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Reappointments passed at Trustees meeting

By Leslie Gold
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Board of Trustees Tuesday reappointed faculty, staff,

librarians and management; gave President Arnold Speert a raise; swore in the board's newest member, voting Student Representative Robert Ortense, and passed several financial resolutions.

All seats (approximately 50) in the meeting room were filled by students and faculty as the board heard reports from Speert, the Education Policy Committee, Minority Affairs Committee, Personnel Committee and Finance Committee.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS
The Personnel Committee

presented five resolutions; the board passed all of them.

After much discussion between trustees and audience members, the board passed a resolution to reappoint faculty members for the academic year 1992-93. Speert must send appropriate notification to faculty members.

The board also passed resolutions to reappoint library staff, managerial staff and professional staff members for the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. Again, Speert must send appropriate notification.

The board also passed a

\$9,500 raise for Speert, bringing his salary to \$103,000 per year.

MINORITY AFFAIRS REPORT

Chair Clarice Jackson presented the minority affairs report, saying the committee was "not pleased" with the contents of a report compiled by the Office of Enrollment Management. The report showed that the amount of minority students enrolled at WPC has decreased in the past year.

The amount of African-American students enrolled decreased by 10 this semester; 38
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(Photo by Michael Fanta)

Peter Spiridon, vice president of Administration and Finance (standing in background) addresses Board of Trustees. Seated at left are President Arnold Speert and Board Chairperson Henry Pruitt.

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Union protest stops dorm site preparation

By Lorraine Hanley
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Protests by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825 stopped work at the construction site for the new dormitories on Tuesday. The new dormitories are called for in the college's Master Plan to expand campus facilities.

The union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

Protesters allege that Matton Inc., the non-union company preparing the site for the new dormitories, is taking contracts away from union shops.

During the protest, approximately \$4,000 of Matton Inc.'s equipment was damaged, said Vincent Rullo, the father of one of the owners of Matton Inc. Damage includes six flat tires, four broken windows, contaminated fuel, dents on several sides of a car and a stink bomb thrown into the on-site trail.

Matton Inc. claims that, under the Davis-Bacon Act, the union workers have no right to protest, Rullo said. The legislation states that union and non-union contractors can bid on the same job. Provided the non-union contractor pays the prevailing wage rate, they can have the job. The company does not believe it should be forced to hire union workers.

"Why should I have an

agreement?," Rullo asked.

"They are a non-profit organization, probably from out of state, who are paying what they want," said one of the protestors, who wished to be identified only as "Jack." "They aren't paying into the union. If he wants to hire his son, cousins, whatever, let him, but he wants to put the money in his own pocket, not to the working man. They should hire us, but they won't pay the wages. We aren't asking him to hire twenty guys and go bankrupt. We just want a couple of guys put on."

"It's bullshit," said Harry Morgan, on-site foreman. "Nobody has a right to tell anyone else to work. Do we stop people from going to school because they're from a different state?"

The protestors said they will remain at the site until an agreement has been negotiated.

"I have a daughter in this school," said John Daly, a union member. "How can I pay her tuition if I can't work?"

Damage to the company's equipment is one of the hold-ups in the negotiations, Rullo said. Although an official statement has not yet been made, Rullo believes it was the union workers who destroyed the property.

"Boys break windows, not men," he said. "Men talk to each other and that's how we

solve things. If the United States wants to solve things in other countries, we don't bomb it. We talk about it."

Although both parties have been negotiating, no agreements have been reached.

"If I deal with someone who is willing to negotiate, I feel the dispute will be settled soon," said one of the company owners. "However, it will not be resolved until the damage is repaired."

"At this point the matter is between the two companies," said Director of College Relations Richard Nirenberg. "It

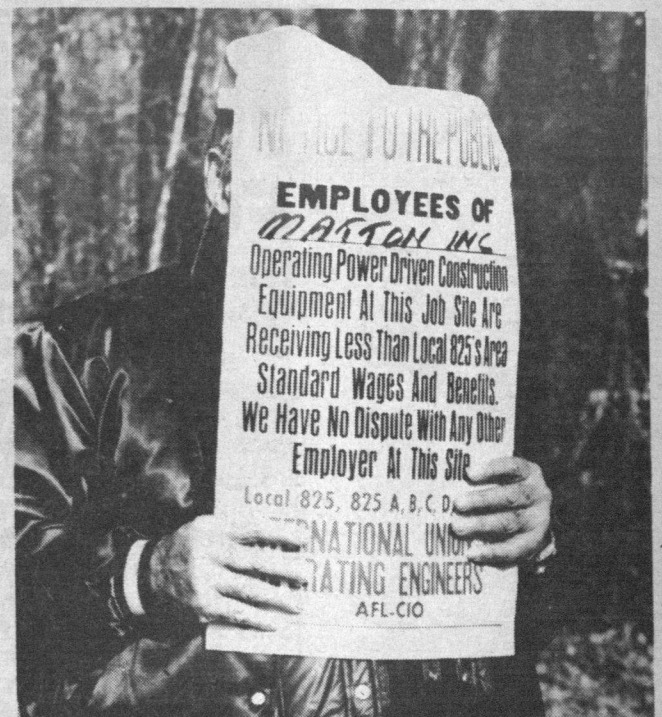
does not involve the college.

Certainly at this point we hope that the work will be finished on schedule."

"Hopefully that activity (protest) will have a short life," said Vice President of Administration and Finance Peter Spiridon, speaking at Tuesday night's Board of Trustees meeting. "That activity is not directed at the institution, but the contractor."

The protest was still being held on Thursday.

Matton Inc.'s completion deadline is Nov. 18, 1992.



(Photo by Maria Bianchi)

Anonymous union protester holds up picket sign.

CAMPUS EVENTS

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Catholic Campus Ministry Club—Teach at North Jersey Development Center in Totowa. Meet at CCMCenter, Gate 1 at 7 p.m. For more info call Debbie at 595-6184.

Wednesday

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Future

Catholic Campus Ministry Club—Christmas Eve Mass at 7:30 p.m. Convent station at St. Elizabeth's. For more info call Father Lou at 595-6185.

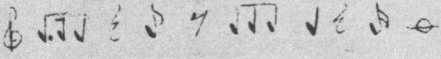
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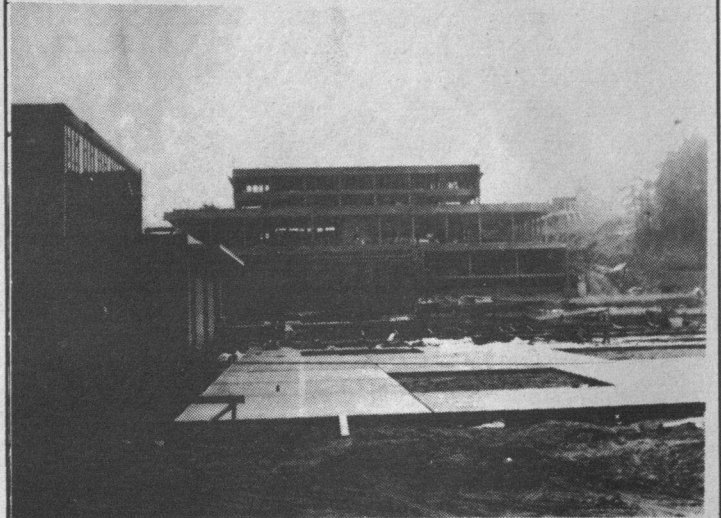
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Construction is not a new phenomenon at WPC. This is the skeleton of the Student Center as it was being built in 1974.

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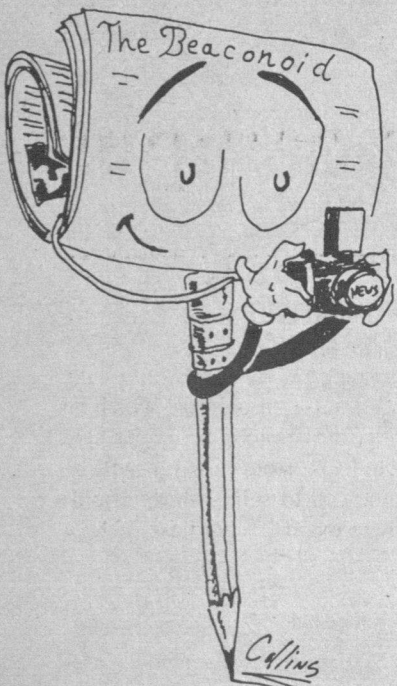
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Donkey ball forbidden on campus

By Andrew Scott
NEWS EDITOR

Events similar to the donkey basketball game held by Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity will no longer be allowed held at WPC, states a letter, dated Dec. 9, sent to the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance (NJARA) by President Arnold Speert.

The fraternity held the donkey basketball game on Nov. 19 as a service project to raise money for the Dec. 8 SGA Children's Holiday Party, said Alpha Sigma Phi member Ray Hutchinson. Students, non-students, NJARA members and members of the Student Mobilization Committee protested the event, saying it constituted cruelty to animals.

The letter states: "In addition to the information you (NJARA) provided from the Humane Society of the United States, we also have solicited opinions from the American Humane Association and the World Society for the Protection of Animals. The opinions of these groups are consistent and for this reason we will not permit similar events to be held on this campus in the future."

Hutchinson received a copy of the letter on Thursday and showed it to Michael Dayton, president of Alpha Sigma Phi, he said.

Dayton and Hutchinson said they are upset at the fact that Speert did not bother to get the fraternity's opinion regarding the matter before sending the letter.

"As long as I'm president, we (Alpha Sigma Phi) will not

hold another event like donkey basketball," Dayton said. "But President Speert didn't bother to get our side of the story, so we're going to send him information on donkey basketball."

This information supports

the idea that the donkey basketball game did not constitute cruelty to animals, Dayton said.

The information consists of:

1. letters to the Buckeye Donkey Ball Company, which pro-

vided the donkeys for the game
2. an editorial Hutchinson wrote to **The Beacon** defending donkey basketball
3. a newspaper article saying the Buckeye Donkey Ball Company does not mistreat its

animals
4. a letter and petition to the United States Congress, from an organization called Putting People First, both denouncing the actions of animal rights activists.

Trustees pass resolution, accept audit of WPC

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new African-American students enrolled this fall as opposed to 48 last fall, Jackson said. The college's Asian population is 33 students and the Hispanic population is 116 students.

"We need to get more African-American and Asian students" enrolled at WPC, Jackson said.

EDUCATION POLICY REPORT

The Education Policy Committee presented a resolution to change the name of the Department of Health Science to the Department of Community Health. Chair Art Bennett explained the change was made because most health science majors work in community health fields; therefore, the new name will attract more students. The resolution passed unanimously.

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

Bob Taylor, Finance Committee chair, announced that KPMG Peat Marwick, the international accounting firm responsible for auditing WPC, had completed a "complimentary" audit of the school this year. The board passed a resolution to accept the audit and

Peat Marwick's suggestions. Taylor did not say what those suggestions were.

"The meeting of the Finance Committee with the auditors was long," Taylor said. "We asked many questions and are satisfied."

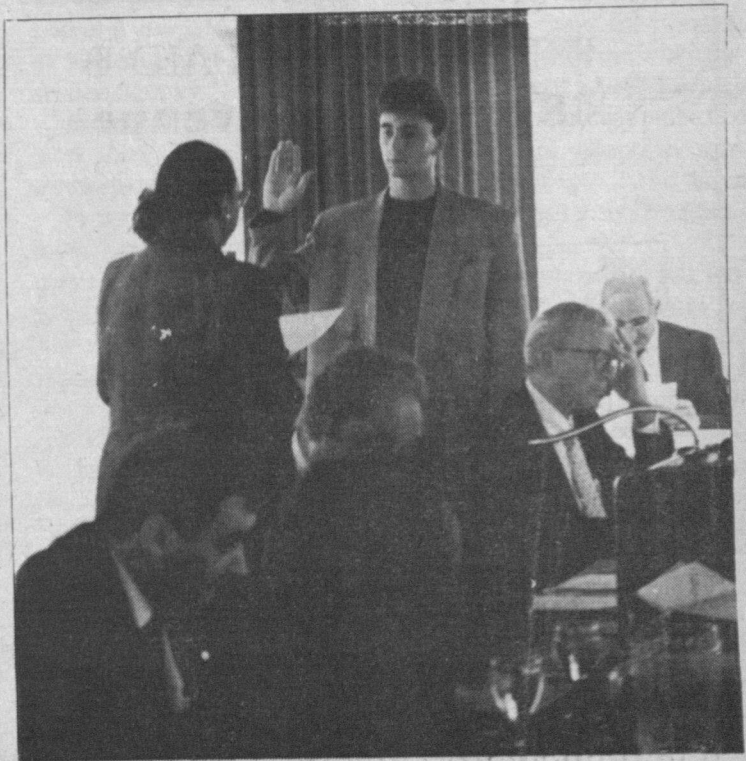
A professor who attended that meeting said he also asked questions and was satisfied with the answers.

The Finance Committee also decided to waive bids for certain services; the college won't put certain contracts out for public bid because there are factors other than price concerned. When a company goes out for public bid, it has to accept the lowest bid available.

Some professional services require factors other than price in choosing, Taylor said. The college uses bid waivers in situations where a number of factors plus the lowest price make choosing a particular contractor most effective.

"It's not a unilateral selection of one firm out of the blue," Taylor said. "We did compare to others."

Vice President of Administration and Finance Peter Spiridon announced that the college



Rob Ortense is sworn in as voting student representative to Board of Trustees
(Photo by Michael Fantau)

actively seeks minority- and women-run firms for some contracts.

"Minority firms did the police station and the snack building by Wightman Field," Spiridon said. "We will select a women's firm for buildings in the future."

Trustees passed a resolution

for the college to assume any contracts entered into by the Foundation. This was a formality, as the college officially took over the Foundation last July 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

The atmosphere at the meeting, held in Ben Shahn's East
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Taffetas chosen to take part in theater festival

By Michael Koenen
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The WPC production of the play, *The Taffetas*, was selected to attend the American College Theater Festival (ACTF) Jan. 14 to Jan. 18, 1992, at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., said Martin Kutney, the play's director and choreographer.

The ACTF is an event in which five plays, produced at different colleges, compete, Kutney said. These five plays are chosen out of 150 college productions nominated from a five-state region. The winner of the ACTF goes to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. to compete with plays from other regions for the position of national winner.

The Taffetas is a musical about a singing group of four sisters from Muncie, Ind., that appears on a live broadcast of a

'50s television show called "Spotlight on Music," Kutney said.

The sisters are played by

Kimberly Hamer, Colleen Kelleher, Kimberly Evans and Karen Asconi.

The Taffetas perform songs

such as "Mr. Sandman," "The Three Bells," "Where The Boys Are," "Mockingbird Hill"
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T-shirts no longer censored on campus

The college announced Thursday it would allow T-shirts with controversial slogans to be sold on campus in opposition of censorship.

The announcement is the outcome of a dispute that began in May when Robert Syvarth, president of the Music Entertainment Industry Students Association (MEISA), submitted a T-shirt design for approval to the Springfest Planning Committee and Sue Locklin, director of Student Development.

The slogan on the T-shirt read "Fuck C*ns*rsh*p." Locklin and planning committee members suggested to Syvarth that MEISA tone down that slogan. Syvarth disagreed, saying that using a less offensive slogan would defeat the purpose of voicing opposition to censorship.

Locklin said she and the students on the planning committee felt that using the slogan was not the best way for MEISA to go about achieving their purpose.

When Terrence Ripmaster, history professor, heard MEISA would not be allowed to sell the T-shirts, he contacted the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and told them the situation.

Andrea Harren-Dechenne, ACLU spokeswoman, wrote a letter, dated Sept. 10, to Locklin, criticizing WPC's policy of reviewing T-shirts before allowing them to be sold at campus events. Locklin responded to a second letter from the ACLU, saying the college

planned to make a decision on T-shirts by the end of the year.

Robert Peller, interim dean of students, said the college asked the Attorney General's Office for an opinion, which he received last week. Peller said students, from now on, will be allowed to sell T-shirts at college events, regardless of how offensive their slogans may be.

Syvarth has been allowed this fall to sell the T-shirts as a private individual, not as president of an official student club.

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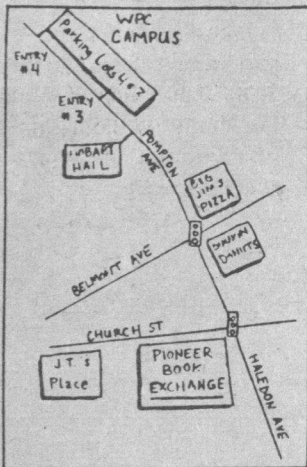
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SPRING FEST!

Demonologists lecture on spirits, tour Hobart Manor

By Sheli Rosa

STAFF WRITER

WPC students got a lesson in the supernatural when demonologists Ed and Lorraine Warren presented a lecture on spirits, followed by a tour of the supposedly haunted Hobart Manor, on Dec. 10. The event was sponsored by the Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB).

The lecture consisted of several stories of cases the Warrens have researched and helped to resolve. The lecture was accompanied by a slide show and tape.

The Warrens gave accounts of cases, mostly in Great Britain and the Connecticut area, which involved werewolves, ghosts, poltergeists, incubus attacks and possessions.

Using photos as a reference point, the Warrens drew distinctions between the behavior patterns of various non-earthly beings. They explained that people who are psychic serve as magnets to spirits.

These spirits are earth-bound, the psychic makeup of people who have not yet accepted their own death, they said. Spirits can project themselves into photographs. They can also draw energy from nearby living creatures and try to make their presence felt in the physical world, either through voices or by appearing as mute figures.

One such spirit is a poltergeist, the Warrens said. Poltergeists manipulate the physical world in a way which is infuriating and frightening for humans. These spirits do this out of confusion, jealousy or anger at the fact that they no longer exist as humans.

Spirits also have the power to possess living beings, the

Warrens said. Possessions happen for a number of reasons, but they involve an entity which has never walked the earth before. It has to be forced out through exorcism. This practice is not only Christian; the Warrens work with clergy from all religions based on love.

Two other kinds of spirit are an incubus and a succubus. Incubuses and succubae are evil, vengeful beings which exist purely to brutalize living victims. They need to be summoned and then exorcised.

The Warrens spoke of the dangers of satanic religion, black magic and the use of a Ouija board for contacting spirits. For example, it was through the use of a Ouija board that a 13-year-old girl in Connecticut was tricked into summoning an incubus, which beat and raped her repeatedly until it was exorcised.

Using slides, the Warrens showed how ghost images appear in photos, how ghosts materialize through mediums and how an incubus can abuse a person. They played a tape of spirits haunting a house in Enfield, England, screeching and babbling while the family ignored them.

Phenomena that signal when a spirit is about to appear in the physical world are a sudden, extreme chill, a putrid smell and a sudden concentration of light into one area.

The Warrens explained that if a spirit approaches a person, the best thing for that person to do is call out to whatever god he/she turns to in bad times and command the spirit to leave.

Not all spirits are of an evil nature, the Warrens said. Some supernatural visits can be considered a gift.

"Each and every one of you has at least one spirit guide, if not more," Ed Warren said.

The Warrens said they had encircled the Science Hall in a "Christlight," an aura of benevolent energy. They said that, if anyone had recorded the lecture, to erase the tapes at once "so you don't take anything home with you."

With the audience thoroughly spooked and curious, the SAPB representatives drew numbers for the eight students who would tour Hobart Manor, spirit-hunting with the clairvoyant Lorraine Warren.

"I looked up at the ceiling and said, 'If you want me there, you'll roll my number,' and mine was the next one to come up," said senior Chuck Meier.

Meier, along with the other seven students, was trembling.

Lorraine Warren and the

tour group entered the well-lit mansion and went up the stairs. Warren stopped and asked SAPB representative Kristy Mowery, "Who's Mary?"

Mary is the ghost rumored to have been seen most often at Hobart. Lorraine said she was not familiar with the story.

Lorraine told the group that she had picked up an impression of a young Hispanic woman who seemed to be there in a service capacity.

Indeed, such a woman did work there around the turn of the century.

In the red and brown sitting room, Lorraine said she felt the impression of a very proper English or Scottish gentleman who did not spend a lot of time there, but who influenced the decor of that room.

On the simple rear stairway, Meier said he felt that someone should have been sitting there

reading a book.

"Where there's one spirit, there're many," Lorraine said, adding that some spirits just like to leave an impression in a place they had special feelings for.

Spirits can go dormant for a long time and then be reactivated by the presence of someone or something with a lot of psychic energy built up, Lorraine said. In Hobart, there is a partitioning cabinet which was auctioned off and recently donated back. Lorraine thought the spirit, Mary, might have been drawn to it and therefore reactivated.

The tour members left Hobart Manor seeming more relaxed than when they entered. For many of them this was a first foray into the supernatural and paranormal and it was an informative, if harrowing, experience.

Professor charges "managerial incompetence" at Board of Trustees meeting

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Gallery, was hushed until one professor stood and launched a tirade at the board.

Edward Bell, professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, had earlier requested the floor. Bell told the board of two students who had had serious problems due to "managerial incompetence." He discussed one unnamed student who, as a WPC freshman, was placed in a 400-level course. The student failed the class and was forced to change his major.

Another student was involved with drugs, arrested and incarcerated. As part of a supervision program of the New Jersey court system, he was released and is doing community service.

"This young man received a letter from one of your people saying that he was allowed to register but his status as a student may be terminated pending further discussion," Bell said. "You didn't even call the person in charge of the [supervision] program."

"It is basic managerial incompetence," Bell said. "They are cold-hearted. They have no compassion. Cold-hearted dudes on this campus! You ain't got no jobs without these kids!"

"I'd like to thank you for looking out for some kids who needed looking out for," said Henry J. Pruitt, chair of the board.

Bell thanked the trustees for their time and left with several students following him.

WPC students chosen for acting competition

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and "Sincerely." Joining the Taffetas is another singing group called "The Cardigans," played by Thom Bradley, John Rathged, Chris Goffredo and Chris Pellegrino.

The production staff of The Taffetas consists of students, faculty and professionals from WPC and local musicians, Kutney said.

Also performing at the ACTF will be nine students from WPC in the Irene Ryan Acting Competition, he said. These nine, who will each be accompanied by an acting partner, will compete with 150 other students.

The competition is narrowed down from 150 to 36 students. Out of the 36, 18 are picked. From the 18, two winners are chosen to go to the

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Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where winners from other regions compete. Finally, a national winner is chosen.

The nine WPC students are: Michaela Wills, Melanie Taylor, Kimberly Evans, Kimberly Hamer, Stacy L. Pine, Daniella Morena, Jessica Gamble, Scott Cooper and Lonnie Ruland.

Last year, Ruland was one of the final 18 contestants in the Irene Ryan Acting Compe-

tion, Kutney said. Between the students taking part in the acting competition and those in the play competition, a total of 40 WPC students will attend the ACTF.

Kutney has acted on Broadway in *A Few Good Men*, a play about the Vietnam War, and appeared as Chip, a character on the soap opera, "As The World Turns." Kutney has also worked as an assistant to the director, Tommy Tune, on the plays, *Grand Hotel* and *The Will Rogers Follies*.

"It's an incredible opportunity for WPC and the Theater Department to be selected as one of the top productions in the east," Kutney said. "The ACTF is the only way we have to see how we stack up against other schools across the country. We are all very proud."

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EDITORIAL

The Speert that stole Christmas

This holiday season, while children all over the country are writing letters to Santa Claus, Willy P. students could write to President Arnold Speert, to request what they really need for Christmas: a good education.

The letters could go something like this:

Dear Arnie,

I've been a good student this semester. I've paid my bills and attended classes and paid attention to what was happening on campus. I've been nice. I can't be on your naughty list. So why does it seem like I'm getting coal for Christmas?

You've told the state that you'll reduce the amount of faculty and staff to teach and guide me. You'll reduce my class sections and increase my class size, so it will be harder for me to learn. You'll cut back on student support services, so I'll have nowhere to turn for help. You'll reduce the college's community services, so I will be

even more secluded on this campus.

You said you won't layoff employees. Good. Now I know that the heat will work in my overfilled classrooms. You won't reduce enrollment. At least I'll meet plenty of new students while I'm waiting on the longer registration lines. You won't defer new construction projects or stop current ones. To you, that means a bigger and better school. To me that means more buildings to sit empty with no professors to teach in them and less money to hire more professors.

And you said you won't raise tuition by more than 9 percent. But I can't afford to pay up to 8.9 percent for what will be a lesser education.

Arnie, this won't be a merry Christmas for me. But I guess it will be for you, since you got a \$9,500 raise last week. You're now making \$103,000 a year. Governor Florio's salary is a mere \$85,000. C'mon, Arnie! What do you

need that much money for? Your house and car are paid for by the college.

This Christmas, please remember what the spirit of the holidays is all about: thinking about someone other than yourself. Please, think about me this season. Think about how badly I need my education. Think about how important my professors are to me. Think about this: would you be where you are today if someone had taken away your education?

Please Arnie, have a merry Christmas, but don't let it cost me my education.

Sincerely yours,
I.M. Student

So, merry Christmas, happy Hannukah, happy Kwanzaa to all, and to all good writing.

The Beacon hopes everyone has a peaceful, restful and happy holiday season and that everyone gets the education they deserve.

Peace.

LETTERS

Student condemns school corruption

Editor, The Beacon:

As a concerned student, I would like to give my opinions on a number of pertinent topics. First off, I attended the Board of Trustees meeting this past week and witnessed a Professor Bell scream for racial equality and blast ours as a racist school.

Mr. Bell is correct, there is racism here at WPC and he is the epitome of it. I do not know Mr. Bell personally, but have heard him speak several times and every time he does speak, it is about racism against blacks. I often wonder, if there was a situation where there was racism against a white person, would we hear from Mr. Bell? I think not.

Another disturbing incident at the meeting was seeing Professor Irwin Nack attacking the administration for spending money toward future projects at WPC instead of for the faculty. Faculty leaders like Nack have been using students on their own behalf for a long time now. The truth of the matter is that these projects will help make WPC more marketable and a better place to learn.

Faculty members should instead concern themselves about being accessible during their office hours, or assisting students properly during advisement so that we don't continuously take unneces-

sary courses.

Tenured professors should re-evaluate themselves or be re-evaluated by somebody. The fact is that many of them have lost their enthusiasm and desire to teach new and pertinent material. They rely on the textbook or outdated teaching techniques to educate students. Then they wonder why absenteeism is so high in the classrooms. It is because I can learn what you are going to teach me in my dorm room with my book. Wake up!

The administration also has its problems; the Student Development Office continues to be clueless. Since the involuntary departures of such great individuals like Dominic Baccollo, Henry Morris, and even Michele Collins, the students have been helpless and useless. Top-level management, namely Anthony Lolli, prudently dismantled this office so that the effect would be that student leaders would be left without direction, inspiration or productivity. Don't you wonder why the administration has been able to make so many drastic changes lately with very few roadblocks (i.e. dismantling of the business school and consistent tuition increases)?

Students need to blame ourselves. The only real organization that can effectively make changes is the SGA; however this year the SGA is at an all time low in productivity. The majority of the legislature is simply going through the motions. The executive offices are just waiting for their reimbursement checks (thanks to us).

John Moncavage has been the most silent president in recent memory. He lacks motivation, leadership skills, speaking ability and time. This is because he spent most of his time this semester pledging a fraternity. John, it is nice to see where your priorities are. What he did do was cancel several legislative meetings, push back resolutions and cover up the entire Board of Trustees cheating scandal because the accused person happened to be his campaign manager back in May. Oh, by the way, if you want to see John, his offices hours are only at night. He usually didn't get in from pledging until early morning—this is great accessibility for students who take classes from 8 to 5!

Andrew Diamond is the worst student leader ever elected. He only had two responsibilities all semester and he cancelled one of them. The only time that he goes to his office is for personal phone calls. He has no clue what the SGA is all about—he only uses it for the perks and benefits. It is truly a shame and a scam.

I don't mean to only highlight problems; I wish I could have some solutions but it is difficult. I can only hope that if Mr. Speert is truly sincere and cares for students then he will take necessary actions. Also, we as students must be careful and wise. On SGA elections next time, if you don't know a candidate then don't vote. Make an effort to talk to the candidates and then you will know who the sincere and honest ones are. Good luck.

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LETTERS CONT.

Arrested reader clarifies confusing newspaper story

Editor, *The Beacon*:

I am upset that the editor-in-chief of *The Beacon* wrote an article about me without speaking with me to obtain a first-hand accounting of the issue. *The Beacon* stated that I could not be reached for comment. However, during the past two weeks I have spent four days per week on campus. My lecture schedule, along with office hours, is posted on my office door in the science building. The *Beacon* staff did not call the Biology Department secretaries to leave a message for me. Last week I visited *The Beacon* office and talked with a staff member to let him know that I would like to present my version of the events relating to my arrest for reading. I left my college phone numbers and my home phone number at *The Beacon* office. I received a call from a staff member who said that someone else would contact me for an interview. However, no one did. I was readily available and eager to present my story, which has become somewhat unclear in the press. To help clear up the issue, I prepared an article for the *Hawthorne Press*, to be published this week, and I am submitting a copy here for publication in *The Beacon*.

A recent essay by Anthony Lewis in the *New York Times* reminded us that on Dec. 15, 1991, we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the First Amendment to our Constitution which states that "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." The Bill of Rights guarantees these freedoms to all citizens of the United States and includes the freedom to read what has been written. However, twice the president of Hawthorne Council took away that freedom from the citizens of Hawthorne. At the public council meeting on Oct. 16, 1991, Mr. Domalewski forced Linda Missonellie to stop reading a newspaper by calling in a policeman who Domalewski ordered to escort Ms. Missonellie from the room if she did not stop. She did stop and therefore was permitted to remain in the meeting.

She could remain only if she stopped reading. Our Constitution guarantees the right to read, but the Hawthorne Council president thought that he could abridge that right.

To make matters worse, at the beginning of the next council meeting on Nov. 6, Mr. Domalewski made a formal statement that forbade reading when he declared that:

"While the council is in session and conducting public business, all persons attending this meeting will put away all reading material other than the agenda, pending ordinances, or other items which are being discussed or acted upon by the council. Persons who read newspapers or any such other reading material will be asked to discontinue such conduct. Anyone who refuses to comply with that request will be requested to leave the meeting and, if necessary, will be escorted from the meeting room and will be barred from re-entering the meeting throughout the remainder of the meeting." (From taped transcript provided by municipality of Hawthorne.)

Listening to this absurdity, I was shocked that an official in our municipal government could think that he could abolish a basic freedom that was guaranteed by our United States Constitution. The statement he read was not an ordinance, but rather an attempt to suppress a basic freedom enjoyed by the citizens of the United States. This op-

pression was clearly out of line with our democracy.

I made a slight protest: I read the *New York Times*. Sitting near the back of the room, I silently read the newspaper, keeping it on my lap. There was no noise, no disturbance, no rustling of the pages, and the paper rested on my lap.

After a while, as the meeting was proceeding, Mr. Domalewski suddenly interrupted the meeting and insisted that I stop reading. People in the audience were surprised, as there was no disturbance and no reason to interrupt the meeting. He said that if I did not stop reading or leave that he would order the police to remove me from the room. Standing on my constitutional right to read silently and remain at the public meeting, I politely declined to stop reading or to leave. He summoned the police who carried me from the room and arrested me. The police officers were polite and professional. In the police headquarters, they did not know what to charge me with, and apparently had to go ask the municipal attorney who was in the meeting room. The charge was a criminal offense for "...committ(ing) an act of interfering with a lawful meeting with purpose to prevent or disrupt such assembly in violation of N.J.S. 2C:33-8."

I had no intention to interfere or disrupt, nor did I. My intention was to silently protest the abridgement of our freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. For that I was arrested.

I clearly appreciate the need for order at meetings. For over 20 years as a scientist I have served as chairman at scientific symposia, supervised meetings, presented many scientific papers and delivered hundreds of college lectures. As a respected scientist and teacher, I say that it's time for common sense at our council meetings. If a person wants to read silently, he may. The council has overstepped its authority.

At my first appearance in the Hawthorne Municipal Court, I pled not guilty, and the Hawthorne judge decided to let a judge in another municipality hear the case. At this date we do not know who or where.

As citizens of the United States, we must all be protected by the Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Mine was a small protest, but it was for all of us. If we do not stand up for our rights and freedoms when they are threatened, they will be taken away. I decided to take a stand.

The upshot of all of this is that you, the concerned citizens of Hawthorne and the local area, have won. You rallied around the issue and defended your rights by: 1) making elegant, concerned statements of protest at borough council meetings; 2) writing letters of concern to editors of various newspapers; 3) signing by the hundreds our petition for the constitutional right to silently read newspapers or other materials at public meetings; 4) verbally expressing your outrage at the council's repression and abuse of power, and 5) calling to offer your encouragement and support.

Apparently because of your expressed concern for our freedoms and your outrage at the council's actions, the Hawthorne Council no longer forbids reading at council meetings. They have offered no explanation, no apology and no statement regarding our rights—only an embarrassing silence on the issue. Because of your vigilance we can still celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Bravo!

Now perhaps we can get on with the business of government with the hope that our council meetings will be more friendly, cooperative and inviting.

Michael J. Sebetich
Associate professor, biology

Peller defends Polmann expulsion

Editor, *The Beacon*:

I feel it important to address the concerns expressed by Messrs. Skinner and Glassman about the college's policy to hold hearings as soon as possible after any charges have been leveled against our students. Colleges are not courts of law. We do not have hearings to find students either innocent or guilty; we do not use the standard of "beyond a reasonable doubt" that jurors must conform to. Our concern is the protection and well-being of both parties involved; our hope is that we can find ways of educating violators and comforting victims. In the Polmann case, as in other disciplinary cases, both parties were offered the procedural safeguards outlined in the Student Handbook. They both presented evidence and testimony, following which a decision was made by the hearing board. Our procedure is not contingent upon the actions of a court of law that Mr. Polmann is guilty; we are saying that there were sufficient causes for us to decide he should not remain part of this college community.

If I have procedural regrets in this case, it is that circumstances dictated us to have the hearing much later than I believe we should have. We mean to communicate that we intend to respond to serious charges immediately regardless of the legal status of any given case.

Robert M. Peller
Dean of students

Black community insulted by oversight

Editor, *The Beacon*:

Once again the black community has been snubbed by your paper. In the last issue of *The Beacon* you conveniently forgot to mention the contributions of the Black Students Association and the Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership and Equality to the holiday party sponsored by the SGA. We put much time into making this party successful. We also put much time in just about every phase of this party from planning to decorating to the entertainment for the children. Our combined membership represented the largest contingent of any organization. Yet despite all of this we were not even mentioned. What do we have to do to get respect from *The Beacon*—take over the president's office again, or maybe we could stage a protest to some racial incident to make ourselves newsworthy. I do not know. I would hope that this is an oversight on your part and that it will not happen again. Yes, the black students do read *The Beacon* and we will make sure that we are not slighted by you again.

Glenn H. Holt
Vice president, Black Student Association

Editor's note: No group was intentionally ignored by *The Beacon* in coverage of the SGA Holiday Party. *The Beacon* did not receive a list of all groups involved and therefore could not list them all.

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WPC kingpins strike-out in polls

By Michael Braun
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Since 1987, the WPC men's bowling team has been ranked in the top ten by the Writer's Association National Poll. This streak continued when the season's first poll came out last Monday with WPC ranked second. It is the 25th consecutive poll in which the team has been ranked. No other school in the nation can come close to claiming this.

The men's bowling team also set a record by winning its conference six consecutive times. The previous record was

five-in-a-row by Wichita State.

The women's team received its second-highest ranking ever when it opened up at number seven. This becomes its third straight season ranked in the top ten.

"We believe we're better than some teams ranked ahead of us," said coach Mike Lo Presti of his women's squad. "We'll prove that as the season goes on."

The next tournament will be the Atlantic City Invitational on Dec. 27 and 28. Both the men's and women's teams will be looking to defend their tournament titles from last year.



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Lady Pioneer Kelly Ardery dribbles up to Montclair defender



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Pioneers drop one to lowly Montclair State

By Domenick Stampone
SPORTS EDITOR

The Montclair State College men's basketball team has won only one game this season. Unfortunately for the WPC Pioneers, that one victory came against them Friday evening, as the Red Hawks defeated the Pioneers, 68-65. The loss is the sixth of the season for coach

Dom Pelosi's struggling squad.

From the outset Montclair took it to the Pioneers. They opened up a 10-point lead seven minutes into the game on a Lee Mullins three-point shot. Mullins, who finished as high scorer for the Montclair squad, had 24 points, three assists and one blocked shot.

WPC attempted to stay in

the game by dishing the ball to star forward Tommie Patterson as much as it could. Patterson, who would score 20 of his 29 points in the first half, hit six of nine from the line in the first half. For the rest of the Pioneer team the story was a bit different. Shooting less than 35 percent from the floor for the first half, compared to Montclair's 56 percent, the Pioneers headed

into the locker room at the Panzer Gym in Upper Montclair down 39-30.

In the second half, WPC came back to take a two-point lead over the Red Hawks with just over two minutes left. Pioneer Mike Bianco scored all of his 16 points in the second half, but his team could not contain the Red Hawks' outside shoot-

ing. Montclair nailed seven of eleven three-pointers, to go along with 48 percent field goal shooting, to finish off the Pioneers.

The Pioneers take a three-week hiatus and then hope to rebound against Western Connecticut on Jan. 6.

WPC's record-breaking swimmers defeat St. Peter's College

By S. Lynn Glenn
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

After five meets, the WPC men's and women's swim teams have identical 3-2 records. The last couple of meets, however, have provided record-setting performances.

Following a loss to Glassboro State, featuring Marc Anderson's 22.24 victory in the 50-yard freestyle and Mike Rosenthal's win in the 20-yard backstroke, the men ruled the pool over St. Peter's last Tues-

day. Highlights of the 119-47 victory included another win for Anderson in the 50-yard freestyle, a win for junior Rob Coonce in the 100-yard breaststroke, and a victory for Russ Banak in the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 1:55.1. Rosenthal, a senior, was a double winner in the 1000-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle. His times were 10:39 and 5:13.3, respectively.

The Lady Pioneers were edged out by the Profs of Glassboro by a score of 135-105. Highlights of the meet in-

Men's and Women's Swimming

cluded winning performances by freshman Lauri Gazdalski in the 200-yard butterfly, junior all-american Lisa Bedford in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard breaststroke, and Sheri Glenn in both the one-meter diving events.

In addition to winning the

200-yard freestyle, senior Connie Wassberg swam a record-setting 100-yard freestyle. Her memorable 54.56 victory replaced Kim Stair's previous Pioneer record of 54.81. Now a former Pioneer, Stair won several events for Glassboro, and looked on with the rest of the Professors' as Wassberg removed the 100-yard freestyle record from the board.

WPC's women joined the men in dominating St. Peter's, winning by over 100 points. Wassberg qualified for a trip to the NCAA Championships

when she swam 1:56.59 in the 200-yard freestyle. She also won the 500-yard freestyle. Gazdalski won the 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly, and the 50-yard butterfly. Her time of 27.67 in the 50-yard butterfly beat the previous Pioneer record of 28.10 set in 1978 by Karen Mileski.

With the holidays close at hand, WPC's swimmers are preparing for their annual winter training trip. On Dec. 27, the two squads will be leaving for San Juan, Puerto Rico. Both will return to New Jersey on Jan. 7.

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Lambda Class of Phi Tau—Congrats boyz! You worked hard and made us proud. The fun is just beginning. **Walsh and Grodz**

Congrats Steve—You've done well. Welcome to the real world of Phi Tau. It only gets better. **Big Bro Ash**

Phi Tau Lambda Class—It was long, hard, and well worth it. Welcome to the family. **Rob O and Mark H**

Chris (Phi Tau)—To my little bro. Here's to carrying on the Cliffside Tradition. Brotherhood awaits. Good luck. **Rob O**

Charles (Phi Tau)—You stuck it out, worked hard, and pulled through. You deserve it. **Mark**

New Phi Tau Brothers—Congratulations on doing a great job and making us proud. **Boyz at the Cove**

Ed & Cathleen—Stop bickering over trivial things, save it for the big stuff. **Love Mrs. Rosser AKA Mom**

Tom B (Phi Tau)—Congratulations buddy. You did it with a smile. I told you so. **Big Bro Jay**

Charlie—Congratulations—now it all begins. **Big Bro Jon**

George—Congratulations bonehead! Death to all women. Welcome to hangover heaven. **Bones**

To our newest Brothers—Welcome to the best! **Fraternally-the boyz at the Hut.**

Congratulations to the Lambda Legion—From the B.O.G. and Graduate Council of Phi Kappa Tau

Kevin (Phi Tau)—You're a Phi Tau now and ever. I never lost faith in you. **Big Bro Mike**

To My Lady C.C.—"I am never away from you. Even now, I shall not leave you. In another world, I shall still be the one who loves you, loves you beyond measure..."

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Riq—I love you baby and will always try to be there for you. **Love always, Shorty**

Sharon, Stacy & Guate—Enjoy the holidays! Thanks for being true friends. **Love, Shorty**

Danny (APD)—Well, it's almost 10 months that we've been together and I just want to say that I've never been happier! Of course, we've had our share of problems but together we can work them out. I love you so much and I will always be here for you! P.S. remember- The best is still yet to come!

Love Ya Lisa

Conan—Things will finally get better! I promise, I'll never give up! I love you so much! **Love Amy**

Tan Suit, Wine Red Shirt—We were there, where were you? **Us**

Steve, Kev and Dave (Phi Tau)—Congratulations guys! We knew you could do it. It'll be nice to hang out with you guys again.

Love Ya, Kim and Cathy (D Phi E)

Donna—How about one more semester for old times sake? Remember there's always room at the Inn (The Great Notch Inn, that is!) I'll miss you. Most important—"He's gone" Nothing left to do but smile, smile, smile. **Love Liz**

Bruce—Happy birthday (but you're still not Jesus)! **Beacs**

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Chris (APD)—You mean so much to me! I love you **Love, Marlane (Phi Sig)**

Lara (Phi Sig)—You made it! Wishing you an awesome holiday. **Love your big, Marlane (Phi Sig)**

Library lobby "geek"—Bad time for us. How 'bout same place, same day, 8 p.m.? Bring a friend. **R Mailbox**

Psych Club Members—Had a great time with you guys this semester and look forward to more great times next semester. **John B**

To the two SWF's—I'm interested! Look in the "R" student mailbox. Your reply is in there John.

APD—The mixer was fun, but we'll just have to do it bigger and better next time. **Love TPA**

TEP—Thanks for the mixer. We had a great time. Maybe we can do it again next semester. **TPA**

ZBT—Thanks for the awesome mixer. We had a great time. Hope we can do it again soon **TPA**

Phi Tau—Thanks for the Phi-esta, we had a blast. Let's get together next semester **APD**

D Phi E and Phi Sig—We had a great time with you guys. Looking forward to socials soon. **APD**

ASA—You guys can party! Thanks for the great time. Maybe one more time next semester. **APD**

To everyone that contributed to the Salvation Army clothes drive, Thank you. It was a huge success. **The Brothers of APD**

Rich P (APD)—You do an incredible job and are well appreciated. Please don't graduate in May! **Outback (APD)**

Kath, Sherry, Dawn—Love you three! Merry X-Mas and Happy New Year! **Spike**

Allie, Amy, Jill, Jules—Take it easy and enjoy the holiday!! **Spike**

Julie and Cathy-Jo (ASA)—Congratulations! I know that we'll always be close, but I'll miss you guys! **I Love Ya! Jen (D Phi E)**

To the Graduating Sisters of D Phi E—We wish you all the luck in the world. **D Phi E Forever!**

Love Always Jen and Debi

Steve (TKE #324)—This semesters been rough-but at least we have each other. I love ya and I'll always be here **Jen (D Phi E)**

Onionhead—Happy happy birthday! Make sure you show your real ID now that you can! Enjoy yourself and watch out for those nasty hangovers! **Bandanahead**

News Ed—It's great to see you smile. Looking forward to working with you in '92. **Insider co-ho**

TF—These past four years have been fantastic. You made my college career a memorable one. I love you more than my degree. **AT**

Blurry—Good party, as always! We better see you over break, before you go to Rutgers! **RBFH rule forever!** (Even if you're not officially a B anymore!) **Love, Tokey and Rio**

Craig M (APD)—Thanks for all the sound work this semester, you have provided us with lots of help and we appreciate it. **APD House**

Tracy—Don't give up on your dreams. For others to believe in you, you must first believe in yourself. **True Believer**

Rob (APD)—Good luck in your graduation. Living in the house with you has been an experience. **Cheers! Outback (APD)**

Denise and Jen—Congrats on becoming sisters of ASA. You are true friends and we love you guys. **Brothers of APD**

Law, Andy, Eddie—Great semester boys. However, let's get a GPA next semester! **Tomboy (APD)**

TKE extends happy holidays to all our friendly fraters and all other greeks—**The Darkside**

B. Bear—Congrats! You are the best farmer for the job. Now will you please wake up and smell my feet! **Love, Whopper**

To the two SF's who are sick of all the BS—We are also sick of the BS going on and are willing to express any emotions you so desire.—**Two fed up SM's**

Kim (ASA)—Thanks for everything you've done. You are the best! I can't wait for crush! **Liz (ASA)**

Jen (ASA)—Thanks for being the best through everything! I can't wait Roomie! **I Love Ya! Liz (ASA)**

Snugglebunny Sweetheart—Ready to go now? It's been 4 1/2 years for WPC and our friendship. In case I've forgotten, thanks for rides, scrabble and ice teas! Does M. need to shave? **Congrats! Let's hit the Wanaque reservoir and celebrate! Your Best Friend**

Dubbs and Mark—I'm going to miss your smiling faces over the holiday. Have a great Christmas and New Year! **Alisa**

Beacs—Throughout the semester from hell, you've all busted ass, and it shows. Congratulations on doing a tough job with integrity. Enjoy your month off, then it's back to the boards. **Hasta. Reaper Queen**—Happy birthday! We haven't forgotten you (that would be slightly impossible). As always, we remain your obedient slaves.

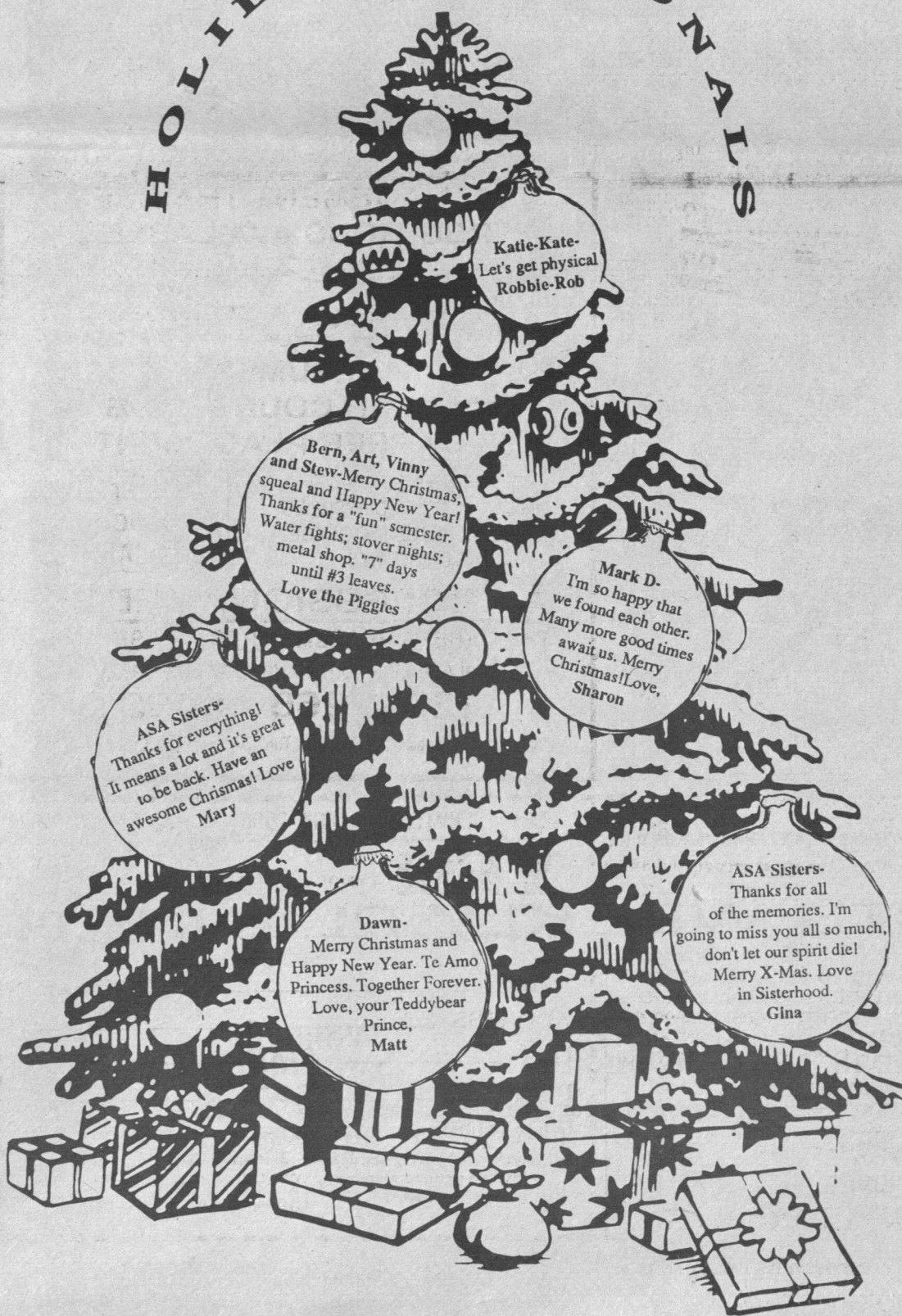
Dan (AEPH)—Happy anniversary! I love you with all my heart and always will. **Forever yours, Cynde (Phi EE)**

Bubbles—Looking forward to eating chocolate, bitching about men and becoming fat cows together. **Love, your roomie**

Elmerrrrrrrrrrrr—I will miss you desperately and am looking forward to the next time I stand in for Shirley. **Love, your stand-in wife.**

Rio—I do not have too many fat cells. **Crack**

HOLIDAY PERSONALS



Beacon Sports

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Swimming teams dominate St. Peter's

Bowling team ranked second in the country

Men's basketball struggling

Overtime heartbreaker

By Domenick Stampone
SPORTS EDITOR

The WPC Lady Pioneer basketball team had won five straight games before splitting a doubleheader against Glassboro State College on Tuesday. Friday evening's 57-56 overtime loss to Montclair State College sends the Lady Pioneers into their holiday break on a two game skid.

The Lady Pioneers jumped out to a six-point lead with 11:45 left in the first half on a Jeannine Chandlee lay-up. Chandlee finished the game with six points and three assists. Montclair's Maritza Martinez cut the lead to three, hitting a three-pointer just twenty seconds later. The Lady Red Hawks came back to tie the game at 16 on a Martinez jump shot. Martinez finished the game with 12 points and four assists.

Lady Pioneer Jill Bachonski's lay-up with 2:16 to go in the first half tied the game at 25. WPC went on to secure a three-point lead at halftime, 31-28. Bachonski lead the Lady Pioneers with 15 points and added five assists.

The Lady Red Hawks and the Lady Pioneers spent most of the second half trading one or two point leads. With 6:57 left in regulation, WPC's Keira Haines hit a lay-up to give the

Lady Pioneers a five-point lead, 50-45. But with :04 seconds left, Lady Pioneer Joanne Mabes fouled Montclair's Judy Stair. Stair converted one of two to tie the game at 54 and send it into overtime.

In overtime the Lady Pioneers took a two-point lead when Maureen Marz scored on a driving lay-up. Montclair tied

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the game when the Lady Pioneers' leading scorer, Bachonski, fouled the Lady Red Hawks' leading scorer, Kim Barnes. Barnes, who scored 17 points in the game, converted both foul throws. With ten seconds left Montclair's Martinez hit one of two foul throws after being fouled by WPC's Marz. Montclair takes the game, 57-56 and the territorial bragging rights until the two teams meet again February.

The Lady Pioneers have two weeks to contemplate their loss before they tip-off against Georgian Court College on Dec. 30.



WPC's Keira Haines takes a jump shot during the Lady Pioneers' 57-56 loss

(Photo by Bruce Solov)

PIONEER SPORTS WEEKLY PLANNER

Men's Basketball

Jan. 6 vs W. Conn
(H) 7:00 pm
Jan. 11 vs Trenton
(A) 4:00 pm

Women's Basketball

Dec. 30 vs
Georgian Court
(H) 7:00 pm
Jan. 4 vs Kean
(H) 2:00 pm

Men's Swimming

Jan. 23 vs Montclair
(A) 6:00 pm
Jan. 25 vs Trenton
(H) 1:00 pm

Women's Swimming

Jan. 23 vs Montclair
(A) 6:00 pm
Jan. 25 vs Trenton
(H) 1:00 pm