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Call for scholarship entries

March is Women's History Month and to celebrate, the Passaic County Chapter of the New Jersey Association Of Women Business Owners is awarding seven scholarships for its entrepreneurial program, Start Right Build Right! which begins Feb. 29. A call for entries is announced and open to any individual or business owner who desires to take this nationally tested and proven training program to help start or grow their business.

The program meets each Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through March 28 at William Paterson College.

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Graduate studies night planned

The Office of Graduate Studies and Research will be hosting a Graduate Studies Information Night on Monday, Feb. 26, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The program is designed to provide prospective graduates students an opportunity to discuss the program with the college's deans, graduate program coordinators and current students. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Eric Holerson at (201)595-2237.

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6. Between Nov. 15 and April 1, from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Parking in Lot 5 is only permitted on the west side facing the Pump House.

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William Paterson College's Distinguished Lecturer Series featured David Gergen last Friday, Jan. 26 at Shea Center. Gergen, (cntr) former counselor and special advisor to President Bill Clinton, dines at the Student Center Restaurant with guests before his lecture, "A view from Washington."

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Provost reactions mixed

By John F. Gillick

NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

With Thursday, Feb. 1, being right around the corner, reactions to the appointment of the new Provost run the gamut from deep belief and devotion to skepticism and dis-sension. This day is Chernoh M. Sesay's first official day as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at William Paterson College, and everyone - from WPC administration and faculty to Sesay's former colleagues at Chicago State University - has something to say.

Faculty reaction at WPC over Sesay's appointment has been mixed. The WPC chapter of the American Federation of Teachers is "looking forward" to working with the new Provost, according to President Linda Dye. Other faculty members, however, have said that, prior to his appoint-

ment, they felt that Sesay has neither the teaching nor publishing experience they feel the job requires.

In fact, according to sources, the Council of Department Chairpersons sent a memo to WPC President Arnold Speert expressing concern over these same complaints. They had sent the president a list of five possible candidates, of which Sesay was the fifth. When he was hired, they were concerned the administration had discarded its opinions of the other four candidates.

"The letter said that some felt that he was our last choice," said one member. "This doesn't mean that the other 20 people felt that way. One of the problems was his lack of scholarship. We didn't, at that point, understand his educational vision."

Virginia Overdorf, chairwoman of the council, said only

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Many factors contribute to late grades

Students, faculty and college administration differ on reasons for delay

By Mona Zughbi

BEACON STAFF WRITER

Many students will agree that William Paterson College's spring semester got off to a rocky start due to the delay in grade distribution. This delay had some students receiving their grades as late as Jan. 22, much later than students normally anticipate the arrival of their grades.

"I know Rutgers, Middlesex, and Mercer County got their grades Jan. 5," said Mike Leung, member of

Student Government Association Ledge. "I just got mine on Jan. 22."

There has been much speculation as to why the delay occurred.

According to the Registrar, Mark Evangelista, there was not one reason but several factors that contributed to the delay.

First, according to Evangelista, there was the need to move an exam date from a Tuesday to a Friday during the last week of classes due to weather.

"This meant students were taking exams the day before the semester

ended," he said.

Evangelista added, "The college was closed for one week for Christmas and New Year's, and there are facilities on campus that allow grades to be scanned electronically and that facility was not available."

The shortened winter break also had some bearing, according to Scott Carlson.

"Registration does need to adapt to with the changing schedule," said Carlson, SGA vice president. "The schedule is put out five to six years in

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday

Christian Fellowship-- Women's Small Group Bible Study. 9:30 a.m., SC 302. Contact Joan, ext. 2481.

Sigma Alpha Iota--Interested in music? Come check out our Women's Music Fraternity. You don't have to be a music major. Meetings every Mon. @ 6 p.m., Shea 148.

Catholic Campus Ministry-- Discover the joy of touching lives in a special way. Join us for weekly visits to the Preakness Nursing Home. All are welcome. 6:30 p.m., CCMCenter, WPC Gate #1. Contact Joanne, ext. 6184.

Tuesday

Christian Fellowship--Small group Bible Study. 11:00 & 12:30, SC 302. Contact Joan, ext. 2481.

Semester Abroad--Find out more about it at the Information Sessions. Former participants will be there to share their experiences. Application deadline for Fall '96 is Feb. 15. 12:30-1:45, SC 213. Also, Wed., same time,

same place. Contact Prof. Satra, ext. 3044.

SCEC--First Meeting! All are welcome to help plan for future events for adults and children with disabilities and the seasonal Special Olympics held in Wayne in May. Contact ext. 2526 or come to SC 322.

Career Services--Workshop: "TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS: INFORMATION SESSION" **Specifically for prospective teachers. 4-6 p.m., SC 203-5. Contact Sharon, ext. 3020.

Pioneer Yearbook--Be a part of the '96 yearbook and make "The Journey Continues..." the best year ever! All welcome-Don't be shy. Every Tues. 7 p.m., SC 313. Contact Michelle, x2498.

Wednesday

Catholic Campus Ministry-- Count your blessings! Join us for mass in thanksgiving of God's goodness. All are welcome-bring a friend. 12:30 p.m., SC 324-5. Contact Joanne or Gail, ext. 6184.

C.O.L.G.A.F.--We are back and invite you to our weekly meetings, every Wed. 7 p.m., Sci. Rm. 3. Everyone is welcome to join. Come see what we are all about.

Thursday

Christian Fellowship--Small Group Bible Study. 9:30, 11:00, & 7:00, SC 302. Contact Joan, ext. 2481.

Essence Literary Club-- General meeting. 12:30, SC 301.

Contact Karen, 427-8208.

Career Services--Workshop: "OFF CAMPUS FEDERAL WORK STUDY/PAID COMMUNITY SERVICE POSITIONS." 12:30-1:45 p.m., Morrison 146. Contact Sharon, ext. 3020.

Women's Center--Join Joan Griscom and Meryle Kaplan for the Spring 1996 weekly women's discussion group. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Women's Center. Contact ext. 2946.

Women's Center--Carmetta Parkes of the Passaic County Women's Center will be on campus to provide individual and group counseling for survivors of sexual assault/violence. This service is free and available to male and female sur-

vivors. Counseling Center, Morrison Hall. Contact Women's Center, ext. 2946.

Friday

Catholic Campus Ministry-- Do you have what it takes to be a leader and a role model? We think you do! Join our retreat team as we prepare young adults for the future. 8 a.m., CCMCenter, WPC Gate #1. Contact Joanne, ext. 6184.

Sunday

Catholic Campus Ministry-- Come celebrate mass with us and experience great times of faith, fellowship and fun! Transportation is available and all are welcome. 7:30 p.m., CCMCenter, WPC Gate #1. Contact Joanne, ext. 6184.

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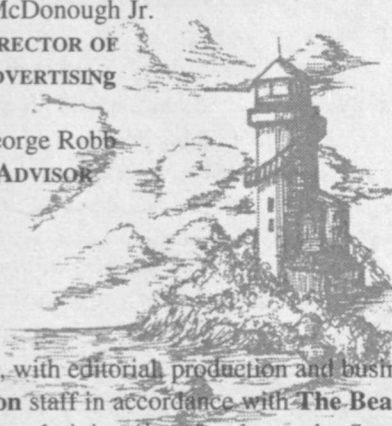
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Campus 60's figure, Ricky Hummel, dies

By Tom Troncone
BEACON STAFF WRITER

Eric "Ricky" Hummel, son of William Paterson College professor of Education and Counseling Leonore Hummel, died on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from complications due to hemophilia, a disease that prevents blood from coagulating. Hummel was 43.

While the name Eric Hummel may not be immediately recognizable to most WPC students, many faculty members who were on this campus in the 1960's will remember him well. What they will also remember is the kindness and humanity shown by the then-Paterson State College students.

Hummel's condition was reported in the Oct. 20, 1961 edition of *The Beacon* in a call for students and faculty to donate blood for Ricky in what was termed then as the "most important humanitarian drive in the college's history."

The movement began in early

October of that year, when students learned that Hummel was overdrawn on his plasma account at the National Hemophilia Foundation by 20 units. Then-college president, the late Marion Shea, pledged her support for the drive and not only allowed students to be excused from class to donate blood, but also had the school provide buses to the Blood

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--Leonore Hummel

Transfusion Association in New York City for the donations.

Although the goal of 100 pints of blood was not reached in the first year, the 42 pints that were collected were of immeasurable importance to the Hummels. Hummel, in response to the drive, wrote in a Nov. 3, 1961 letter to *The Beacon* that she "(knew) of no other way to address all you compassionate,

wonderful people who have helped my son so much. Ricky, and many others like him, often need blood. Thanks to you the supply continues. I believe the concerns for your fellow man exhibited by all the Paterson State College people was overwhelmingly fine, and the desire to serve humanity is truly a keystone for our college."

The second year of the drive, however, surpassed the 150-pint goal by collecting 196 units, with the Red Cross Unit matching 1/3 of the amount collected.

The blood drives continued every year until, in the early 1970's, scientists began using factor replacement therapy (which helps to replace the coagulant hemophilacs are lacking) for the treatment of hemophilia, which rendered drives for such large quantities of human blood relatively unnecessary.

As a boy, Hummel never gave up his spirit and, though countless transfusions and countless hospital visits drained his physical being, he always kept his mental edge. He was an avid reader, reading everything and anything that he could get his hands on. He also became such an authority on hemophilia that at one time his doctors suggested that he become a hematologist. Hummel, however, was determined to become a writer.

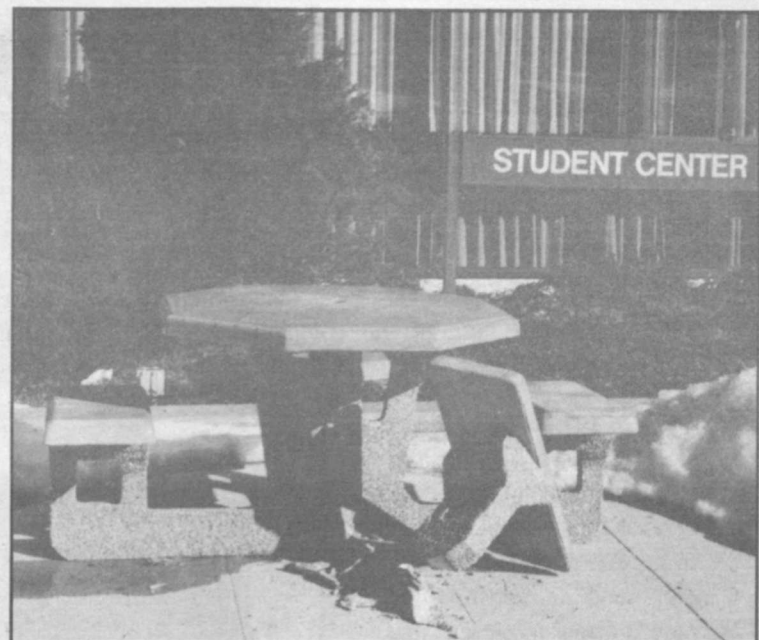
Hummel, in the personification of toughness and epitome of fortitude, held an incredible tenet on the painful disease. At 12 years old he remarked, "I'd rather have hemophilia than see someone else suffer from it."

Student wounded in collision

By John F. Gillick
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

A 19-year-old William Paterson College student is doing much better today, according to Hackensack Memorial Hospital.

Angela Rauscher, of Palisades Park, was hit head-on in a car collision on Saturday, Jan. 19. She was driving south on East Road towards Gate 4 of WPC near midnight when she was struck. According to authorities, her assailant was legally drunk and under the influence of crack cocaine at the time.



One of the picnic tables in front of the Student Center destroyed by snow plow operators who did not know they were there. Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

Plows demolish tables

•Buried by snow, plow operators ram tables

By Brenda Rubenfeld
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Five picnic tables worth \$800 a piece were destroyed last week when William Paterson College maintenance workers plowed into them while clearing out snow from the Blizzard of '96. Severe damage to three of the tables was clearly visible while the fourth received a lesser blow.

According to Mitch Fahrer, director of the Student Center and Campus Activities, the tables, which were "built for durability" were paid for by the Student Center budget.

Fahrer said he ordered the tables in April of 1995, but they did not arrive at the college until late October, when it too cold for students to comfortably use them.

"We are not looking for accountability. We are only looking to have the tables replaced," Fahrer said. "We are working with our purchasing department and our insurance

carriers to see what they are able to do . . . I haven't contacted either at this point."

Director of Maintenance, John Urinyi stated that he was made aware on Jan. 23 that the tables were destroyed. Urinyi said that after a snowstorm, a pole is put up and marked to indicate that there is something there so that the area is not plowed over.

"There were no poles," he said, referring to the front of the Student Center, where the tables are located.

Urinyi indicated that workers thought the picnic tables were snow banks and plowed into them.

Fahrer was unsure about fencing the tables in to keep them from being damaged by the snow plows. "It would cut the room and usage of the patio."

To avoid this type of situation in future snow storms, Fahrer said that he will, "be in consultation with college maintenance and see if they have any better insights as to the replacements."

Department said they are also investigating whether or not Gatti's car was insured.

Rauscher, a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, was treated and released at Wayne General Hospital following the accident for a broken leg. She was readmitted on Jan. 20 with a collapsed lung and transferred to Hackensack Memorial a few days later. Surgery to have a tube inserted into her damaged lung was performed and Rauscher is currently recuperating.

A hearing date for Gatti has not been announced.

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Campus Close-up:

A look at WPC from "down under"

By Melissa Viola
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Travelling the world is only a dream for most people. In just a few years, 22 year-old Rodney Lohse from Brisbane, Australia has journeyed to foreign and exotic lands that most people never reach in a lifetime.

China, Hong Kong, Ireland, Canada, Scotland, and England are only some of the places this aspiring foreign correspondent has seen while travelling on his own.

Lohse made his home on the campus of William Paterson College for six months during the fall '95 semester.

As a student majoring in Business Communication/Journalism at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Lohse couldn't resist the opportunity to live on his own in America while furthering his education.

The college's proximity to New York and other major cities, its curriculum, and the fact that "the only college handbook we had at Queensland University was WPC's," were other factors influencing his decision.

Lohse cited the students and teachers as the best things about WPC.

"The teachers try to give you as much practical experience as possible," said Lohse.

As far as the college's weaknesses, Lohse believes that "the teachers care more about content than grammar and structure."

Compared to Australia's education system, Lohse said that "American education is very lax" while his homeland's is "very strict" and studying hard is essential.

The American education system is not the only thing different from Australia, according to Lohse. Since his experience in American life consisted of only a brief visit to Los Angeles in February (before coming to New Jersey) he suffered a crucial culture shock.

"The first thing I noticed was the way the towns were laid out," said Lohse. "In Australia it's a one hour drive from my town to the next civilization."

He also pointed out that "the New Jersey Turnpike is a monstrosity."

According to Lohse, the public transportation system, the

homeless situation and high crime rates are the downfalls of the United States.

"I really like it here," said Lohse. "I wouldn't mind working here as a foreign correspon-

dent but I certainly wouldn't raise a family here."

As soon as the fall semester ended at WPC, Lohse began travelling around America, planning to return to Australia

by mid-February.

In Australia, Lohse worked as a builder's laborer for three years and managed to save some money which he invested in stocks that now pay for all of his travelling expenses.

While Lohse admits to missing his girlfriend and "the character of his city," he continues his worldwide journeys.

"I don't travel to see things, but to prove something to myself," said Lohse. "Everything I do is a challenge, a learning experience."

According to Lohse, "the difference between a tourist and a traveller doesn't know where he has been and a traveller doesn't know where he is going."



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New systems to alleviate future delays

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advance. They should anticipate it and make the changes necessary so that we get our grades before we return to the next semester."

Some faculty had difficulty submitting their grades due to the change in the exam date before break.

"When I called registration to inquire about my grades, I was told I did not receive them yet because

"The chances of all of these things coming into play the same way again has astronomical odds"

--Evangelista

some teachers didn't hand in grades due to weather," said sophomore Kathy Quigley.

Although there were many negative factors in the delay, many agreed that the "Blizzard of '96" hit the hardest.

"Grades were delayed because of the snow, primarily," said Richard Kloss, professor of English. "I've been here 26 years now, and we've never had a snow storm of this proportion at the same time grades were due."

Others feel "the only thing that the blizzard could have effected would be the people working in the registrar's office who produce the grades," said President of the WPC chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, Linda Dye. "Instead of blaming the faculty, we should get the facts."

"The entire college was closed during Christmas and New Year's break which means that there are no registrars here, no grades are processed, nothing is being done," said Dye. "But in the past all of this stuff just kept moving along because people worked all during that period. So there were four days there which registrars were not working, in which grades were not processed, and that certainly must have slowed things down."

"Obviously, if grades are handed in later, the processing takes that much longer to do," said Leung.

If there is one clear fact, it is that the registrar had fewer days to process grades.

"Classes began on the Jan. 21 in the past, now we start on Jan. 16," said Evangelista. "So of course returning early was one of the factors in the grade delay."

Again, the registrar's process may not need to be changed because we get back to school earlier. The whole grade process can be worked out effectively in this time frame, said Evangelista.

"The chances of all of these things coming into play the same way again has astronomical odds," said Evangelista.

"If there was a situation that involved a student receiving grades because of a scholarship or to inquire as to whether or not they marched, we were able to do what we had to to get that resolved quickly," said Evangelista. "I don't know of any student that didn't march because of that."

Additionally, there was blame put on the U.S Post Office.

"When I went to the Advisement Center, I was told

the reason we didn't receive our grades was because of the mail," said student Christopher Merkel. "I don't believe that."

Technology may prevent students from receiving grades late. There are now 11 terminals in the Student Center that can allow students to view their grades and Evangelista plans on having 20 to 30 on campus by the end of the spring semester.

"That will be available to students on campus in a number of locations," said Evangelista. "We are currently getting the wiring to support it."

In addition, by the end of the semester there will be a grade retrieval system on voice response, according to Evangelista. This will allow students to call in with a pass word and grades will be recited over the phone.

The plan is to have these options ready for the spring semester although we could have definitely used them for this past fall, Evangelista says.

Years after ruling, abortion debate rages

By Christa Glod

BEACON STAFF WRITER

Twenty-three years ago last week, on Jan. 22, 1973, a court decision was made that created an incredible impact on the lives and health of women in this county. This case was Roe vs. Wade, the most historic abortion case in legal history. After the decision was made, it became the first time in America that abortion became legal for women.

Roe vs. Wade elevated the issue to the national political agenda and unveiled an enormous ethical struggle in the country. The Texas case challenged the state law that prohibited abortion, unless it was necessary to save a woman's life.

Norma McCorvey, or "Jane Roe," became pregnant at age 25. She was divorced with a 5-year-old. After she could not find a doctor that would perform an abortion, McCorvey carried the child full-term and gave the child up for adoption.

Under Texas law, McCorvey was unable to terminate her pregnancy, but she wanted to challenge the law for the sake of other women. On March 1970, lawyer Sarah Weddington filed

suit against Henry Wade, criminal District Attorney for Dallas County, Texas.

The 7-2 verdict was passed in favor of "Roe." The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states may not ban abortions in the first six months of pregnancy because a fetus is not a person protected by the 14th Amendment and that the amendment protects women from state intrusion into her decision as to whether or not to bear a child.

Today, Congress is considering prohibiting abortions procedures in late term pregnancies. Both the Senate and the House voted to ban this rarely used procedure. President Clinton, however, has threatened to veto any such legislation.

Daphne Joslin, professor of Community Health, stated that Roe vs. Wade was "significant because it recognized the women's right to the conditions under which she bears a child."

"It is not an easy decision, it is one that needs to exist and be protected," she added.

Joslin, who is pro-choice, is concerned over young and poor women. "The health of women is seriously compromised if abortion is not a legal choice."

Sesay appointment supported

McNamara to finish out year - "I will take my cues from him"

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that they are looking forward to working with Sesay, and would not comment on the memo sent to Speert or its contents.

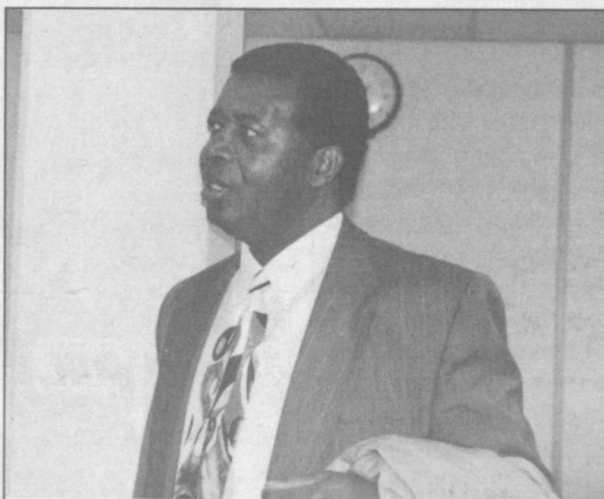
But, according to Dye, "We're not hiring him for his strength in publications, but for his administrative skills. The president chose one out of the five people we recommended to them, and we thought they were all qualified."

Magne Olsen, chairman of both the History department and Faculty Senate at Chicago State, concurs. "Not everybody is equally strong in every possible category. There are splendid faculty members who have been able to publish, and others who have other skills. Dr. Sesay falls in the second category. His strength is his administrative quality. It is rare that you find everything in one person."

Dye feels that Sesay has "strong interpersonal skills and community building skills which we need. You want someone who will complement the president. Any partnership or business is stronger when they have diversity in backgrounds."

Reaction to Sesay's new job is not just limited to WPC, however. According to Howard Silver, a professor of Mathematics and union official from Chicago State, "Most of the faculty is sad to see him go. Ultimately, he cared very much about the students and the faculty. Dr. Sesay has made some hard decisions, but all for the benefit of the students and faculty."

"He was wonderful to work with," commented Olsen. "He was very well liked around here. I have seen some



Newly appointed Provost, Chernoh Sesay talks with students in the student center. Gena Zak/The Beacon

touching moments as goodbyes were said."

As for Susan McNamara, who has been interim provost since June 1994, she will begin her first sabbatical since joining WPC in 1967 this summer. Until then, she will be acting until Sesay can serve as Provost.

"It is his stage," McNamara commented. "I will take my cues from him as he acclimates himself to WPC. We are two people who have the goodwill of the institution at our center. Then I will recede behind the curtain."

When asked about the future of current projects and programs, McNamara stated, "I think while the new Provost will draw our attention to other issues, he will work to maintain the momentum of these ongoing programs."

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Story of young boy holds lesson

When members of **The Beacon** sat down to research a piece on Ricky Hummel, a young boy who was a figure on campus in the 60's and early 70's, they were amazed to discover not only the extent of Hummel's activity, but the level assumed by the campus community on Hummel's behalf.

Hummel, a young boy whose relationship to the campus was only through his mother, a professor, was a hemophiliac. At a time when medicine had not yet discovered what exactly hemophiliacs needed and how to create this in a laboratory, Lenore Hummel turned to the campus community in search of blood donors.

Although at first, the campus was slow to respond, soon the Ricky Hummel Blood Drive was a major annual event on campus. According to past articles, every year nearly all segments of the campus community rallied together to get more and more donors.

Flipping back through those old issues of **The Beacon** from that period, it was hard not to notice just how serious the campus community took the task of helping a fellow human being. From the then-college President, Marion E. Shea, all the way down to members of fraternities, sororities and campus clubs, the campus

community rallied together to help Ricky Hummel, with blood, with money, with genuine human concern and caring.

From 1966 to 1970 the Ricky Hummel Blood Drives were the largest blood drives in New Jersey. In 1970 alone, 1,500 members of the campus community donated 435 pints of blood.

What we also noticed was that not since then did the campus community rally together to help someone, anyone.

There are those who might say that when William Paterson College was Paterson State College, things were simpler. There are those who would argue that as these are more complex times, people have less time to give. There are also those who would argue that people do give enough, just in their "own ways."

Is that really true? Do we as a community, as a society really understand what it means to help someone?

The idea of civic duty or responsibility seems lost to many young people today. Sadly though, it is not just these young people who loose out, but the people who need their help.

Ricky Hummel was lucky that he needed the help of this community when he did. For, if he needed our help today, could you say he would be so fortunate?

Saint or sinner WPC wonders?

According to many different members of the Chicago State University community, William Paterson College is fortunate to be getting as fine a person and administrator as Chernoh M. Sesay.

Reporters for **The Beacon** were told of his "open door policy," and his "pro-student's stance." In actuality, Sesay has spent much of his free time during his first days here on campus walking around and meeting various members of the community. On one such recent tour, he stopped in every office of the Student Center to introduce himself. But, WPC is not such an easy campus. After stopping in one office, one of the workers remarked "I don't trust him."

Many different segments of the campus are not used to seeing college administrators let alone having them introduce themselves. The WPC community has become weary of administrators who smile a lot and then do little.

Following his appointment, many members of the college's faculty complained about Sesay's lack of scholarship or that "he hasn't published in a while."

To his defense came Chicago State, "Not everybody is equally strong in

every possible category," said one faculty member.

This person is indeed right. However, it is probably going to take a lot more for the people of WPC to relax and be comfortable acknowledging just what they have in Chernoh M. Sesay. Much of the future opinion of Chernoh M. Sesay rests in his hands. Many runners leave the starting line strong only to fail before the end of the race. Chernoh M. Sesay must be careful not to make the same mistake.

Members of the WPC administration are quick to point out that much of what they do, is done with the idea of "Students First." As long as Sesay does not leave behind many of the fine attributes he was known for at Chicago State, he will have no problem proving himself to those at WPC. But as one student said after they met him, "Hopefully that won't be the last time."

In the end whether the community sees Chernoh M. Sesay as a saint or as a sinner is entirely up to Chernoh M. Sesay.

We at **The Beacon** would like to welcome him, and hope that he lives up to the challenge.

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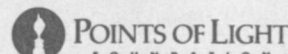


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Explanations 101: Renting a place to live

By Gerald R. Brennan,
Esq.

I have a teenage daughter and one day she will probably rent a place to live. Many William Paterson College Students do the same thing. I want to give WPC students the same advice I would give to my daughter about what to consider when you rent an apartment or house.

TYPE OF PREMISES

Believe it or not, probably the most important consideration in renting is the type of premises. New Jersey has an extensive body of law which governs the landlord-tenant relationship. But most of our laws do not apply to owner-occupied two or three family houses.

So, keep in mind that if you rent an apartment in a 2 family house in which the owner also lives, you will not have the protection of the Anti-Eviction Act, the Security Deposit Law (unless you follow certain procedures) or the Anti-Retaliatory Eviction Act, among other laws.

CONDITION OF THE APARTMENT

It might be elementary to say, but you should not rent an apartment unless you have thoroughly checked out the apartment inside and out and all vital facilities, such as heat, electrical service, and plumbing.

Before someone buys a house, he or she has a home inspection done. The inspection tells the prospective buyer the condition of all important facilities.

While as a prospective renter you may not be able to hire an inspector, you should try to get much the same information that a home buyer does.

For instance, ask about the age of the building, look closely at the windows (do they have storm windows, are the screens ripped?). When the windows are closed, do you feel a draft? Check the plumbing for signs of leaks, does the toilet flush properly? Turn on the faucets. Is the

water pressure adequate? Is the hot water hot?

If you're paying for the heat, pay close attention to the type of heat. Electric heat is usually very expensive. Ask to see the actual furnace in the basement. Inquire about its age and whether it is serviced regularly. Check to see if you will have a separate hot water heater or if the hot water comes from the furnace. Also if you are paying for electric, make sure that your apartment has its own meter and be sure that the meter is only hooked to your apartment. If possible, get past copies of gas/oil/electric bills to check heating costs.

If you are going to be renting in a multi-unit building, look at the apartment when your neighbors are at home so you have some idea of the noise level from the adjoining apartments.

Finally, if the apartment you are renting has any major flaws in it when you rent it, take pictures and have them processed with the date on them to prove that the premises were that way when you moved in. This guards against a landlord trying to recover damages that you did not inflict.

The above suggestions are not meant to be an exhaustive list of items to check. As a prospective renter, you have to be as careful as a prospective home buyer. Either way, the place will be your home.

THE LEASE

With the extensive body of landlord-tenant law in New Jersey, the importance of a lease has diminished somewhat.

Whether you rent an apartment or house, if your premises are covered by the Anti-Eviction Act, which limits the causes for evictions, you as a tenant have the protection of that law regardless whether your lease is written, oral, mouth to mouth or for a year or two.

In fact, New Jersey has a Truth-in-Renting Law which basically states that any lease provisions which are contrary to New Jersey statutory or case law

are null, void and unenforceable.

Where the lease is important is in specifying the financial and maintenance obligations of the parties such as the amount of rent, late fee, payment of utilities, security deposit, and who is to do repairs, cut the grass, shovel snow, etc.

If the premises are in a rent-controlled town, then the rent will be set according to the local rent control ordinance. Before signing a lease, you should check with the town clerk about whether that town has rent control.

If there is no rent control, then the lease will lock both the landlord and the tenant into a set amount of rent for the term of the lease.

The lease may also contain the rules and regulations of the landlord. Pay close attention to these. They generally cover areas such as pets, parking, trash disposal, noise level, the ability to have washers and dryers, and any other area of concern to the landlord.

The law says that any rules or regulations must be reasonable and accepted by the tenant at the beginning of the tenancy. But a

violation of a rule or regulations, if not corrected, can lead to eventual eviction.

Also keep in mind that a lease can be oral or written. Of course, it is harder to prove the terms of an oral lease. If you want to hold a landlord to a promise or a provision of the lease, get it in writing, signed by both parties.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

A security deposit is meant to protect the landlord against a tenant's default of any financial obligations under the lease. That means a security can cover unpaid rent or utilities as well as damages.

Under law, a landlord cannot ask for more than one and one-half month's rent in security. The landlord must take the security and deposit it into an interest bearing account. Within 30 days of receiving the security deposit, the landlord must notify the tenant in writing of the name and address of the bank where the security is being held as well as the amount on the deposit.

Failure to notify the tenant of this information, within the 30 days, confers the right upon the

tenant to use the security toward rent at any time during the tenancy. All the tenant has to do is give the landlord a letter to that effect. After a tenant legally applies the security to rent, the landlord cannot ask for additional security.

The security deposit law does not pertain to owner occupied two or three family houses. In order to invoke the protection of the law, a tenant in such a premises must first give the landlord a 30 day written notice.

Gerald R. Brennan, is the Student Government Association attorney and is available for consultations with students every Wednesday. He is a frequent contributor to **The Beacon**.

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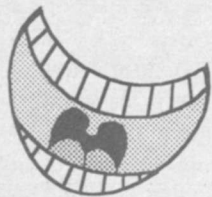
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A GROUP OF SUPERSOULS

By Ary Nussbaum
INSIDER EDITOR

At the forefront of the straight-edged punk scene are Ray Cappo and Purcell, the singer and guitarist of **Shelter**. The two friends had worked together with the legendary hardcore band **Youth of Today**, a group that has played a prominent role in the sound of hardcore today. Though the former is a lot more commercial than the straight-ahead, bruising noise of Y.O.T., there is a obviously a niche for Shelter, with several songs from its Roadrunner debut, *Mantra*, getting steady airplay on college radio. The two were involved in the founding of Revelation Records, a hardcore music outlet.

The group disbanded as Cappo and Purcell became discontent with the scene and began to soul search. Both found the solace they were looking for in the ancient Indian teachings of the Hare Krishna movement.

Speaking on Monday afternoon, Cappo, a former math major at Southern Connecticut University, said college didn't give him any wisdom, particularly on how and what to do with his life. "Wisdom," he explained, "tells you what to do with your life. What's the goal? To waste a lot of time? When you're 50 years old, you don't want to look back and say, 'What have I done?'"

Going to India and learning about the Krishna philosophy, he added, taught him how "ugly" Americans are, that they "just want to have fun." Admitting it is more than just Americans with that mentality, he added, "We are beasts that consume everything and anything. People just want to rape the planet. No one

cares."

Currently celibate, this highly moral personality is no hypocrite, believing in causes such as animal rights and vegetarianism. Cappo said he would like to have kids one day

Over the band's present month-long break Purcell and bassist Franklin have gone there to purify themselves, while the group's new drummer, Mackie, (ex-**CroMags**), was raised by his mother, a Krishna devotee.

But he justifies his actions, saying, "They use me, but I'm also using them as a tool to get my message out."

The impact he has made through his music and talking to fans is being felt, as he has brought many disillusioned youth to see the merits of a drug, alcohol and tobacco free life. All who doubt only need to show up at a Shelter concert and see enthusiastic kids wearing canvas shoes jumping around. The pop-punk music of the NYC-based group has impressed groups such as **Green Day** and the **Mighty Mighty Bosstones** enough to open up on their European tours.

One venture that Cappo is involved in is the Supersoul/Roadrunner imprint, giving him the freedom to sign unknown acts. Long Island's **Vision of Disorder** and its pummeling brand of hardcore, he said, is "really close to signing."

Music groups he listens to include herb afficianados **Cypress Hill** and **Kool G. Rap**. The clean-living singer admits, "I like the music but not the lyrics. I try to ignore the words. I wouldn't walk around wearing a Cypress Hill T-shirt."

Before hanging up, the animal rights activist had something to say about mosh pits, declaring he likes kids dancing, "but when people intentionally start swinging at each other, that's just an ego-trip. Everyone is there to help each other out. The scene needs to be united."

It appears his words are being taken to heart, as the hardcore punk community was out in full support of Shelter at its late December show at Irving Plaza as members of **Sick of it All**, **Rancid**, **Madball** and **Murphy's Law** showed up and proved they are once again keeping the scene alive.



and that "condoms don't grow on trees. There is nothing natural about a guy slapping a rubber on his dick. It's just not pure to foul your genitals and be a slave to your senses."

Returning to talk of the band, he stated he has been to India five times.

Asked how he, as an avid believer in the Krishna lifestyle, rectifies the record company using him as a product to make money, the vocalist paused before answering, "It's pretty ugly. It's just business and they only care about the profit, the bottom line."

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A Tribute To African-American Songwriters and Storytellers

By Joe Giglio
BEACON STAFF WRITER

"In Bed with the Blues: The Adventures of Fishy Waters," a tribute to black songwriters and storytellers of yesteryear will be performed by comedian Guy Davis, the son of the multi-talented couple: Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, on Thursday, February 1st 8 p.m. in the Shea Center.

Originated in 1959, "In Bed with the Blues" is about a gathering of friends and neighbors set on an Alabama porch after sunset. Davis stars as Fishy Waters, the son of a black sharecropper who altered his life from a poor tenant farmer to making a

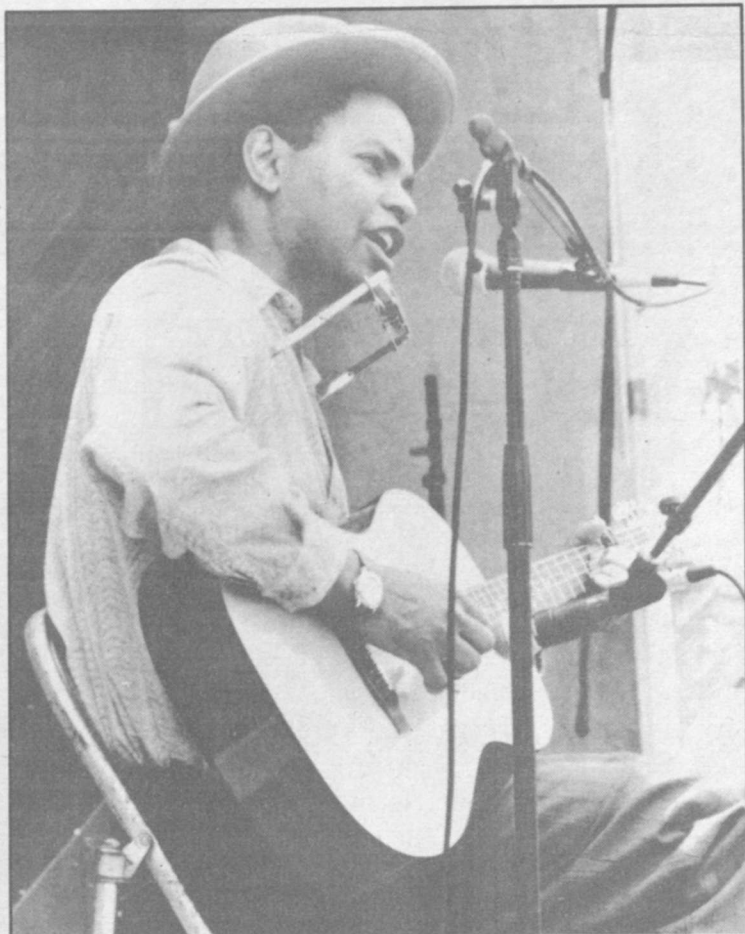
decent living as a musician. Davis recounts his southern adventures with an acoustic guitar and harmonica. The songs, from the 1920's and 1930's are often laced with a touch of delta blues. "In Bed with the Blues" is a fictional storytelling genre.

Guy Davis is a graduate of the Center for the Media Arts in New York. He's an actor, director, musician, composer and award-winning writer. "Mulebone," which featured the music of Taj Mahal, was his Broadway debut in 1991. He starred as the legendary Robert Johnson in the off-Broadway show, "Robert Johnson: Trick the Devil." Davis also arranged, performed and co-wrote the

music to the Emmy Award winning film, "To Be a Man."

Film credits include a role in "Beat Street" and an appearance on television's "One Life to Live." Davis also wrote and starred in "The Trial," which is a one act play about drug abuse in the New York homeless shelter system and was produced off-Broadway at the McGinn Cazale Theater in 1990.

Tickets are \$10 standard, \$7 for senior citizens and non-WPC students. Admission for WPC faculty, staff, alumni, and students is \$5. For reservations or additional information, call WPC's Shea Center Box Office at 201-595-2371.



Guy Davis will be performing "In Bed with the Blues," Feb. 1, at Shea Center.

MUSIC REVIEWS

PICK HIT



At the Gates
Slaughter of the Soul
(Earache)

Straight from the depths of hell (actually Gottenburg, Sweden) is **At the Gates** with their most vicious assault, *Slaughter of the Soul*.

Although it is the group's fifth release, their brand of extreme music has finally been captured on CD and is apparently making someone at Earache Records look like a genius. The first single and title track, typifies everything that is great about these Swedes. Starting with the guttural screams of Tomas Lindberg, the clean but frenetic guitar duo of Anders Bjorier and Martin Larsson, plus the unparalleled rhythm section of bassist Jonas Bjorier and the slammin' double bass drumming by Adrian Erlandsson, the track has been exploding on the local heavy music station.

Featuring the talents of **King Diamond** guitarist Andy LaRocque on "Cold," there is no let up from the pounding your head will be subjected to until "Into the Dead Sky," an instrumental that highlights the melodies incorporated into the At the Gates sound.

The guitar solos may be reminiscent of old Dave Mustaine (**Megadeth**), albeit

heavier. Lyrically, the band is very much in touch with the world's general malaise, writing about it in "Suicide Nation." Lindberg rabidly screams to the hellbent music, "Suicide nation/Mass appeal, death addiction/Dead but dreaming/Restrained by phobia, brainwashed into submission/ Control, control."

Beginning with the pulverizing "Blinded by Fear," *Slaughter of the Soul* demonstrates one can play heavy music and be amazingly talented as well. At the Gates makes fellow Swedish speedsters **Meshuggah** sound like pop music. All brutal music fans must unconditionally pick up a copy.

By Ary Nussbaum

Frank Black
The Cult Of Ray
(American)

For nearly a decade **Frank Black** has remained a well-represented figure in the genre of alternative music. Beginning with his breakthrough band, the **Pixies**, he has since familiarized his solo project with a dose of fame. *The Cult Of Ray* is Black's first project for American Records. His previous work included 1993's *Frank Black* and 1994's *Teenager Of The Year*, both for Elektra, and introduced unexpected fame for the former Pixie leader.

Of the three solo releases, *The Cult Of Ray*

is the most Pixie-esque. Many of the tracks include solid bass lines, erratic high-pitched guitar and lyrics that often made no sense at all (which would be the trademark of a typical Pixie recording). And it appears that these qualities are what make *The Cult Of Ray* a decent Frank Black recording.

The good thing about this release is that not one particular theme exists throughout the record. Tracks vary from the maniacal, angry-sounding "Dance War," a

heartfelt song about moshing, to the dramatic "The Last Stand Of Shazeeb Andleeb," replete with Black's trademark melodramatic vocal aura.

"Kicked In The Taco" stands as a vaguely rockin' tune with a touch of comedy. "Don't Want To Hurt You (Every Single Time)" is a very in-depth track about the songwriter's inner feelings. He sings, "Every time I wrote this song/I started this lesson in depravity/And now we're falling apart in this lack of gravi-

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Monster Magnet/ The Damned/
Mars Needs Women
Stone Pony, Asbury Park, NJ
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Back home from a rigorous nationwide tour, Red Bank space cases **Monster Magnet** returned to the Jersey Shore mold spores, where they grew up. Playing to a mostly hometown crowd, frontman Dave Wyndorf blasted brain lobes from orbs above, playing one of the most memorable sets any true Magnet follower has seen in a while.

Through light years of trial and challenges, acid drenched gigs, and past indie labels, Wyndorf and company struck the souls of its oldest disenfranchised followers with a set dominated by tracks from 1992's black, mystic LP, *Spine of God*. Wyndorf, sans guitar, nursing a bad wrist, swayed in wiser posture, floating beyond his old shtick, "It's A Satanic Drug Thing . . . You Wouldn't Understand" of years ago.

The highlight of the night, "Black Mastermind," brought on audio vertigo. Guitarist Ed Mundell came down from another planet, bringing riffs from space on "Black Mastermind," throwing in a deceptive but noticeable "Dazed and Confused" solo through the song.

Bassist Joe Caladra's peak, trip grooves were just as impressive, forcing many to pick up their eyeballs from the floor, as longtime drummer Jon Kleiman beat on another moon's drums with numbing clarity. Other *Spine of God* favorites of the night included, "Nod Scene," "Snake Dance," "Medicine," and the usual show closer, the title track, and a beautiful version of "Zodiac Lung."

Ironically, with Wyndorf minus guitar, the band has never sounded tighter. And for those just catching on to the addiction, **Monster Magnet** went to material from 1995's *Dopes To Infinity*, completely skipping 1993's *Superjudge*. New favorites included radio friendly, "Megasonic Teenage Warhead," "Dopes To Infinity," and the ego-reducing planetary destructive plea for answers, "Third Alternative."

There aren't many big names from N.J. worth seeing these days, but **Monster Magnet** is one of the few Jersey bands worth seeing these days. There's more to the Jersey shore than Bruce Springsteen, and "The House that Bruce Built" - the **Stone Pony** - as you're reminded with each visit there, as Wyndorf and company proved. On December 30, 1995, four Springsteen pariahs knocked that house down.

MUSIC CON'T

ty/And my heart is just a muscle in a cavity/But it hurts so bad/And I'm trying to say I'm definitely blind."

The Cult Of Ray was produced by Frank Black and mixed by English mobster Andy MacPherson. "Andy is an old school rock n' roll guy who is currently remixing **The Who's** catalogue. He recently did a great job on the remix of *Live At Leeds*. I guess you could say this record is pure Frank Black. This really is me," said Black.

An extensive U.S. tour will begin in February with Chicago-based unknown **Jonny Polonsky**.

By Joe Giglio

Horoscopes by

Miss Anna

ARIES

(March 21-April 20)

Patience on the homefront will eventually turn any sticky situation in your favor. A little self-sacrifice for family members will do more good for you than them. Try not to insist on perfection - you will be in for considerable frustration.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Avoid playing the victim. If you are feeling left out in the cold, it is probably because you have not made your needs known to others. Speak up, and you will see an immediate difference. Some of your suggestions, especially at home, may be met with resistance.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Be sure to take care of your own needs - which may mean taking a little time out for yourself. Usual routines have to be altered, so nip your ego in the bud and behave with courtesy towards others. The combo of acting from

the heart while using your head is unbeatable.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

There seems to be a sensation of aloneness. Relationships, especially your mate, need extra attention - state your needs carefully and diplomatically. Your skills in the workplace are greatly appreciated and will likely be financially rewarded.

LEO

(July 24- August 23)

Don't let your ego get the best of you this week, inducing you into something foolish. This may not be the right time to control the situation. Someone you love presents you with a special gift of time and attention. Show your appreciation for a treasure that is priceless.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23)

You seem to be on top of the world this week. This positive energy could be coming from a number of areas; perhaps your

love life is improving, or some unexpected success in business, so enjoy it! A large part of your joy comes from the sense of striving to be best.

LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

Your ideas are good ones, but you must be willing to accept input from others - bend, so you don't break. There are some bitter feelings resulting from betrayal of some sort. Work on building back the trust you've lost. Remember that change is a constant.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Insist on both quality and honesty in your dealings with others. Keep in mind that the absolute truth is hard to come by, you have access to only your personal truth and perspective. Emotional situations require a decision from you. Your choice may be difficult but for the best.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

Romance is in the air during the week. If you are presently unattached, pay attention to those sexual attractions with someone who is kind and has lots of common sense. You have a tendency

to be lazy-recognize the difference between rest and being a couch potato.

CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 20)

Do something extravagant. Although money is usually associated with this activity, time is your most precious commodity. Take some for yourself. Family life will be a joy right now, everyone is getting along great. Review joint assets and reconsider long term investing.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19)

It would be good to talk about your need for quite a bit of independence in your relationships, so that there is no surprises later on. Listen closely for words of love, for they might be hidden between the lines. Possessive energy may send you in the opposite direction.

PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

Your careful attention to loved ones may not evoke an immediate response, but realize that you are greatly appreciated. Remove your walls if you truly want to get through to someone - you have to show your own vulnerability. Take into account everyone is unique.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK BRIDGET BRENNAN



Brennan, a junior forward scored 24 points and pulled down 15 rebounds against RU-Camden Sat and pulled down 16 rebounds against Stockton Wed.

Brennan paces Lady Pioneers past RU-Camden

By Bill Berthold

STAFF WRITER

William Paterson College women's basketball coach Erin Shaughnessy utilized a defense that centered on Rutgers University-Camden's top scorer when the two teams met Saturday at the Rec Center.

The strategy, which was for the WPC defenders to pay close attention to Rutgers guard Maureen McGovern, worked for WPC as the Pioneers came out on top 76-58.

"The big key was Kathy Sinram played great defense on number 22 (McGovern). That was the key to the game," said WPC coach Erin Shaughnessy, whose team is riding a three-game winning streak and has raised its record to 11-6, 9-3

NJAC. "I kept enforcing in practice that 22 was their team. If 22 starts playing, they'll play."

McGovern came into the game averaging 16.9 points a game, and while she finished the game with 19 points, at least six were meaningless baskets in the last five minutes of play after WPC had taken a 15-point lead.

The combination of Sinram, who had a game high seven assists, and Sharon Rocks, who poured in 15 points, guarded McGovern and forced the sophomore to commit six turnovers.

"I told them constantly that they had to turn up the half court defense," said Shaughnessy, whose team held Rutgers-Camden, which entered

the game averaging 71.1 points a game, to 37.7 percent shooting. "We couldn't allow it to be a full court game where they got the ball and ran. That hap-

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pened at times, but we tried to slow it down."

WPC opened up the game with a 9-0 run, holding Camden scoreless for the first three minutes. When WPC forward
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Men's and women's swim teams look towards Mets

By Dan Lancia

SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Despite losing records on both the William Paterson College men's and women's swim teams, both squads remain optimistic as they look forward to next month's Met Championships.

Following the semester break, the men's team lost 111-78 to Trenton State College, while the women's team was

WPC THIS WEEK

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6 p.m.

defeated 135-77 at Wightman Pool Jan. 20. Three days later, in a meet against Montclair State University at Montclair, the men's team lost 121-84 and the women's team lost 122-95.

"We swam better than the scores indicated in both meets, especially (against) Montclair," said WPC coach Ed Gurka, adding that Montclair would be the Pioneers' top rivals at the Mets.

Individual accomplishments for the men in the Trenton meet included first-place finishes by sophomore James Crowder, an all-New Jersey Athletic Conference selection last year, in the 400 individual medley (4:37.4). The other first was taken by senior Mike Wohr in the 3-meter diving competition.

Second-place finishes against Trenton by freshmen Jamie Lobue (2:30.2 in the 200 breaststroke), Danny Kessel (1:58.46 in the 200 freestyle), and junior Chris Gebhardt (11:44.32 in the 1000 freestyle) rounded out the meet for the Pioneers.

The women's team had one first-place finish at the Trenton meet from sophomore Dawn Spenard in the 3-meter diving competition.

Senior Julia Anderson had a pair of second-place finishes (:28.66 in the 50 freestyle and 1:02.42 in the 100 freestyle) and freshmen Angela Ahmuty (2:39.28 in the 200 fly) and Kelly Falkenstein (2:34.81 in the 200 backstroke) each scored a second-place finish.

At the Montclair meet, the men had two firsts: one from the 400 freestyle relay team of Steve Mastriani, Brian Kane, Kessel, and Gebhardt (3:36.36), in which Kessel kicked off the event with a personal best of 52.9 to spark the Pioneers, and Wohr, who once again took first in diving, this time in the 1-meter required and optional competition.

Crowder (2:09.31 in the individual medley and 2:06.28 in the 200 backstroke) and Kessel (1:57.56 in the 200 freestyle and 53.54 in the 100 freestyle) each racked up two second-place finishes

in their events.

Lobue finished second (2:28.17) and junior Bobby Crescitelli turned in a personal best (2:32.9), good for fourth, in the 200 breast stroke event.

Individual Lady Pioneers turned in solid performances as well in Montclair, led by two firsts in diving from Spenard, who capped her week by being named as an honorable mention NJAC "female swimmer of the week." Falkenstein took first in the 1000 freestyle (12:46.6) and second in the 500 freestyle (6:03.57).

Julie Carson took first in the 200 breaststroke (2:50.92) and Ahmuty rounded out the meet with second-place finishes in the 200 fly (2:35.12) and the 200 individual medley (2:30.91).

The hard-working Lady Pioneers squad hits the pool in Kings Point, NY for the Met Championships on Feb. 9-11. The men's team Met Championships will be held on Feb. 15-17 at the Trenton State College pool.

With only two swimmers returning from last year's Met Championship women's team, senior co-captains Anderson and Barbara Blake, Gurka knows it's going to be tough to repeat. Instead of chalking this up to a rebuilding year, though, he thinks the Lady Pioneers can finish in the top three at the Mets with help from conference foes.

"Like a team in any other sport, such as baseball or football, it's hard to repeat, and we found that out, too," Gurka said.

The team will need top performances from freshmen Susan Shuler (breast stroke) and Chris Lew (distance free) as well as from Carson (breast stroke) at the Mets, said Gurka, adding that the team will also need consistent diving from Spenard and talented freshman Mara Tracy. Sewing Chan (freestyle), Tracie Matalucci (breast stroke), and Liz Bowan (freestyle) will need to come up with impressive times as well for the Lady Pioneers to achieve success at the Mets, according to Gurka.

Gurka's expectations for the men at the Mets are not quite as lofty, possibly for them to finish in the top five, but he does feel that the team can break a few long-standing school records.

"With the history our program has, breaking a record here immediately puts you in the top 10% on a national level", said Gurka, citing Crowder's hot pursuit of former All-American Joe Gentile's school records in the backstroke and the individual medley.

Crescitelli also has a chance to challenge the 200 meter breaststroke mark held by J.V. Fulton.

WPC sends Camden into record books

Men's basketball romps; delivers RU-Camden 100th consecutive loss

By **Jeremy Singer**
INTERIM SPORTS EDITOR

After losing to Richard Stockton College and Rowan College (the two top teams in the New Jersey Athletic Conference) last week, the William Paterson College men's basketball team got a break in its schedule when it played Rutgers University-Camden, the worst college team in the world, Saturday.

Rutgers made NCAA Division III history as they lost their record 100th consecutive game, 84-53 to WPC at the Rec Center.

The prospects of Rutgers completing its feat of futility against WPC attracted reporters from a half dozen major publications, including **The New York Times** and **Sports Illustrated**, to the Rec Center, but WPC team personnel insisted neither the unusually large amount of media present at the game nor the implications of the game on both the Rutgers basketball program and the college basketball record books made a difference in how WPC approached the game.

"In the back of our minds we thought about it, but it wasn't at the forefront of what we were doing," said WPC coach Jose Rebimbas regarding Rutgers' streak. "We were more concerned with playing well."

WPC had not been playing well going into the Rutgers game. The Pioneers, playing their first home game in 10 days, were coming off losses to the top two teams in the New Jersey Athletic Conference: 83-62 to Rowan College Saturday, Jan. 20 and 60-47 to Richard Stockton College Wednesday, Jan. 24.

But WPC (7-11, 3-9 NJAC) came out strong against Rutgers (0-16, 0-12 NJAC), took a 42-18 halftime lead, led by as many as 35 points in the second half and never led by less than 27 points after that point.

WPC's wire-to-wire performance

against Rutgers, however, was hardly indicative of the way the Pioneers have played this season, according to Rebimbas.

"We have been Heckel and Jeckel every night; I don't know which team is going to come to play," Rebimbas said. "We play hard in spurts, but they (WPC players) lose their concentration and their focus."

WPC received a boost from freshman sensation Justin Frederick, who shot nine-for-16 from the floor for 23 points while grabbing seven rebounds and dishing out four assists.

Frederick, who leads the Pioneers with 16 points per game this year, has tried to downplay his role all year and gave credit to his teammates and coaches for the win.

"The more games we play, the more experienced we get," Frederick said. "We learn from our mistakes, just by listening to the coach and watching the tapes. He (Rebimbas) knows what I'm doing wrong and what I can do to correct it."

Gerard Wilson scored 14 points, Tim McDonald scored 11 and Norman Greene added 10 points and seven rebounds for WPC.

Craig Bell led Rutgers with 17 points and Cliff Tokley chipped in 12.

In a rare display of strength under the boards, the Pioneers outrebounded Rutgers 43-20, although WPC's small size compared with that of most of their opponents remains a disadvantage to the team.

"Hopefully, we'll get some missing pieces, either transfers or incoming freshmen," said Rebimbas, who has indicated that he plans to add some size to

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the WPC roster in the near future. "We have a solid foundation, and we just have to build from there."

Some of the Pioneers' players don't see lack of size as an insurmountable problem, however.

"We have quickness and we play good defense on the perimeter," Wilson said. "People say to us, 'you're not that big,' but this is Division III. There are no seven-footers."

Although WPC players acknowledged the win over Rutgers as a step in the right direction, Rebimbas admitted there is a long way to go.

"We want to get on the plateau of the upper-echelon teams," he said.

Days before defeating Rutgers, the Pioneers showed that they are not quite ready to play on that "plateau." Their season hit a low point when they lost consecutive games to Montclair State University, Rowan and Stockton entering the game against Rutgers, leaving the Pioneers with only slim hopes of qualifying for the NJAC playoffs or the NCAA tournament.

The top four teams in the NJAC make the playoffs, and the Pioneers are currently in ninth place in the conference, three games out of fourth place with six games left this season.

The NCAA picks teams for its tournament based on the teams' performances. If WPC wins the remainder of its games, its record will stand at 13-11, 9-9 NJAC, which will make the team a longshot to be selected to the tournament.

"The NCAA's are a dream right now," Rebimbas said.

Even if the NCAA's are out of reach for the Pioneers this year, Wilson, one of WPC's top performers this season, feels his team is very close to being able to play on the same level as Stockton and Rowan.

"We can play with them from the start, and we can play with them in spurts," he said. "We just have to work on playing them for 40 minutes."

Lady Pioneers turn up defense

FROM BRENNAN PAGE S1

Bridget Brennan, who had yet another spectacular game with 24 points and 15 rebounds, nailed a shot with 11:31 to play in the first half, WPC took a 24-8 lead.

WPC, however, allowed Rutgers-Camden to get back in it, and McGovern's shot with 17:42 to play pulled Rutgers-Camden to within one at 38-37.

From there WPC turned it up a notch defensively, went on a 15-2 run, and, with 12:38 left, had an insurmountable 53-39 lead. Baskets by Dana Feltz (eight points), Stephanie Arrigo, Brennan, and Rocks all contributed to the run.

After McGovern's basket, Rutgers-Camden only hit two shots from the field in the next 12 minutes.

"We wanted to beat them by this much, and I knew we could," said Arrigo after her 10-point, four rebound performance. "I didn't realize how quickly the score shot up. Next thing I knew we were up by 15 and it was incredible. We played a good game."

"We came in today and we were ready to play," said WPC freshman Stacey Moscufo. "We just wanted it more."

Brennan followed her 16 rebound effort in the Pioneers' 70-62 win over Richard Stockton College Wednesday with another tremendous effort. All season long the five-foot-nine-inch junior has been the leader of the Lady Pioneers' attack. She entered Saturday's game seventh in the NJAC in scoring, averaging around 13 points per game, and ninth in rebounding at 10 per game.

"I don't look to see how well I do, I'm just glad we won as a team," Brennan said. "I'm happy with the way I played and I hope to play that way the rest of the season."

Brennan's efforts do not go unnoticed by her coaches.

"Bridget did really well off the boards," Shaughnessy said. "I think her inspiration inspired the rest of the team."

Brennan's teammates agreed.

"She played awesome," said Moscufo of Brennan. "She cre-

ates so well, the way she drives, she just makes us better."

With the win Saturday and the win Wednesday against Stockton, WPC is in good shape to be one of the four NJAC teams to make the playoffs.

WPC is tied with Montclair State University for third place in the conference, but the Lady Pioneers have the edge on the basis of head-to-head matchups. Rowan College (10-0) has all but sewed up the top seed and home court advantage for the playoffs. Trenton State College is in sole position of second place with a 10-2 NJAC record.

WPC has lost to Rowan twice this year, including an 84-39 defeat on the road Saturday, Jan. 20, but, unlike the Pioneers' NJAC rivals, WPC has completed its season series against Rowan.

"Our goal is third in the conference," Arrigo said. "Everybody else hasn't played Rowan twice already, where we have. So we got those two losses out of the way, while everybody else will have at least one more loss, because nobody is going to beat Rowan."

The victories against Rutgers-Camden and Stockton gave WPC some breathing room between fourth and fifth place in the conference.

"We have six more conference games," said Shaughnessy, who feels 15 to 17 wins could be enough to reach the conference playoffs. "We are in a very good position right now. Stockton needed the game we played the other night, Rutgers-Camden needed this game. We needed it also, but we have a better chance than those guys because we don't have to play Rowan anymore and that's big."

"I'm not forgetting Jersey City, Kean, Rutgers-Newark, or Ramapo, but our next tough game is Montclair. Kean, in my eyes, will give us a problem there, but we are really working for that Montclair game (Feb. 14). I tell them all the time we hold our own destiny in our hands, and I think the freshman are just starting to understand that."

NJAC Standings

(As of Sunday, Jan. 21)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NJAC

OVERALL

Rowan	8-1	.889	13-2	.867
Richard Stockton	8-1	.889	12-2	.857
Jersey City State	7-3	.700	10-6	.625
Rutgers-Newark	6-4	.600	9-4	.692
Ramapo	5-5	.500	9-6	.600
Kean	4-5	.444	6-7	.462
Trenton State	4-6	.400	7-7	.500
Montclair State	4-6	.400	7-9	.438
William Paterson	2-8	.200	6-10	.375
Rutgers-Camden	0-9	.000	0-13	.000

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NJAC

OVERALL

Rowan	8-0	1.000	13-0	1.000
Montclair State	8-1	.889	10-4	.714
Trenton State	8-2	.800	11-4	.733
William Paterson	7-3	.700	9-6	.600
Richard Stockton	5-4	.556	8-5	.615
Rutgers-Camden	4-5	.444	6-6	.500
Kean	4-5	.444	5-10	.333
Rutgers-Newark	2-8	.200	4-11	.267
Ramapo	1-9	.100	4-10	.286
Jersey City State	0-10	.000	1-15	.063

Arrigo fits well into Lady Pioneers future

By Bill Berthold

STAFF WRITER

In William Paterson College's recent win over Montclair State University in women's basketball, WPC freshman guard Stephanie Arrigo stole the ball from the Montclair guard at half court, turned on the juice, and ended up with an uncontested lay-up at the other end. That play summed up the future for Lady Pioneer basketball.

Arrigo is one of the reasons the young WPC squad is where it is now at 9-5, 7-2 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. She will be a cornerstone for the Lady Pioneers for the next four years, but right now she is as big of a part of the present as anybody on the team.

Arrigo is first on the team in scoring, averaging over 13 points per game, and is shooting over 40% from three-point land.

Arrigo, who was also recruited by Westchester College and Long Island University, came dangerously close to not wearing the black-and-orange. During the recruitment period, WPC Head Coach Erin

Shaughnessy was misinformed that Arrigo had already chosen a school to attend other than WPC.

"Coach didn't talk to me until the end of my high school season because she thought I was going somewhere else," Arrigo said. "Another coach told her I was going somewhere else. She called me one day and she said, 'You're not going there?' and I said 'no.' So Coach said, 'I want you to come here.'"

If it hadn't been for that phone call, Arrigo would have taken her long distance accuracy somewhere else.

Arrigo won back-to-back "rookie of the week" honors in the NJAC for the weeks ending Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. She is currently sixth in the NJAC in scoring and is first in three-point field goal percentage.

"I didn't think I'd do as well as I am doing. I didn't think I'd have so much confidence in myself or Coach would have as much confidence in me. I didn't think I'd be playing as much as I am," said Arrigo who is leading the team in minutes played with 33 per game. "I just want-

ed to come play and I knew I could play here, so that's pretty much why I came here."

All throughout her basketball life, Arrigo has listened to critics tell her she couldn't play because she was too short. She is listed in the media guide as five-foot-five but is probably closer to five-foot-three. What Arrigo lacks in size, however, she makes up for with her shot and a burning desire to succeed. On the court, she is as quick as a cat and is a dynamic ball handler.

"I've been shooting since I was in seventh grade. Every summer all I did was shoot," Arrigo said. "My dad always said, 'You're not going to go anywhere if you can't shoot because you're so small.' When I talk to other people they say, 'You're so fast and you can handle the ball so well, you should be Division I or II,' but I can't because I'm too small. All the other guards in Division I and Division II are like five-11, and I want to play."

Arrigo has not let the pressure of playing for the team that made it to the "elite eight" of

the NCAA tournament last season, or the probability of being compared to former Lady Pioneers superstar Maureen Marz, Arrigo's predecessor at guard, get to her. According to Arrigo, pressure has been something Shaughnessy has not put on her first-year guard.

"One thing Coach expressed was that there is no pressure at all," Arrigo said. "Coach said, 'I have enough confidence in you as a freshman to play point guard.' I just took that with a lot of respect."

After losing all-conference players Marz and Keira Haines to graduation after last year, many critics felt the Lady Pioneers would fall flat on their faces this season. Thanks to the recruitment of players like Arrigo, the exact opposite has happened.

"Everyone thinks it's a rebuilding year, but I think 9-5 is a pretty good record for a team that has seven freshmen," said Arrigo after she helped the Lady Pioneers top Montclair 59-57 Jan. 18.

Arrigo comes from a basketball background. Her older sis-

ter Amy was a former college player at a small school in Illinois and then at a community college in Rhode Island.

"I always watched her games," said Arrigo, who didn't start playing basketball seriously until seventh grade.

Arrigo, who grew up in Illinois and lived in Rhode Island for a year before settling in Flemington, NJ, knows that despite all the strides she has made as a freshman, there is still room for improvement.

"I don't take the ball to the basket very much," said Arrigo, who graduated from Hunterdon Central High School last year. "I know I can beat a lot of girls who guard me, but I don't for some reason. I don't want the offense to break down. I try to concentrate as if I'm the point guard and I have to get people the ball and keep everybody poised and in control."

Arrigo seems to be much more "in control" of her game than freshmen usually are. If this season is any indication, things are going to get even better for Arrigo and the Lady Pioneers in the future.

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