tweaking and trying to fix things, and then the producer takes over, and you're not recording live any more (Rob). It's a little bit weird also when you get into stuff like that, you start to lose your perspective after a while. You've been playing the same part ten times over, and you have no idea what sounds good anymore. We tried to avoid that, and this album is definitely more live sounding than the previous one (Al).

ME: Well you guys answered another one of my questions: You just got done recording a new album?

moe.: Yeah, we just finished recording it last week (Al).

ME: What's it called?
moe.: Uh, we don't know yet (Al). Hey, that's a good name right there (Chuck).



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ME: Who writes the songs for moe.?

moe.: Me. (Rob) Songs for us come together in a few different ways, sometimes it's one person writing all the parts, Me (Rob again), with everyone being someone's plebe, and sometimes the songs come out of jams. Really it's everywhere in between (Al).

ME: How long do you guys stay out on the road during the year?

moe.: Most of it (Al). Whenever we're

not in the studio (Rob).

ME: How do you keep from going nuts doing that?

moe.: You don't, you just accept being nuts as part of your life. (Rob) By constantly upgrading and modifying what we do, just to keep a little more sane I guess (Al). You do stuff like bring your dog with you (Rob). You also do stuff every now and then like saying, "@\$\$* it," and throw down some extra money on a hotel room just so everybody gets a bed, or just blow some band money on a VCR (Al). Or lap dances and cigars (Rob).

ME: Where do you guys live when you're not on tour, are you all still in Albany?

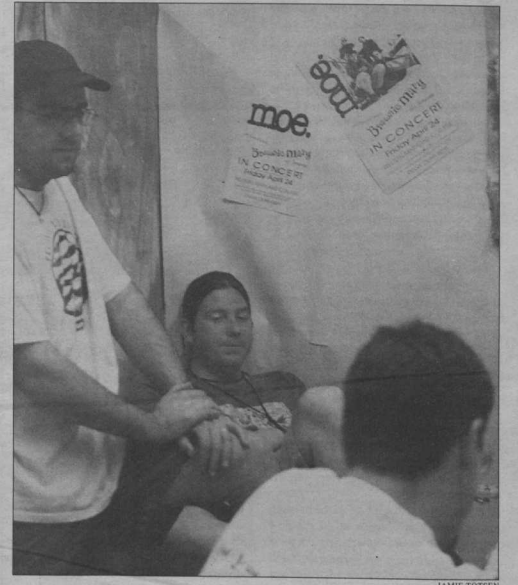
moe.: No, we've been based out of New York, but everybody else has scattered to different areas (Rob).

ME: Do you think you guys are ever going to be able to get rid of the "Phish" stigma?
moe.: I think we already have, or at least to the point where it doesn't bug us anymore. People, mostly uninformed journalists, have lumped everybody together musically, whether it be the Dead, Phish, or moe. We don't feel threatened by Phish anymore, and I don't think they ever felt threatened by us (Al).

ME: What are your touring plans for this summer?

moe.: We're going to be touring with Leftover Salmon, The String Cheese Incident, and Strangefolk. It should be a phenomenal tour. (Al)

ME: Well thanks a lot guys, and good luck tonight.



JAMIE TOTSÉN

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" tackles love triangles

The Bard returns to The Hill after eight years

By SARAH RADICE
Staff Writer

Pirates and cross-dressers and clowns, oh my!

WMC Theatre's production of "Twelfth Night" was the first Shakespeare play they had attempted since Romeo and Juliet in 1990.

Director Ron Miller admitted to being nervous about this, his first attempt at Shakespeare, but his fears proved to be unfounded with this lively and entertaining rendition.

"Twelfth Night" is about love, relationships, obsession and suffering, with a good dose of farce thrown into the mix.

Its plot is a typical Shakespearean tangle of story lines, but the gist of it goes like this: Viola (Sara Gruber) and her brother Sebastian (Colin Foreman) are shipwrecked in the mysterious land of Illyria. Both survive, but think the other one is dead.

Viola enters the service of Duke Orsino (Dan Franko) while disguised as a eunuch named Cesario and falls in love with him.

He, on the other hand, is in love with Olivia (Erika Roskowsinski), who falls in love with Cesario.

Olivia mistakes Sebastian, rescued from the sea by the pirate captain (Ryan Keogh), for Cesario and marries him.

While this is happening, a subplot starts to brew: Olivia's cousin Sir Toby (Ed Milliner), his friend Andrew (Kelly Dunavant),

and Olivia's servants, Maria (Megan Townsend), Fabian (Roxann Ingram) and Feste the Clown (Jennifer Hess) scheme to teach the grasping servant Malvolio (Mark Resch) a lesson in humility.

Somehow, it all works out in the end.

The cast was uniformly good, but the supporting characters threatened to steal the show. Hess's flamboyant Feste was an audience favorite, as was Dunavant with his empty-headed portrayal of Andrew. His elaborately styled hair added the perfect touch of vain foolishness to the character.

Milliner's highly physical portrayal of Sir Toby was a marvel of loud, drunken debauchery counterbalanced by the cool melancholy of Roskowsinski.

The actors handled the anachronistic language well, managing to make the speech sound more natural and less stiff than it usually does in a production of Shakespeare.

The small, circular set created an intimate atmosphere, and the 1820's costumes and pastel colors of the set evoked a timeless, romantic feeling.

The only flaws in the play were that it seemed to drag in the middle, and the ending, modified from the original, felt a bit abrupt.

This production was the latest in an annual series of performance laboratories for advanced acting, and is the last production for graduating seniors Dan Franko, Jennifer Hess, Ed Milliner and Mark Resch.



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Roxann Ingram, Kelly Dunavant, and Ed Milliner develop the intricate subplot of the play

New group to help needy

WMC Unity focuses services on children, families

By JENNIFER SIKKIS
Staff Writer

WMC Unity is a new group that will be a part of the Affinity Housing program for next year.

The program plans to adopt a local needy family in efforts to unite WMC and the surrounding Westminster community.

Erica Colton and seven other first-year students came up with the idea of the "WMC Unity" affinity after deciding that they wanted to reach out and do something good for the community, said Colton.

"We want to open the community to Western Maryland College," said Colton, who is the assistant group manager "We are the link."

"The group [had] a unique mission, which was to serve a family throughout the year," said Angela Harris, residence life co-

ordinator throughout the semester, sponsor two programs for WMC students, and hold weekly meetings, as stated in an Affinity Housing and Program Manual that is given to all affinity groups.

WMC Unity will be assigned to a family with school children by the Adopt-A-Family program that is a division of the Human Services Program of Carroll County, said Jen Clarke, the group manager.

"We plan to bring the children on campus to our house one day a week and spend time with them or take them to an activity that is going on campus to expose them to college," said Colton. "One of our goals is that we want to open their eyes and show them that college can be a reality to them."

In addition, the other goals of the affinity are to provide food for various holidays and help the kids with homework and to help the family in any other necessary way, said Clarke.

"The family is the center of our attention," Colton said. "We hope to change their lives for the better."

Other new affinities include the Big Brother and Big Sister programs which plan to take children with emotional problems and integrate them with community service," according to Stephanie Peery, group manager of the Big Sister affinity.

"We want them [the children] to be able to give back to the community as we are giving to them," said Peery.

However, the members of all affinity

We want to open the community to Western Maryland College

ordinator of special housing, who explained via e-mail why WMC Unity was selected to be an affinity.

WMC Unity will be among the approximately 13 affinities on campus, according to Harris.

Other Affinity Groups, such as ASAP, the Honors Program, the Spanish and French Housings, and Alpha Psi Omega, have been established on campus for many years, sponsoring campus and community activities.

"Affinity Housing is a good idea because it allows those of us that have common goals to live and work together to achieve them," said first-year student Bethany Young who plans to live in the ASAP (Aids Support, Awareness and Prevention) suite next year.

Students interested in forming or continuing their affinities must submit a detailed application and proposal to the Department of Residence Life and gain acceptance into the program.

Upon acceptance, the affinity is assigned to live in a Pennsylvania Avenue House or in a suite in Daniel MacLea Hall. All affinities, including WMC Unity, must be committed to have ongoing pro-

A Closer Look...

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

By JEREMY LOPUS
Staff Writer

Well, at the end of this year, many people who have become familiar faces over the past 4 years will be gone, with a junior class waiting in the wings to take over as the (ha-ha) moral leaders of this campus. One of these former Kings and Queens of the Hill is **Julie Boughan**.

"I like the professors here—they really challenge you and they are always there for you," Julie says. What about the campus? "It's very pretty, it especially looks good in the rain." An English major/writing minor, Julie is a commuter student who says that she has never eaten in Glar, and as a result, she will probably outlive all of us.

They are everywhere working without complaint, picking up trash, and mopping up spills. They are an integral part of this campus. They are the Housekeeping staff.

"These are wonderful people, and they deserve credit for the great job they do," said **Mel Whelan**, building services coordinator for the last 12 years.

There are a total of 27 housekeepers on staff who are responsible for not only cleaning all seven buildings on campus every day, but also installing and taking care of microwaves and restocking and repairing the vending machines.

In addition to cleaning all of the existing buildings, they also tackle all of the new buildings with no additional help. When the semester is over, the housekeeping staff will have only three weeks to prepare for the



NATHAN BIRDSALL

Mel Whelan has been building services coordinator for the last 12 years.

Summer Conference Services and other activities on campus.

Whelan feels that WMC is wonderful, and a "really classy place. It's a joy to work here." He also thinks the students are great.

One of his most unusual memories is from his first year at WMC. Whelan was doing window checks outside of Whiteford when a couch came crashing through an upstairs window.

Whelan never did find out who threw out a whole sofa and forgot to open the window, but he says that the incident taught him a valuable lesson.

"After that, I did my window checks from a distance," he says with a smile.

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groups realize that they can't achieve their goals all by themselves and they depend on other students to get involved in the affinities.

"We are not limiting membership to just the people living in the house," said Colton.

"We welcome any and all help, and we would appreciate people to offer as much time as they can.

"I can guarantee they will have a rewarding experience from their involvement, and they will make a positive impact on the lives of others by becoming involved in an affinity," she said.

60 Seconds

*What will you miss most
when you graduate?*

by Jessie Watts

*"Friends, hanging out, drinking and
going to the Inn."*

Denise Dill '98
Business/Economics

*"Going out with my friends, going to
Champs."*

Scott Greg '98
Business Administration

"The Economic Thought final."

Trey Rash '98
Business/Economics

*"My sorority and, of course, Campus
Safety."*

Michelle Crow '98
Business Administration

"The professors, people, and friends."

Morgan Gregory '98
Corporate Communications

"Joe Carter and the free life."

Reka Reichard '98
Business/Economics

Unsung hero: Housekeeping staff member

MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

Some jobs in society command the highest level of respect, such as the president of the United States. Others deserve much praise and admiration, like police officers and firefighters. And then there are those jobs that deserve respect, but usually receive none.

Michael Deardorff, an employee of Western Maryland College, has one of those jobs.

Deardorff is part of the housekeeping staff at WMC. A member of the staff for eight years, he has seen many things in his time, yet continues to complete his work with dignity and excellence.

Deardorff's official title is floor care attendant. He was hired to maintain the hallways and floors of the residence halls and school

buildings on campus. However, for the past couple of years he has been cleaning bathrooms in Rouzer Hall and Albert Norman Ward Hall.

Many describe his job as the worst on campus, and he has no idea why he has been assigned to this type of cleaning for the past few years. However, he does not let it bother him. "I was hired to work, and working is what I am doing," he said.

Deardorff has to walk to work every day, a journey that can take up to 35 minutes in inclement weather. He works Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm, and sometimes weekends. He likes his job, and said that it is "honest labor" that "has a lot of merit to it." He also appreciates it because of the good benefits and the job security.

Landmark on the Hill

Carroll Hall Admissions office is most famous for its ghost

MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

With its rich history, extravagant appearance and its terrifying ghost, Carroll Hall is one of the most intriguing buildings on campus.

Located directly across Main Street from Alumni Hall it is also one of the few undisputed landmarks in all of Westminster.

An excerpt from Christopher Weeks book "The Building of Westminster in Maryland" states that, "It is a landmark in the city's social, economic, psychological, and architectural history; it is a physical landmark because of its size, appearance, and hilltop site."

Carroll Hall is currently home to the Admissions office. Donna Phipps, the admissions coordinator for campus visitations, said that she is overjoyed to be working in the building. "It is an extremely impressive building, which makes it a wonderful place for our admissions office."

According to "The Building of Westminster in Maryland," the Victorian structure, with the many angles, unexpected turns and staircases of the period, was one of several "stopping-off" places in Westminster for people traveling the Baltimore/Philadelphia Turnpike during the 19th century.

The great brick building was originally decorated with elaborate gingerbread, a type of wood carving that symbolized wealth, and other beautifully carved woodwork. There was also a porch attached to the front of the house, a 40-foot-tall spire that rose out of the roof, and a tower that was adjoined on the upper level of the house.

Also located on Reifsnider's four-and-three-quarters-acre site was a compound of greenhouses, horse stables (which are now the site of the art buildings), a smaller house that Reifsnider built for his son (which is now the Harrison House), and a five-story brick windmill.

Besides his full-time position at WMC, he works part time at a local Taco Bell and also makes a few extra dollars as lead guitarist in a rhythm-and-blues band called "Everyday People." He admitted that his schedule wears him down, but said that it is necessary. A divorced father of two children, a 16-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter, Deardorff must pay child support once a week to care for them. "Keeping up with all of the bills is difficult, but I love my children, and that's why I do it," he said.

Tim Smith, a physical education major who lives on the first floor of Rouzer, believes that the janitors, especially Deardorff, deserve more credit for cleaning Rouzer. "They do a fantastic job, considering some of the stuff they have had to deal



Carroll Hall has served as a private home, an Inn, a home economics house, and is now WMC's Admissions office.

"I heard that if one were to stand atop the giant windmill, they would be able to see Carroll, Frederick and Adams (Pennsylvania) counties all at once!" said Dr. James E. Lightner, a mathematics professor at his alma mater, WMC.

Terrace Hill was purchased by WMC in 1922, and one year later was named the "Gray Gables Inn," serving breakfast and dinner. Six years later it was designated the "College Inn" under the direction of the college dietitian, and in 1931 it became a practice house for the college's home economics department.

The house was home to six senior girls who would live there for a six-week period. Their responsibilities were to do all of the work required in running their new home while completing their regular studies at school. A live-in teacher from the home economics department supervised them during the six-week period, and at the end of the program six new girls would take over the house.

In 1934, "Carroll Inn," as it came to be known, became a full-service inn with bedrooms available for guests, however it continued to be managed by the home economics department.

According to Dr. Lightner, most of the Victorian decorations along with the tower were removed dur-

ing a remodeling project in 1947, although much of the interior of the house stayed the same.

One peculiar aspect of the house is that it contains only a few closets. According to Corey Duncan, an assistant director of admissions, this is because a homeowner was taxed on the number of bedrooms he had, and a bedroom was defined as a room with a closet. Thus, Reifsnider designed the house with only a few closets to save himself a couple of dollars.

Another interesting feature of the house is the presence of hidden staircases that lead to small rooms, which are thought to have been servants' quarters at one time.

Carroll Hall is even believed to be haunted by a ghost, specifically a general that died during the civil war. Legend has it that if a student does not see the ghost before graduation, something terrible will happen to them before they receive their diploma.

Martha O'Connell, the dean of admissions, loves the building but said that she would not want to live in it. "I hear footsteps all of the time about my office, but every time I go up to see who it is there's no one there!" O'Connell also said that her husband will not even step foot in the building at night, in fear of the ghost.

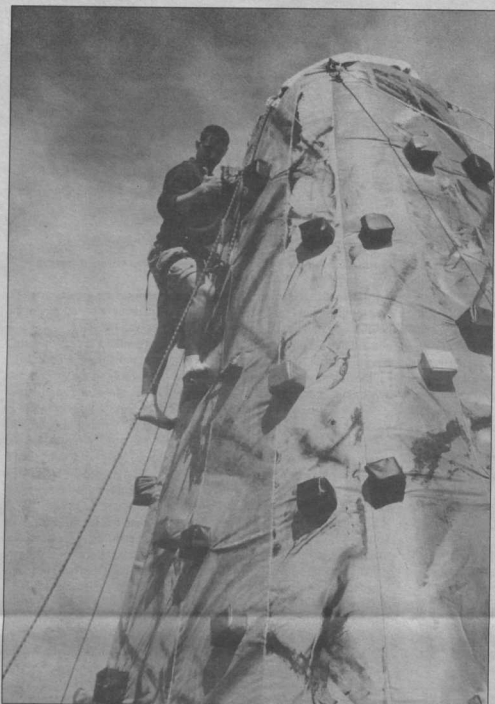
All of these elements make Carroll Hall one of the most interesting buildings on this campus. If you have not seen it, stop-in one day and give it a look. Not only might you be overwhelmed by its extreme elegance and beauty, you might even learn a thing or two about the past.

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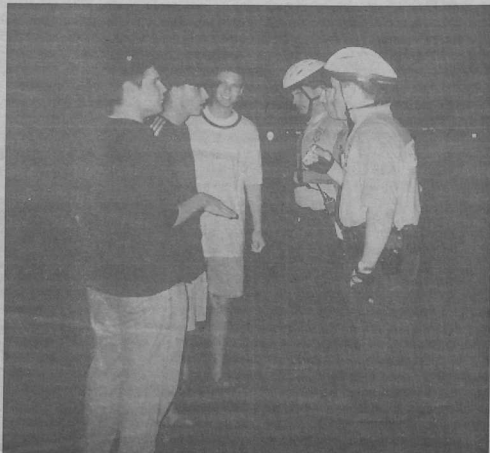
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Far left: A student climbs the inflatable rock mountain which was erected outside of the forum.

Above: Alpha Psi Omega member, Dan Franko, grills ballpark hotdogs at the theatre tent.

Left: A Westminster City police officer in semi-riot gear warily watches the crowds.

Below: Foot officers and students discuss the night's events.



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Spring Fling 1998

Left: Alpha Psi Omega had a tent outside the forum. They sold food and provided tarot card readings.

Below: Junior Joseph Garrison (right) enjoys the sunshine as he talks with Richard Rash.

Bottom: The first band of the day, Archer, perform in the forum.

Spring Fling party broken up by police

Continued from page 1

"I believe the actions of the police were appropriate," said Webster.

Healey was released on \$2,000 unsecured bond. Oxley's bail was set at \$6,000. After spending one night in jail she was released after paying 10 percent, according to Deputy Edward Smith of the Westminster Detention Center.

The first arrest was made after police had formed a line to get the crowd to disperse. Webster said that according to the Campus Safety report, the police came to Healey and asked him to leave. He became verbally aggressive. He was asked several more times, his behavior continued and he was arrested.

Healey refused to comment on the incident.

Later Oxley was arrested as well.

City police allege that Oxley kicked a police dog and swung her arms toward two officers, Aimee Lau and Mark Berard.

"I hit a cop by accident," said Oxley, who claims she only flailed her arms in defense, hitting one officer. She stated that police approached her friend Liz Johnson, a junior, and seemed ready to arrest her. Oxley stepped in and at that point she was surrounded by three officers, thrown to the ground, hand cuffed and taken away in a police cruiser, she said.

"A woman officer grabbed my arm. The next thing I knew my face was in the ground, a person had his knee in my back, another had his hand on my throat," she said, recounting the incident.

After the second arrest, police requested five state troopers and additional officers come to the scene. In total there were 25 officers available, either on the scene or on stand by, Brewer said.

Charbonnier, an eyewitness to Oxley's arrest, said that the police "basically body slammed her." When students went over to make sure she was okay, an officer told

the crowd to step back, he said. "All of a sudden, Sgt. Steve Shatzer whipped out mace and sprayed" twenty to twenty people, including Charbonnier. "He gave no warning."

Brewer said, "No one was sprayed directly in the face. It was sprayed over top the heads of people to create a mist effect."

Despite attempts by the police to evacuate them, several students remained in the quad, shocked at what they had seen. Soon after, it began to rain and many people went home. If students had not left, Berard said police were ready to "fog" them out.

"It was accessible but there was no need for it," Lt. Brewer said Monday.

Westminster Police Sgt. Patrick Bassler described the use of pepper spray in this situation as "a common procedure." He said, "a lot of people get wound up about mace," but it is not lethal and is used "depending on the circumstances."

The dog was here to break up crowds, Bassler explained, "It's more to intimidate people." Asked if he considers this an extreme situation, he said, "It's out of the ordinary, but not extreme."

"These are serious counts against me," said Oxley, who blames the college because it "called the police on its own students." She has a court date set for July 23.

Bassler defended the actions of the police. He said that once Campus Safety calls them in, "We have to do our job."

He said he has been in the police force for fifteen years and that in that period he had to come here a couple times for problems related to Spring Fling festivities. "Ten years ago was the worst one," he said. "There was a pretty big fight and stuff on fire."

Last month police helped Campus Safety break up another party in the quad.

In spite of this, Brewer said,

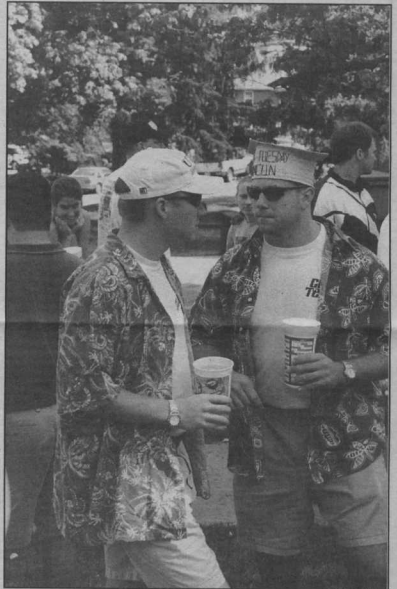
"Our relationship with the college has been good. I don't see problems in the future. I really don't."

Students were visibly distressed by the situation this weekend. Many of the seniors were particularly upset that their last Spring Fling was ruined in this way. Alumni were also angered and threatened to not support the college as a result of the way things were handled.

Barry Blauvelt, a WMC grad of 1996 who attended the event, said, "I support the football team and athletics in general but when it comes to other stuff, I can't see myself donating money, giving money to the school."

Many students expressed confusion as to why their party was broken up. "We disposed of the alcohol when we were told to," said first-year student J.B. Nassif. "But we should have the right to be here."

"If students had been playing frisbee it would have been fine," said Webster. "If three hundred students could gather and not drink excessively it would be a great thing."



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Summer MOVIE PREVIEWS

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO THIS SUMMER

Well, I have a pretty good idea. Summer is the number one season for huge blockbuster films and this summer offers up some sure fire Hollywood entertainment. Let's take a look at just a small sampling of some major releases for the biggest season of the film year. Keep in mind that dates are subject to change.

By Alex (Woo) Malloy

Deep Impact

Stars: Morgan Freeman, Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni, and Elijah Wood

Directed by: Mimi Leder (The Peacemaker)

Story: Attention, people of Earth: The clock is ticking after a young astronomy enthusiast (Wood) discovers that a killer comet is about to roll over our little blue planet, the government starts preparing a secret bunker so that some of humanity can be saved. But when a nosy reporter (Leoni) uncovers the project, the president (Freeman) is forced to break the bad news to the world. The ensuing panic is nothing compared to the real Armageddon ahead.

Release Date: May 8

The Quest for Camelot

Stars: the voices of Jessalyn Gilsig, Cary Elwes, Gary Oldman, Jane Seymour, Pierce Bronson, Gabriel Byrne, and Sir John Gielgud

Directed by: Frederik Du Chau

Story: Kayley (Gilsig) and her blind friend Garrett (Elwes) embark on a quest to rescue Kayley's kidnapped mother Lady Julianna (Seymour) and stop the evil Ruber (Oldman) from stealing King Arthur's (Bronson) magical sword Excalibur. With the help of Merlin (Gielgud) the youngsters risk their lives as they fight to save Camelot and their king.

Release Date: May 15

Godzilla

Stars: Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno, Hank Azaria, and Harry Shearer

Directed by: Roland Emmerich (Independence Day)

Story: Who's afraid of the big, bad ass lizard? Well, just about everyone should be when the oversized mutant invades Manhattan. But there's an even bigger problem: The creature has laid scores of eggs. If they hatch, more than 100 babyzillas will roam free and you can kiss North America goodbye.

Release Date: May 22

Mulan

Stars: the voices of Ming Na Wen and Eddie Murphy

Directed by: Barry Cook and Tony Bancroft

Story: Disney turns to the Far East for the story of its 36th full length animated film. When China is invaded by the Hun army, Mulan (Wen) takes her father's conscription notice, disguises herself as a man, and joins her country's army. Helping her in the task of bringing victory to China and honor to her family is her guardian dragon Mushu (Murphy, in the Robin Williams ala Aladdin role).

Release Date: June 19

The Truman Show

Stars: Jim Carrey and Ed Harris

Directed by: Peter Weir (Dead Poets Society)

Story: The plot puts a kooky media age twist on old fashioned paranoia. Truman Burbank (Carrey) thinks he's a normal guy living a normal life in a normal town. What he doesn't know is that nothing about his world is normal. He's actually the star of the most popular show on the planet, a 24 hour a day "documentary soap opera" about his life. Everyone he knows-from family members to childhood chums to girlfriends to acquaintances-are really actors. When Burbank discovers the truth, he vows to escape and start living a real life.

Release Date: June 5

Six Days and Seven Nights

Stars: Harrison Ford and Anne Heache

Directed by: Ivan Reitman

Story: A New York magazine editor, Robin Monroe (Heache) is on vacation in the tropics, when a sudden deadline forces her to go to Tahiti. She ends up bribing a gruff cargo pilot Quinn Harris (Ford) to fly her there. When the plane is forced down in a storm and the mismatched duo are stuck on a deserted island-surprise!-romance and adventure ensue.

Release Date: June 12

The X-Files Movie

Stars: David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, William B. Davis, and Martin Landau

Directed by: Rob Bowman

Story: This film's plot has got more protection than Fort Knox. What little is known is a terrorist bombing sends special agents Mulder (Duchovny) and Scully (Anderson) to Dallas to investigate. Once there some of the biggest questions surrounding the highest show on television will be answered. For example is Mulder's real father the Cancer Man (Davis), what's the deal with that creepy black oil and those darn killer bees, and will Mulder and Scully, after years of flirting, finally share a shower scene together?

Release Date: June 19

Out of Sight

Stars: George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez, Ving Rhames, Don Cheadle, and Albert Brooks

Directed by: Steven Soderbergh

Story: After escaping from prison, con Jack Foley (Clooney) has no intention of resuming his life behind bars. So when Federal Marshal Karen Sisco (Lopez) catches up to him, he turns the tables and takes her prisoner. The more time the two spend together, the more determined Sisco becomes to get Foley...into bed. Expect another offbeat comedy in the vein of Get Shorty. Like that film, Out of Sight, is based on an Elmore Leonard novel.

Release Date: June 26

Dr. Dolittle

Star: Eddie Murphy

Directed by: Betty Thomas (Private Parts)

Story: The film features Murphy as a modern day doctor who as a child suppressed an ability to understand animals. Years later, the successful doctor barely misses hitting a dog, while driving home. When the pooch turns around and gives Dolittle a piece of his mind, the doctor's dormant talents come back to life. Murphy's Dolittle will probably be as far away from Rex Harrison as his nutty professor was from Jerry Lewis.

Release Date: June 26

Armageddon

Stars: Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, and Steve Buscemi

Directed by: Michael Bay (Bad Boys and The Rock)

Story: Heads up! An asteroid the size of Texas is hurtling towards Earth, so NASA does the logical thing and launches a group of oil riggers (led by Willis) into space, so they can drill into and nuke the big rock before it makes its deep impact. Never before has one studio summer film had more indie credibility than Thornton, Affleck, and Buscemi.

Release Date: July 3

Lethal Weapon 4

Stars: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Renée Russo, Joe Pesci, and Chris Rock

Directed by: Richard Donner (Lethal Weapon 1, 2, and 3)

Story: The fourth installment finds partners Riggs (Gibson) and Murtagh (Glover) battling the Asian gang known as the Triads. Cop Laura Cole (Russo) will be possibly pregnant with Riggs' child and Murtagh will be awaiting his first grandchild thanks to series newcomer Chris Rock.

Release Date: July 10

The Mask of Zorro

Stars: Antonio Banderas and Anthony Hopkins

Directed by: Martin Campbell (Golden Eye)

Story: Don Diego de la Vega (Hopkins) was once the swashbuckling Mexican Robin Hood known as Zorro. But he's spent the last 20 years imprisoned, locked away by the same man who murdered his wife and kidnapped his daughter. When his enemy returns, de la Vega escapes from jail, only to realize he can no longer act as his heroic alter ego. Instead, he passes the sword to a bandit named Alejandro Murriet (Banderas), who must ultimately save the day.

Release Date: July 24

Saving Private Ryan

Stars: Tom Hanks, Matt Damon, Ed Burns, and Tom Sizemore

Directed by: Steven Spielberg

Story: As Allied forces converge on Normandy's beaches, Capt. John Miller (Hanks) and his squad go deep into France to find paratrooper James Ryan (Damon), who is trapped behind enemy lines. However, it's more public relations than mercy mission- Washington ordered the rescue because Ryan's three older brothers were all killed during the invasion's first wave. As Miller's men risk their lives to save Ryan, they start to question why the private's life is worth more than their own.

Release Date: July 24

The Avengers

Stars: Ray Fiennes, Uma Thurman, and Sean Connery

Directed by: Jeremiah Chechik

Story: Ultra sophisticated T.V. crimefighters John Steed and Emma Peel are brought to life on the big screen courtesy of Fiennes and Thurman. Their mission, if they choose to accept it, save the world from a criminal mastermind (Connery) who has gained total control over the planet's weather.

Release Date: August 14

Virus

Stars: Jamie Lee Curtis, William Baldwin, and Donald Sutherland

Directed by: John Bruno

Story: Curtis plays the leader of a crew on board a commercial towing vessel, trapped in a hurricane, who board a research barge floating adrift in the eye of the storm. The team soon discovers that ship isn't as deserted as it seems. A very evil entity is living inside the mechanical and electrical systems of the boat and it's got a big plan-destroying all human life.

Release Date: August 14

ALL RELEASE DATES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Impressive showings, records broken at CC track champs

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Managing Editor

Western Maryland's women placed fifth and the Green Terror men sixth in the nine-team Centennial Conference Championships, a two day event which took place this weekend at Haverford College.

WMC finished the first day of the competition with the men in eighth place out of nine teams while the Green Terror women held ninth, but both teams managed to advance

their positions before the completion of the tournament.

Leading the way for the Green Terror women were Kerry Wilson and

ing her own school record of 59.95 seconds in the 400-meter run by posting a time of 59.75 seconds. Wilson also won her heat of the

Day Two Wilson set a new Centennial Championship meet record and an NCAA Provisional Qualifying mark of 14.95 seconds in winning the 100-meter hurdles. The sophomore from Elkton, Md. also finished third in the 400-meter run.

Wilson also was a member of the 4x100-meter relay unit, which also lowered the school and record to 49.79 seconds in finishing second only .13 second off of Swarthmore's entry, which set a new meet record. She teamed with Jenny Spahr, Jamie Falcone and Aleya Horn.

within striking distance of the three competitors who bested her by less than half of a second.

The men were led by Junior Gavin DeFreitas who was second in the 200-meter dash and in the 400-meter run.

WMC's 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay teams also placed second for the Green Terror.

On the first day of the championships, DeFreitas won his heats in the 200 and 400 meter runs posting times of 23.11 seconds and 50.51 seconds.

On Saturday, Freshman Dave

DeFreitas won his heats in the 200 and 400 meter runs posting times of 23.11 seconds and 50.51 seconds.

Chorman also was a member of the second place 4x400-meter relay unit, which also lowered the school and record to 4:06.43 seconds. She teamed with Dana Fraser, Wilson, and Horn.

Chorman claimed first in the 800-meter run with a school-record time of 2:17.66. She chopped a remarkable 5.15 seconds off of the record that she set April 25 at the Dickinson College Invitational.

The previous day, Chorman won her heat of the 800-meter run with a 2:24.79 seconds and is

McConky placed second in the triple jump at 44 feet, 9-1/2 inches.

McConky was out jumped by David Rakoff of Haverford who set a new Centennial Championship meet record and NCAA qualifying mark of 46 feet, 10-1/4 inches.

The 4x100 team was made up of Richard Smith, Chris Hydorn, Jeff Groff and DeFreitas, while the 4x400 team was made up of the same participants except for Darren Wolf replacing Groff.

Freshman Ron Filipowicz placed third in the Discus Throw.

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The Green Terror Scoreboard

SOFTBALL

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Muhlenberg - 10-1 - W - 11-5
 Muhlenberg - 4-1 - W - 12-5
 York - 17-5 - W - 13-5
 York - 11-5 - W - 14-5
 Dickinson - 6-3 - W - 15-5
 Dickinson - 0-1 - L - 15-6
 Ursinus - 7-4 - W - 16-6
 Ursinus - 11-3 - W - 17-6
 Catholic - 9-0 - W - 18-6
 Catholic - 14-1 - W - 19-6
 Elizabethtown - 3-5 - L - 19-7
 Elizabethtown - 9-7 - W - 20-7
 Gettysburg - 9-1 - W - 21-7
 Gettysburg - 5-0 - W - 22-7
 Swarthmore - 6-2 - W - 23-7
 Swarthmore - 13-4 - W - 24-7
 Susquehanna - 8-22 - W - 25-7

Hitting

Name - Position - R - RBI - Bat. Avg.

Julie Backof, 2b - 43 - 44 - .470
 January Scott, ss - 38 - 33 - .450
 Stephanie Bell, dp - 36 - 20 - .447
 Gina Hughes, 3b - 22 - 29 - .438
 Kari Thompson, cf - 24 - 19 - .394
 Courtney Wunderlich, c - 99 - 18 - .333
 Stacy Seward, 1b - 33 - 20 - .330
 Lauren Henry, 1f - 22 - 19 - .321
 Jacie Mathias, rf - 16 - 19 - .289
 Julie Develin, c-dp - 13 - 6 - .217

Records

25-7 Overall
 14-2 Centennial
 12-2 Home
 9-5 Away
 4-0 Neutral

BASEBALL

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Washington - 1-9 - L - 6-8
 Washington - 9-3 - W - 7-8
 F&M - 3-1 (8 innings) - W - 8-8
 F&M - 1-2 - L - 8-9
 Gettysburg - 5-8 - L - 8-10
 Gettysburg - 14-5 - W - 9-10
 Haverford - 3-6 - L - 9-11
 Haverford - 5-4 - W - 10-11
 Dickinson - 1-9 - L - 10-12
 Dickinson - 8-4 - W - 11-12
 Ursinus - 1-8 - L - 11-13
 Ursinus - 6-3 - W - 12-13
 Lebanon Valley - 13-6 - W - 13-13
 Messiah - 2-4 - L - 13-14

Records

13-14 Overall
 9-9 Centennial
 5-3 Home
 4-7 Away
 3-3 Neutral

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Gettysburg - 13-12 - W - 6-3
 Notre Dame, MD - 21-5 - W - 7-3
 Bryn Mawr - 17-3 - W - 8-3
 Johns Hopkins - 7-15 - L - 8-4
 Swarthmore - 8-9 - L - 8-5
 Haverford - 6-12 - L - 8-6
 Susquehanna - 16-7 - W - 9-6

Scoring

Player - Goals - Assists - Pts.

Courtney Boden - 53 - 26 - 79
 Meaghan Giron - 45 - 11 - 56
 Natalie Hannibal - 34 - 8 - 38
 Amy Bittinger - 16 - 13 - 29
 Amy North - 17 - 4 - 21
 Stacey O'Brien - 15 - 5 - 20
 Shannon Benson - 12 - 0 - 12
 Kristin Miller - 6 - 1 - 7
 Nicole Interior - 5 - 2 - 7

Goal Tending

Player - Saves - Allw'd - Save %

Amanda Rose - 175 - 130 - .573

Records

9-6 Overall
 5-5 Centennial
 4-4 Home
 5-2 Away

MEN'S LACROSSE

Game Results

Opponent - Score - W/L - Record

Haverford - 18-9 - W - 3-6
 Washington & Lee - 6-16 - L - 3-7
 F&M - 9-10 - L - 3-8
 Dickinson - 19-4 - W - 4-8
 Randolph-Macon - 13-9 - W - 5-8
 Washington - 8-18 - L - 5-9

Scoring

Player - Goals - Assists - Pts

Mike Sargent - 32 - 30 - 62
 Rob Witte - 40 - 15 - 55
 Bo Schrott - 30 - 21 - 51
 Charlie Heinzer - 18 - 5 - 23
 Jeremy Kober - 13 - 7 - 20
 Brent Sweeney - 10 - 9 - 19
 Anthony Burgos - 8 - 0 - 8
 Jason Goodman - 4 - 3 - 7
 Tom Caldwell - 4 - 0 - 4

Goal Tending

Player - Allw'd - Save %

Brian Nottingham - 102 - 997 - .512
 Ed Swinestek - 62 - 68 - .476
 Adam Gresiek - 8 - 11 - .421

Records

5-9 Overall
 3-3 Centennial
 4-3 Home
 1-4 Away
 0-2 Neutral

Men's tennis closes '98 season with room for improvement

WMC's men's tennis team finished out the season with a 1-12, 0-8 record, counting their first win of the season as one of the final games.

The Terror triumph came against Villa Julie on April 13.

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Juniors Kevin Klunk and Colin Forman, senior Sandor Zwack and freshman Mark Weider all posted the two sets to none wins for the Green Terror.

Forman upped his record to 3-1, and Weider blanked Don Kesner 6-0, 6-0 at fifth singles.

The Terror men also won the doubles team point, when Dan Powell and David Szepesi beat Kesner and Brad Friedel 8-4 and Weider and Zoltan Menyhart won by forfeit.

The April 15 Centennial Conference matches against Gettysburg (7-3, 4-2) resulted in a 7-0 loss for WMC.

Gettysburg's Brian Cutter blanked Menyhart 6-0, 6-0 in the first singles match. Menyhart and Powell were also defeated 8-1 at first doubles.

The Bullets won all six singles matches in straight sets.

Unfortunately the Terror men couldn't end the season with a win; Western Maryland finished its dual-match season on Wednesday, April 22 with a 6-1 Centennial Conference loss at home to Dickinson (4-7, 2-6).

Zwack provided the Green Terror with its point, winning his third match of the season by a 6-4, 6-2 count in the fourth singles spot.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Three Terrors make all-conference softball team

Conference title claimed for first time in five years, now WMC players make first team

WMC, which claimed the conference title outright for the first time in five years, placed three players on the 1998 All Centennial Conference softball first team which was announced today.

Senior second baseman Julie Backof (Westminster, MD/Westminster) was a unanimous choice as a first-team selection for the second year in a row.

She also had the honor of being named the Conference's Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Backof, one of only two four-time All-CC first-teamers, hit at a .444 clip in the CC this year with three doubles, five home runs and 11 RBI.

Junior shortstop January Scott (Chesapeake City, MD/Bohemia Manor) and senior third baseman Gina Hughes (Finksburg, MD/Westminster) join Backof on the first team.

Scott had the hottest bat in the league with a .613 average, including five doubles, two triples and 16 ribbies.

Hughes hit .412 with seven doubles, two home runs and 16 RBI.

Courtesy of Sports Information

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Dix is in his 10th season as Western Maryland's head coach. He has directed the Green Terror to three Centennial crowns in the five-year history of the conference, and also won Middle Atlantic Conference championship in 1993. Dix's current career record is 171-79-1.

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The Green Terror did most of its damage in a six-run second inning. Freshman shortstop Mike Wolfe slammed a two-run triple, and Miller and Steigerwalt added RBI doubles.

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Art Editor

She really enjoys the sport and chose to pitch because she can practice on her own time. "It's good

Kim Ruprecht

"We have really good chemistry," she observed. "To pitch on a team when you know you have people behind you builds [your] confidence up and you just know

Drive and desire must work for the bright-eyed, cheery driller, whose favorite pitch is the screw-

"I miss batting tremendously," she admitted. "This year we got obviously better hitters in. It hurts me to be out of the line-up, but it helps the team, and whatever helps the team is fine."

Ruprecht foresees the consequences of a team loss next year. "Being a junior this year, I'm losing three seniors [Julie Backof, Gina Hughes, and Kari Thompson] who really meant a lot to me and the team. So, that's going to be really hard next year to lose players that I looked up to. It's going to be a huge loss."

Fuchs had a perfect game

The Green Terror (13-14) out-hit Messiah 12-7, but a pair of unearned runs lifted the Falcons (13-

The game was the season finale for the Green Terror.

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13-14 record for Terror Baseball

BY ERIN HOWARD
Assistant News Editor

Ending the season with a 13-14 record, the young WMC baseball team is expecting to improve on their record next season. They went 6-7 in the Centennial Conference.

WMC was defeated 8-5 at a Centennial Conference game against Gettysburg on April 14.

Gettysburg's Chris Lunardi had three singles to finish the game four for four with two runs scored and the three runs batted in. He singled and scored in the third, when Gettysburg added three runs to take a 7-2 lead.

Brett Thorp also reached base four times with two runs scored for the Bullets. Mike Marino had three singles for WMC, which also received four innings of shutout relief from left-hander Kevin Culley.

However, the April 17 home game against Gettysburg proved to be a different story as the Terror defeated Gettysburg 14-5.

Freshman catcher Rich Steigwalt had five hits and classmate Albert Pero added four to lead Western Maryland (9-10, 6-6) over Gettysburg (13-12, 4-8) 14-5 in the Centennial Conference game.

Steigwalt, who had Western Maryland's only extra-base hits of the game with a pair of doubles, entered the contest with just five hits on the season.

Pero reached base on all five at-bats with four singles and a walk. He scored three times and also drove in three runs.

Sophomore right-hander Barrett Gugliotta pitched six innings to take the team lead in wins with his fourth in five decisions. The Green Terror staked him to a 7-1 lead after three innings.

Sophomore second baseman Kevin Grimm went four-for-four for Gettysburg, which crept back to within 8-4 before Western Maryland's sixth run in the bottom of the eighth.

WMC won the second game in a Centennial Conference double header against Haverford on April 18. Brian Miller and Ryan Legge hit back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning of the second game to lift Western Maryland over Haverford 5-4.

1998 All-Centennial Conference Women's Tennis Teams

Congratulations to the following Green Terror women for making:

*First Team Singles - Lara Henderson
First Team Doubles - Kim Keller
Second Team Singles - Alethea Desrosiers*

The roundtrippers gave Western Maryland (10-11, 7-7) a 5-3 lead. The Green Terror tied the game at 3-3 in the fifth on a sacrifice fly by Steigwalt and a solo homer by Gugliotta.

by Jeremy Berman. The Fords jumped out had its first loss of the year on April 15, when Gettysburg (15-2, 7-1) won all six singles matches, defeating the Green Terror 6-3 in a Centennial Conference match.

Still, WMC finished 13-2 overall and 8-2 in the conference to finish in a second-place tie with Gettysburg in the 11-team league. It marks the first time a Western Maryland women's tennis team reached double figures in wins.

Freshman shortstop Mike Wolfe added a two-run triple later in the fourth, as the Green Terror scored four times in the inning.

Culley earned his first win of the season after allowing just one run and three hits in four innings of relief.

Haverford won the opener 6-3 behind a complete-game six-hitter

sophomore Will Cooper fired a complete-game six-hitter, leading Dickinson (15-10, 10-5) over Western Maryland (10-12, 7-8) 9-1 in a Centennial Conference game.

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Softball gets bid to NCAA playoffs

BY KEVIN CULLEY
Contributing Writer

The Western Maryland College softball team has received its first bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs in the 17-year history of the tournament. The Green Terror will be one of five teams playing in the East Regional, beginning May 7 at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa.

17. Western Maryland earned its invitation after the best regular season in the College's 18-year varsity softball history. The Green Terror won 25 of 32 games, surpassing the previous record of 22 victories in 1996 (22-7-1), and won the Centennial Conference (CC) championship with a 14-2 mark.

Dix's squad features a power-

Western Maryland earned its invitation after the best regular season in the College's 18-year varsity softball history.

The tournament includes 40-teams nationwide.

Head Coach George Dix's team will face Moravian College in its first game today at 11 a.m. The double-elimination tournament, one of eight such tournaments taking place this coming weekend, will continue through May 10th. Western Maryland is the fifth seeded team behind top seeded host Messiah, North Carolina Wesleyan, Chowan (N.C.) and Moravian.

The winners of the eight regional tournaments will advance to the Division III College World Series in Salem, Va., May 14 through

ful offense, led by senior Division III All-America second baseman Julie Backoff of Westminster. Backoff has slugged 11 home runs, 9 doubles and 6 triples. She compiled 47 hits in 100 official at-bats, drove in 44 runs, has a slugging percentage of 1.010, and made just three errors in 135 chances.

The team's other two seniors, third baseman Gina Hughes of Westminster and center-fielder Karl Thompson of Linthicum, Md. (Archbishop Spalding H.S.), also are having excellent seasons. Hughes is batting .438 with 10 doubles, one triple and three hom-

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Women's tennis closes out season with split at championships

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Managing Editor

The Green Terror women's tennis team had its first loss of the year on April 15, when Gettysburg (15-2, 7-1) won all six singles matches, defeating the Green Terror 6-3 in a Centennial Conference match.

Still, WMC finished 13-2 overall and 8-2 in the conference to finish in a second-place tie with Gettysburg in the 11-team league. It marks the first time a Western Maryland women's tennis team reached double figures in wins.

Western Maryland jumped out to a 3-0 lead on April 15, after sweeping the doubles play. The Bullets recovered with its singles sweep to leave Franklin & Marshall as the only undefeated team in the Centennial.

Sophomore Lara Henderson and senior Kim Keller remained perfect at first doubles for Western Maryland at 10-0 with an 8-6 win over Gettysburg's Masako Yoshida and Tara Schmitt.

Two days later, WMC bounced

back from its first loss of the year with a commanding 8-1 non-conference win over the College of Notre Dame (6-3).

The Green Terror won all three doubles matches and the top five singles spots.

Freshman Alethea Desrosiers and junior Amy Sheridan pushed their singles records to 11-1, but in very different fashions. Desrosiers lost just two games in a 6-1, 6-1 win over Christina Chapelsky, while Sheridan had to capture two tie breakers in a 7-6, 1-6, 7-6 victory over Nancy Bernstein.

With a 12-1, 7-1 at that point, WMC kept itself alive in the next match against Bryn Mawr, for a share of the Centennial Conference title with an 8-1 win.

The Green Terror hosted Franklin & Marshall Monday April 20. Unfortunately, Western Maryland was denied in its bid for a share of the Centennial Conference title, as Franklin & Marshall won its second straight championship with an 8-1 victory.

F&M's Katie Rouff and Leah Rubin edged Henderson and Keller in the first spot 9-8, handing the Green Terror pair its first loss of the season after 17 triumphs and snapping its 17-match winning streak.

At second doubles, Diplomats Carrie Bruno and Brianne O'Laughlin remained unbeaten on their career at 21-0 with a 9-7 squeaker over Desrosiers and Sheridan. The duo entered the match with a 12-1 mark.

Henderson earned WMC's lone point by coming from behind to beat Rouff 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 at number one.

Lady Terror tennis then went on to conclude its most successful dual-match season in school history with a 9-0 Centennial Conference with a bang, a shutout at Dickinson (5-10, 4-6).

The first doubles team of Henderson and Keller bounced back

from its loss to Franklin & Marshall by routing Liz Eukers and Christin Meehan 8-1.

Henderson and Keller, who were at this point 12-1 in 1998 and 22-3 in their career, began defense of their 1997 Centennial championship at the conference's singles and doubles tournaments, which began Friday, April 24 at Franklin & Marshall College.

ers. Thompson, the team's leadoff hitter, is hitting .394 with 10 doubles, two triples and one homer. Defensively she handled 53 chances in center without making an error.

The Green Terror offense, which averaged 7.1 runs per game, also includes junior shortstop January Scott of Chesapeake City, Md.

(Bohemia Manor H.S.), and freshman designated player Stephanie Bell of Federalburg, Md. (Colonel Richardson H.S.). Scott brings her .450 batting average and team high 49 hits into the Regionals. Of her 49 hits, 14 were doubles and four were triples.

Bell has had a strong first collegiate season, hitting .447 with seven doubles, one triple and two roundtrippers.

Dix has spread out the pitching duties among four underclassmen—junior Kim Ruprecht of Clarksville, Md. (Atholton H.S.),

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