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WPC Alumni Phonathon 1996

The Alumni Association of William Paterson College is looking for volunteers to help raise money for grants and scholarships during their annual Phonathon.

The Phonathon will last for four weeks and prizes will be given to the top finishers in raising dollars and new donors.

The Phonathon will take place Feb. 12 through March 7 in College Hall. Monday through Thursday, there will be a buffet dinner served and then an orientation. On Sunday, there will be orientation and light refreshments.

If you would like to volunteer, call Alumni Relations at 595-2175.

Scholarships for women 25+

The American Association of University Women is offering scholarships to college bound women over 25 years old. The individuals must be a resident of either Bloomingdal, Butler, Clifton, Franklin Lakes, Kinnelon, Oak Ridge, Paterson, Pompton Lakes, Pompton Plains, Towaco, or Wayne. Applicants must also be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university working towards a bachelor's degree.

Application deadline is March 31, 1996. For information contact Marlys Huss at 838-7051.

Call for scholarship entries

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.

To apply for a Start Right Build Right! scholarship, call 201-942-1111 ext. 1035.

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The Dragon Dance was only one of many activities featured at the annual Chinese New Year Celebration that took place in the Student Center Ballroom last week. The event was sponsored by the Chinese Students Association. Gena Zak/The Beacon

Close... but no cigar

• AFT takes healthcare cuts over 'merit pay;' ends strike plan

By Yoni D. Greenbaum

EDITOR IN CHIEF

With just three days remaining until a strike by the 3,200 member American Federation of Teachers would have brought New Jersey's 8 state colleges and Montclair State universities to a halt, negotiators working through the weekend reached a tentative agreement Saturday night.

According to Donald J. Silberman, president of the council of state colleges and locals of the state chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, the agreement was reached after two days of continuous bargaining at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night.

He explained that once the college presidents' "demand that they be able to ultimately determine who will receive or not receive step increments or what they termed 'merit' pay was removed," the sides were able to reach the tentative agreement.

The proposed contract still needs to be ratified by the union's membership. According to Silberman, that will happen in a secret ballot by Friday, March 8.

"The tentative agreement was the best that the union bargaining team could secure in the current negotiating environment," Silberman said. "Our settlement followed the pattern that has been established by the Governor in the

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Conference proves pleasant surprise

• 3rd annual psychology forum featured talks from six area colleges

By Tracy Bodoff

NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Covering a wide range of topics from cognitive functions to gender issues, the Third Annual North Jersey Undergraduate Psychology Conference came to William Paterson College on Friday, Feb. 23.

The conference featured presentations by students from area colleges as well as a lecture on neuropsychology

by keynote speaker Martin L. Boone. The event, held in the Student Center, was coordinated by Alana Goebel, president of the Psychology Club.

Presenters came from programs at WPC, Franciscan University, Kean College, Iona College, State University of New York at Old Westbury, and Long Island University.

Christine Berenbach, a senior psychology major at WPC, presented the results of an experiment she conducted

on "Human Factors in Telephone Systems."

Berenbach was "pleasantly surprised at the turnout.

"There were a lot of professors and non-psychology students, which meant people were there because they had a real interest," she added.

WPC Senior Amy Ulrich presented her paper on "Gender and Age Differences in Attitudes Towards

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday

Women's Center--Dramatic reading & discussion with Ntozake Shange, author of "For Persons of all Colors Women, Men and Relationships in the 90's." 12:30, Library Auditorium. SABLE performance of "For Colored Girls" 2:00-3:00, Library Paterson Room.

Catholic Campus Ministry--God speaks to us through scripture. Come and discover what He has to say to you. Join us for Bible Study & bring a friend. 2:00 p.m., SC 302. Contact Joanne, ext. 6184.

Equestrian Team--Meeting. Come see what we're about. 4:00, SC 326.

Career Services--Workshop: "Teaching Certification" specifically for prospective teachers. 4:30-5:30, Morrison 146. Contact Sharon Rosengart, ext. 3020.

N.A.A.C.P.--Important meeting. Come & help us discuss the multicultural semi-formal ball. Just come & get to know us. 5:00 every Monday, SC 213. Contact Joelle Falaise @ 956-1999.

Tuesday

Christian Fellowship--Small group Bible Study every Tues. 11:00 & 12:30, SC 302 or Library. Contact Glenn or John, ext. 2481.

Public Relations Assoc.--We will be holding our meeting this Tues. instead of Thurs. because of the strike date. If you have any questions about our club, pls. call ext. 2609 or come by our office in SC 301.

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. Contact Joanne, ext. 6184.

Wednesday

C.O.L.G.A.F.--Meeting. Come & see what we're about. 7:00, Sci 369.

Thursday

Catholic Campus Ministry--Have you been blessed with the ability to sing or play an instrument? Come and glorify God with your talents. Join our music ministry team! 8:30, CCM

Center, WPC Gate#1. Contact 790-0253. Joanne, ext. 6184.

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. 8:00 a.m., CCMCenter. Contact Joanne, ext. 6184.

Campus Activities--Juried show. Any women can enter. Reception will be on Mar. 20 @ 3:00. Contact Matthew Micca @

Saturday

Career Services--Workshop: "Resume Writing/Interview Techniques". Advance sign-up req'd. 9:00-12:00, Morrison 146.

Christian Fellowship--Prayer meeting and fellowship. Weekly @ 8:00 p.m. Contact John or Patti, ext. 2481.

Sunday

Catholic Campus Ministry--Come celebrate mass with us

and experience great times of faith, fellowship and fun! Transportation is available & all are welcome. 7:30 p.m., CCMCenter, WPC Gate #1. Contact Joanne or Gail, ext. 6184.

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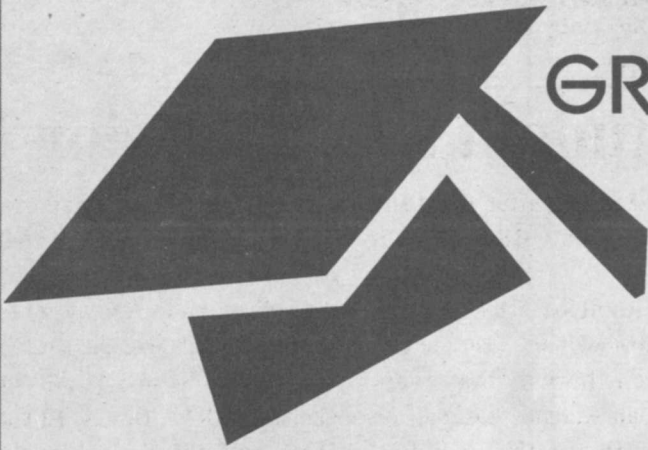
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CAMPUS NEWS

New alumni director sees 'need to be more'



Making changes - Alumni Association Director Lysa Martinelli (center) and Audrey Bonaparte review plans for the '96 Phone-A-Thon.

Gena Zak/The Beacon

• *WPC grad Lysa Martinelli strives to boost fundraising, increase involvement for the Alumni Association.*

By Daisy Hernandez
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Unlike other college graduates, Lysa Martinelli never left William Paterson College. Becoming involved in the Alumni Association during a two-year work study program, she was graduated in 1985 and continued as an assistant director for another three years. Since then she has volunteered her time and talent nonstop to fundraising for WPC and

this past October she became the director of the Alumni Association.

"I always knew I'd be back," she said.

Given the years of first-hand experience with WPC alumni office, Martinelli has analyzed the association and plans to tackle several objectives. She wants to increase the alumni office's fundraising, its involvement with Campus Activities and explore new ways of assisting graduates with networking.

"We need to be more," Martinelli said.

Over the years, as budget cuts permeated through higher education, the Alumni Association accepted the challenge of raising more money. Martinelli hopes to

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Former WPC student and television baseball innovator dies

Harry Coyle, former William Paterson College student and director of televised sports, passed away at age 74. He died Monday, Feb. 19, at Mercy Hospital, where he had been a patient since Feb. 14. His wife, Ramona, said he suffered from heart disease and had previously suffered a stroke.

Coyle directed the first televised World Series in 1947 and stayed with NBC Sports until

his retirement after the 1989 season, when CBS took over baseball.

President of NBC Sports, Dick Ebersol, said, "He literally invented the way that every American watches baseball on television for the past five decades."

He pioneered the way in which baseball was televised by introducing the use of hand-held cameras for player reactions, and

close-ups. Forty years ago, Coyle brought out a center-field camera that followed the path of the ball as it was thrown by the pitcher towards the catcher.

36 World Series, 27 All-Star Games, 27 Rose Bowls, 12 U.S. Open golf championships and some NCAA basketball championships were directed by Coyle. He won two Emmys, in 1975 and 1978, for his World Series coverage.

"I hope we have the ability to show baseball at at least as high a level as Harry Coyle has established. He's really the father of baseball on television," CBS' Ted Shaker said in January 1989, the night before his network's winning baseball bid was made public.

After Coyle retired, Ramona Coyle said people would still call and ask him his opinion.

"A lot of people would call

him for advice and that kind of thing," she said on Monday night. "He kept track of everything. He had a lot of friends call him and let him know what was going on in the business."

"Harry was a very proud man, but he wasn't very boastful," his wife said. "He didn't really show off a lot of things. But he was a good man. He was a strong man but a very gentle man."

Coyle was born in Ridgewood, N.J., and raised in Paterson. He attended WPC for two years, then served as a fighter pilot in what was then the Army Air Forces. moved to Marshalltown after he retired, is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

• From Beacon Wire Services

Lecture views links between brain, behavior

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Cohabitation Prior to Marriage." She is pursuing a career in social psychology and feels that it was "very beneficial to present in public."

Students interested in presenting at this conference submit abstracts during the "call for papers," which are reviewed by Goebel; Thomas Heinzen, advisor to the psychology club; and other psychology professors.

Following a luncheon in the Ballroom, Martin L. Boone presented his lecture on "New Frontiers in Scientific Psychology: The Study of Brain - Behavior Relationships."

Boone is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry at the West Virginia School of Medicine. He researches tools to assess damage in the brain and recommends necessary treatment and modification of the environment to maintain the patient's quality of life.

Boone, who has a Ph.D in clinical psychology and postdoctoral training in clinical neuropsychology, began his presentation with examples of what damage to the brain can do.

"The brain is the consistency of two-thirds set Jell-O," said Boone, and it is therefore easily damaged.

He went on to discuss the early methods for discovering functions of certain brain areas. During war, doctors "studied soldiers who came back with penetrating missile wounds to see what functions were more dysfunctional after injury."

Significantly more accurate methods are used today. The newest imaging technique involves 3-D computerized images of the brain and its components.

"We've always had hypotheses, but now that we have these technologies, we can test them out more vigorously," said Boone of the imaging techniques.



He closed his presentation by discussing the current applications of his field which include epilepsy, Alzheimer's, alcohol-related brain damage and working with patients with HIV-related dementia. According to Boone, "One-third of HIV patients' first symptoms are cognitive."

Neuropsychology is a rapidly growing field, according to Boone. It is currently being offered in almost every graduate psychology program and "competitive students look for schools that offer it."

WPC psychology professor Judith Green feels that the psychology department here should have someone on staff who is in the field of neuropsychology. Therefore, she felt that Boone's presentation was, "very informative and helpful to students."

Goebel, who has been working since September to put this conference together, stressed that her "wish was for the conference to promote academic integrity among the students at WPC."

The Beacon awarded gold medal

The Beacon, William Paterson College's student newspaper, has received the Gold Medal and two All-Columbian Honor awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The awards were given after an annual critique of the paper from Dec. 1994 to Dec. 1995. The Beacon earned 940 out of 1000 points in its critique.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a department of Columbia University in New York, was established in 1924 to help improve student publications.

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The Student Government Association will once again give away 12 Distinguished Lecturer tickets to the first 12 WPC students who sign up in the SGA office (SC Rm. 332) on Tuesday, February 27 at 12:40 p.m. The Lecture will start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, in Shea Auditorium

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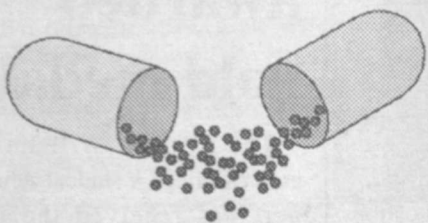
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Alumni office looks to expand services

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develop additional fundraising campaigns. Currently there are 43,000 members in the association whom the office contacts for donations. Special events like the Phone-A-Thon, currently underway, are very effective because student volunteers talk with the alumni and "remind them of when they were in college," Martinelli says.

Sometimes a graduate will donate neither money nor time, but will nevertheless remember WPC in their will. Charles Anderson, a 1929 graduate, shocked the alumni office by leaving \$125,000 of his estate to the college last year. Despite his minimal involvement in the college, Anderson kept mementos of his graduation, which his

family turned over to the alumni office.

"He obviously loved the institution," Martinelli said.

The Alumni Association prides itself on the 50 scholarships it provides to students, especially one granting full tuition and employment in its office. Having been involved as a student, Martinelli hopes to

expand the association's role on campus by collaborating more with clubs and their activities. She is also thinking ahead. "I have to know the students because they're going to be alumni."

While the association hosts traditional reunions, Martinelli has observed a growing trend toward special-interest reunions. More people are choosing to reunite with friends from their major or clubs, reflecting the changes in the economy. "People have to do more networking than in the past," Martinelli explained.

Martinelli has also revamped *The Spotlight*, the alumni's newsletter. "It looks more like a magazine now." The new issue,

out next month, will feature color and a different design while focusing more on students.

Martinelli experienced an easy transition back to WPC, in part because, "My whole life was here." She knew most of the people in the alumni office and her husband, Joseph, works as the colleges sports information director. Considering their activity on campus, their two year old son is practically growing up here.

Yet Martinelli's commitment to WPC comes from more than her family. She believes in the institution and the direction in which it is headed. "I just want to be a part of getting them there," she said.

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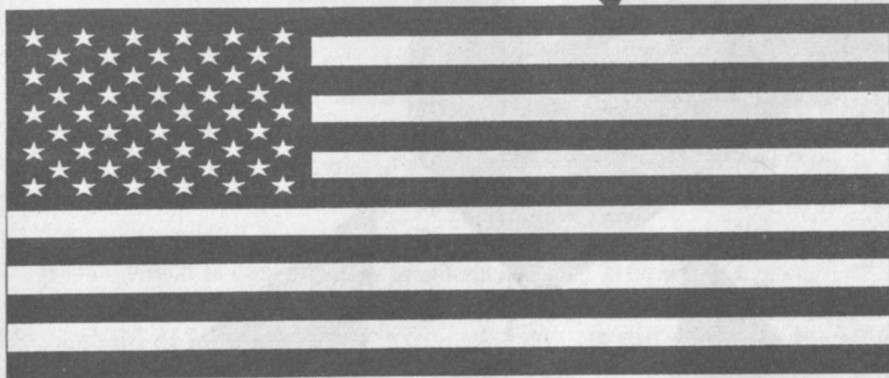
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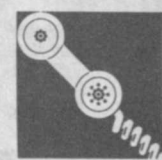
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Monday, February 26
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Library Auditorium
2:00-3:00 pm Reception, Library
Paterson Room
Ntozake Shange, author, "for persons of all colors: Women, men and relationships in the 90's," Dramatic Reading and Discussion, an African Heritage Month/ Women's History Month program. Reception to follow. Sponsored by Phosphorus, Women's History Month Committee, and Women's Center.

Wednesday, February 28
7:00 p.m.
SC 215
Amy Vogelaar, sex health educator, "Our bodies and our selves: Workshop on women's body image" Sponsored by the Feminist Collective

Friday, March 1
8:00 p.m.
Shea Auditorium
Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, Former US Surgeon General, "Current Health Issues and the Future of Health Care Reform," Distinguished Lecture Series Program. Limited tickets available for purchase, box office: (201) 595-2371

Wednesday, March 6
12:30-2:00 pm
SC Ballroom
Jazz Prophets, featured during the Ethnic Luncheon, a Multicultural Awareness Week Program. Luncheon sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Citizens; Jazz Prophets sponsored by the Feminist Collective.

4:15-5:30 p.m.
Vinie Burrows, Activist and Performer, "International Women's Rights Update" Sponsored by the Women's Center

7:00 p.m.
Vinie Burrows, One Woman Show, "Sister! Sister! A Celebration of the Triumphs and Trials of Women the World Over," a Multicultural Awareness Week Program. Reception to follow. Sponsored by Phosphorus and Women's History Month Committee.

Thursday, March 7
12:30-2:00 p.m.
SC Ballroom
Diversity Panel, a Multicultural Awareness Week Program. Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Sociology Club

Tuesday, March 19
12:30-2:00 p.m.
SC 203,4,5
Chris Shelton, Professor, Exercise and Sport Studies, Smith College, "Beijing reflections: Implications for women in sport" Sponsored by the Department of Exercise and Movement Sciences

Wednesday, March 20
7:00 p.m.
SC Ballroom
Minnie Bruce Pratt, author, Reading

and discussion. Sponsored by the Feminist Collective, Women's Studies program and Women's Center

Thursday, March 21
12:30-2:00 p.m.
Virginia Overdorf, Professor of Exercise and Movement Science, "Scholarly productivity as a function of graduate training, workplace, and gender" Sponsored by The Race and Gender Project.

3:30-5:00 p.m.
Library Auditorium
Julie Blackmun, forensic psychologist, "Violent families, society and the courts" Sponsored by the Feminist Collective.

8:00 p.m.
SC Ballroom
Women in Rock Music, a panel discussion including Lisa Robinson, New York Post, Carol Cooper of the Village Voice, Jill Johnson. Reception to follow. Sponsored by MEISA and the Women's Center.

Monday, March 25
12:30 p.m.
SC Ballroom
Young Woman's Summit: A reading and discussion by Rebecca Walker, author of To be real: Telling the truth and changing the face of feminism. Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Women's History Month, SAPB, and Women's Studies Program.

Tuesday, March 26
12:30 p.m.
SC Ballroom
Celebration of WPC Women, Tributes, Entertainment, and Reception. Sponsored by Women's Studies Program, Women's Center, Women's History Month and Feminist Collective.

7:00 p.m.
Hunziker Theatre
Judith Sloan, an evening of comedy and monologues, "The Whole K'Cuffin' World... and a few more things." Sponsored by the Feminist Collective, SAPB, and the Women's Center.

WPC WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH, 1996

This program is the result of collaborative planning by the Women's Center, Feminist Collective, Phosphorus, Women's Studies Program, History Club, MEISA and many other campus groups and members of the WPC community. Most activities are funded by a combination of generous support from the SGA, the Dean of Students Office, Phosphorus, The Women's Center, and the Women's Studies Program.

For further information, contact the Women's Center at 595-2946.

WORLD



NEWS BRIEFS

Jordan's king denies supporting 1991 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

KUWAIT - King Hussein of Jordan told Kuwaitis Saturday that he never supported the 1990 Iraqi invasion of their country, saying his efforts to find a peaceful settlement had been misinterpreted.

In an interview he said relations between Amman and Baghdad were now limited to "humanitarian needs," and that change in Iraq was imminent.

It was not the first time that Hussein has tried to defend his policy during the Gulf crisis that had been widely regarded as pro-Iraqi, causing a strain between Jordan and Kuwait's allies.

The king, a one-time ally of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, said the invasion was actually "a very painful surprise."

Hussein said he could not be blamed for trying to find "an Arab solution" to the problem.

Officials arrest reporters in Tonga

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - Police in the South Pacific kingdom of Tonga arrested two journalists at a newspaper that published a letter criticizing a government minister.

Assistant editor Filo 'Akau'ola and reporter Filini Sikuea remain in police custody after Thursday's raid on the newspaper's offices.

Also arrested was pro-democracy activist Vaha'akolo, who wrote the letter to the weekly Taimi 'o Tonga newspaper, Radio New Zealand said, quoting an opposition legislator.

Editor Kalafi Moala said police raided the newsroom in search of the actual letter, which criticized Police Chief Clive Edwards.

King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV appointed Edwards six weeks ago. Since then, Edwards has condemned activists demanding greater democracy in Tonga's political system, which is dominated by aristocrats and royal appointees.

Tonga, a chain of islands about 1,250 miles northeast of New Zealand, has a population of about 100,000.

Benetton indicted in fraud trial

MILAN, Italy - Luciano Benetton, head of the worldwide clothing chain, was indicted Thursday on charges of involvement in fraudulent bankruptcy, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Benetton, one of Italy's most prominent businessmen, will stand trial in connection with the liquidation of Fiorucci SpA, a maker of casual clothing.

Trial was scheduled to begin in March 1997.

Pollini said that Fiorucci was put into a court-administered liquidation procedure after Benetton disposed of its stake in the Fiorucci group.

Luciano Benetton was a member of Fiorucci's board of directors from September 1985 until September 1987.

Benetton Group SpA owned a 30 percent stake in Fiorucci from 1982 through 1987.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NYPD fires 2 officers over D.C. hotel melee

NEW YORK - Two police officers have been fired for their role in a drunken scandal in Washington last year in which some officers slid naked down a beer-soaked hotel banister.

The men who were fired, Wayne Hagmaier and James Morrow, were among nearly 1,000 New York officers who traveled south last May for a memorial service for their slain comrades.

Guests and staff at the Hyatt Regency hotel said large numbers of officers joined in a party that quickly got out of control. Some stripped in the lobby, sprayed fire extinguishers in hallways and set off fire alarms, forcing many guests to evacuate.

Witnesses said Morrow, 29, and Hagmaier, 25, slid naked down the banister. At an administrative trial, Hagmaier was found guilty of public nudity and spraying a fire extinguisher; Morrow of nudity and an overindulgence of alcohol.

They were fired Thursday.

One other officer quit because of the scandal and three were docked pay and placed on probation.

Kmart to close stores; leaving 1,300 jobless

TROY, Mich. - Kmart Corp. is closing 15 stores in eight states by the end of May and eliminating 1,300 jobs.

The company said Friday the closings are part of an ongoing effort to boost profits by shuttering poorly performing stores.

Of the latest stores to be closed, five are in California, three in Texas, two in Michigan and one each in Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon and Rhode Island.

The Troy, Mich.-based company operates 2,163 Kmart stores and 167 Builders Square outlets in the United States and has operations in several other countries.

Bail left appealable under new Pataki bill

ALBANY, N.Y. - Gov. George Pataki said Thursday that he would propose a law allowing prosecutors to appeal judges' bail and sentencing decisions, something only defendants now have the right to do in New

York.

Prosecutors can make such appeals in federal court, but only a few states allow them. Pataki said the law would return the system's balance of power from criminals to prosecutors.

The bill also would stiffen penalties for people who violate protection orders. Pataki said this was in response to the decision by a judge in New York City's Brooklyn borough to release a domestic violence defendant who later killed his girlfriend.

"For too long we have not recognized that literally thousands of women are brutalized," Pataki said at a news conference.

Under current law, if someone violates an order of protection by harassing or threatening someone, it's a misdemeanor. "It should have been a felony a long time ago," Pataki said.

Sherry Frohman, the executive director of the state Coalition Against Domestic Violence, hailed the proposals.

"It sends a message to batterers that they cannot violate an order of protection," she said.

Liver transplant saves girl from mushrooms

SAN FRANCISCO - A girl sickened by poisonous wild mushrooms went home after a successful partial liver transplant.

Doctors grafted part of a donor liver onto Jennifer Chang's damaged one to help her liver cells regenerate. The surgery was so successful that surgeons removed the donor portion.

Chang, her mother and two brothers became sick earlier this month after eating so-called death cap wild mushrooms.

Most liver transplant patients must take anti-rejection drugs for the rest of their lives, but the successful operation means Chang won't, doctors said.

Chang, 13, was released from the hospital this week. Neither her brother nor mother suffered organ damage and both were released a few days after the incident.

Tenn. bill urges posting of 10 Commandments

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Thou shalt post the Ten Commandments.

That's the message from the state Senate, which voted 27-1 on Wednesday night for a bill that urges homes, businesses, churches and schools to post the commandments and observe them, particularly on May 5-15.

Sen. Ben Atchley, a Republican, said he sponsored the legislation to help uphold American values. The dates in May were chosen arbitrarily.

The bill next goes to the House, which passed a similar measure last year. The governor was expected to sign it.

Democratic Sen. Steve Cohen, the lone dissenter, said senators were violating their oaths of office to uphold the U.S. and state constitutions.

"People have a right to worship God as they see fit," said Cohen, adding that he believes in the commandments but that they shouldn't be foisted upon anyone.

Cohen pointed out that his colleagues will vote next week on legislation that violates the Fourth Commandment, to rest on the Sabbath. The bill finances a football stadium for the Houston Oilers, who play most games on Sunday, the Christian Sabbath. The Oilers are expected to move to Nashville.

In 1980, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Ten Commandments could not be posted in public schools when not integrated into any course of study. Just last week, however, the court without comment rejected a suit that sought to force a Colorado public park from removing a monument with the commandments on it.

New state bill pushes state workers to HMOs

TRENTON. - The Senate and Assembly budget committees approved bills to implement new contracts with state employees requiring them to pay part of the cost for traditional health insurance.

Under contracts with the Communications Workers of America and with other state-worker unions, the members can maintain free health coverage only if they join a health maintenance organization.

The state treasurer told lawmakers those workers who want traditional "fee-for-service" coverage must pay part of a premium according to pay and family size.

However, a change in state law is required to implement the co-payments.

Lawmakers had proposed expanding the bills to permit insurance co-payments to be charged for all municipal and school employees, opening the door for local school boards and municipal governments to negotiate the same concession with their unions.

However, the provisions met with stiff opposition and were dropped in both committees Thursday. The bills now head to the full Assembly and Senate floors.

STEP Your Guide to Teacher Strikes in New Jersey STEP

Despite a cancelled walkout and tentative contract, the state declared an impasse, sparking not only the first strike of state colleges in New Jersey, but also the nation's first statewide job action.

The year was 1974. The strike was to last 10 days as faculty from William Paterson, Kean, Jersey City,

Glassboro, Montclair State, Stockton, and Trenton State Colleges and Rutgers University joined forces on Nov. 18.

Faculty demands included a salary increase, an annual cost of living increase, improved medical, dental, and retirement benefits, and promotions given to 15 percent of faculty each year.

Some discrepancy existed between the union and the college when reporting the number of absent teachers at WPC, and the activities which took place during the strike created a chaotic atmosphere on campus. Police arrested three faculty members and two students.

Negotiations to end the strike were

held at Rutgers University in East Brunswick on Nov. 27, 1974. Representatives from WPC voted against ending the job action, but lost the 14-9 vote.

The second strike held at WPC began on March 17, 1979 and lasted a day and a half. Faculty at all eight state colleges entered the job action.

The faculty's demands included a 12 percent yearly cost of living increase, the academic freedom to be allowed to choose their own textbooks, and state subsidies for the union's Career Development Program, Sabbatical Leave Program, or Tuition Reimbursement Program.

No

one was arrested despite threats to remove union members from the Student Center.

WPC's Student Government Association voted to support the strike and WPC students did not cross picket lines.

The strike ended on Mar. 20, 1979, when the union voted 163 - 8 in favor of a contract that supplied faculty with a seven percent wage

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Strike 'guarantee' ends

'My concern is the dynamics of the relationship between teachers and students if the president of the college was empowered with the ability to implement meritorious pay'

- John McCormack, student

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agreements with other state colleges."

Other state unions, most recently the Communications Workers of America, have signed agreements with the state which call for salaries

to remain steady for two

years and then rise slightly in the third.

Additionally, the contracts have required state employees to contribute 10 percent copayments for medical coverage. The workers can maintain free

health coverage only if they join a health

maintenance organization. The copayment, or premium, ranges

from \$24 to \$145 a month, according to pay and family size. The healthcare changes are

said to save the state of New Jersey nearly \$30 million per year.

However, under

the AFT's agreement, there

would be some improvements in salary in the 3rd and 4th years.

Regarding the health care package, Silberman said, "We were required to take health benefits that other unions have taken."

"This is not a contract to celebrate," stated

Linda Dye, president of the William Paterson College chapter of the AFT.

Negotiations have been on and off since the AFT's contract expired June 30. In the

end negotiations came down to two central issues - merit pay and health care.

Under the plan initially proposed

by the state and the college presidents, the incremental raises, which union members now receive automatically, would have been replaced by

don't think anything of the administration here. They don't help me when I need help. The teachers are the ones I go to and for that I support them.'

- Angela Indanna, student

'Merit pay means that a teacher's livelihood is dependent on any one individual or any small group of individuals. Freedom gets hurt'

- Scott Carlson, student

Deal

in Trenton contract offer

performance-based raises and subject to the review of the presidents.

According to Silberman, throughout the talks "the bargaining team stood firm and refused to agree to 'merit' in any form." He feels that it would have been used "by the presidents as a form of economic intimidation and control by management over faculty, librarians, and professional staff."

The issue of merit pay has come up in negotiations before. "It was the reason we went on strike in 1979," Silberman said. More recently, the idea was proposed at negotiations three years ago, however, the state withdrew the issue during final negotiations.

"It is a perpetual issue," Silberman said. "Their [the college presidents] intransigence on this issue was creating turmoil on the campuses. They know that this has always been an extremely inflammatory issue," he added.

The news of the agreement brought a sigh of relief to college administrators and angst to students. "I am very happy that there is no need for a strike," said Arnold Speert, president of William Paterson College.

Students wondered if schedules that had been moved up in the event of the strike would now be moved back. "I wonder if my teacher will move our exams back or what," one WPC student wondered.

"I don't know what our members will think of it," Dye said. "I'm not happy," she said. "But we keep our jobs and live to fight another day."

Both the Governor's Office and the Office of Employee Relations, which handled the negotiations, were not available for comment.

'Most of the faculty

does not want to strike.

But we have to stick up for the principles which are at stake. We are not doing this just for ourselves.'

- Sheila Collins, professor, Political Science

'If

money was the biggest issue

we could be public school teachers

or out in the business world.

Professors are people who believe in ideas,

and we will fight for that.'

- Linda Dye, president, local AFT

'We

would rather negotiate than

strike," said a Sociology professor, adding, "but we have

been negotiating with no results. We are backed up against a wall'

- anonymous professor

THE COMPLETE, UNABRIDGED (AND UNOFFICIAL) GLOSSARY OF STRIKE LINGO

● **Strike:** When a group of workers stop working and picket lengthy negotiations with an employer who refuses their demands (usually a combination of salary raises, healthcare benefits, and other issues of power (like academic freedom) in the employer-employee relationship).

● **Wildcat Strike:** A strike that is unauthorized by regular union procedure.

● **Scab:** A label used with contempt to describe a person who takes union workers' jobs during a strike.

● **Injunction:** A court may order union workers to refrain from or discontinue striking because the act is unlawful or further hearings are needed. It is illegal for government employees, including professors at state colleges, to strike in N.J.

● **Collective Bargaining:** Process of negotiation between employers and workers to decide on the terms of employment, including hiring practices, promotions, wages, and benefit programs.

● **American Federation of Teachers:** Founded in 1916, the nation's largest teachers union aims to obtain adequate salaries, pensions and benefits, establish academic freedom, and improve professional standards.

● **Communications Workers of America:** This national union includes secretaries, clerks, librarians, and other professional staff at the college.

● **Sicophant:** A person who seeks favor by flattering those of wealth or influence.

Compiled from Black Law's Dictionary.

A Message to Students from Faculty, Librarians and Professional Staff:

WHY WE MAY GO ON STRIKE ON FEBRUARY 29 AND WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO

The Council of New Jersey State Locals, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, which represents the faculty, professional staff and librarians at the eight State Colleges and Montclair State University, has set a strike deadline of February 29. If an agreement with the State is not reached by that date, all nine campuses will be on strike.

Negotiations have been going on since October, 1994, for a contract to succeed the one that expired on June 30, 1995. These negotiations are currently stalled because the college presidents are demanding that employees' experiential salary increments be controlled by the college administrations and awarded on a discretionary basis.

Currently, each employee is on a salary range with eleven steps. Employees go up from step to step until they reach the top by acquiring additional years of on-the-job-experience. The presidents want to divide the increments into 21 half-steps which will be granted or withheld at the pleasure of the college administrators.

Such a system would be fraught with economic intimidation and would have a chilling effect on academic freedom. The result will be a campus environment in which pleasing those in power then becomes the favored mode of behavior and challenging them becomes dangerous. A quality higher education not only requires adequately compensated faculty and other college professionals, it also requires an institutional environment in which people are free to speak out, to promote innovation and new directions, to conduct research and share the findings of that research with students and colleagues.

Unless this obstacle to settlement is withdrawn, no agreement will be possible on the many other outstanding issues in the negotiations. No other State employee union has been required to give up normal increments to reach agreement with the State. The presidents are trying to bust our Union.

If there is a strike, students can ensure that it is a short one by respecting the picket lines of their professors and other college professionals. Either join the picket lines or stay away from school while the strike is on, so that the college administration and state representatives can see that business as usual is not possible so long as an agreement is not reached. A strong strike will be a short strike.

Students should be free to act on the basis of conscience. The union will make every effort to ensure that students who act on the basis of conscience and refuse to cross a union picket line will not be penalized.

In the event of a strike, reliable information will be available from union strike headquarters. Phone numbers for each campus union hot line will be circulated prior to the strike deadline.

Meanwhile, students can write or call the Governor at (609) 292-6000 and indicate support for a fair contract that will preserve academic freedom and the conditions necessary to ensure a quality higher education. Letters and petitions for you to sign are being circulated. The Governor's address is: CN 001, Trenton NJ 08625.

COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY STATE COLLEGE LOCALS, AFT/AFL-CIO
42 Chestnut St, Union NJ 07083

Tuition at NJ public colleges too high for most

High tuition rates for New Jersey's public colleges and universities are keeping many college-age young people from seeking degrees, a new report says.

The state Commission on Higher Education's report, which was released Friday, also says the percentage of New Jerseyans who enroll in any higher education institution is 33.7 percent, slightly below the 34.4 percent national average. The Garden State also lags behind New York and Pennsylvania.

Higher education advocates contend the state's high tuition rates reflect inadequate state funding and are urging the Legislature and the Whitman administration to spend more on colleges to make them affordable.

"We have historically underfunded higher education," said Darryl Greer, executive director of the New Jersey State College Governing Boards Association. "We have not had the public will to invest in higher education until recently."

The report comes as lawmakers

prepare to debate Gov. Christie Whitman's proposed \$16 billion budget, which begins July 1. Under her budget, the state's higher education system would get \$1.38 billion, down \$8 million.

Greer, other educators and some lawmakers have said if Whitman's budget is approved, tuition rates will probably rise to offset the cut in aid. The report should help focus attention on New Jersey's tuition rates and their direct impact on whether young people attend college, they said.

"This is no time to be saying let's cut funding for higher education," said Sen. Gordon MacInnes, D-Morris, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Education Committee. "We have seen a decrease in investment in higher education. The result is higher tuition, and that knocks off people at the bottom."

The average tuition for public, four-year institutions in New Jersey last year was \$2,833. That was 7 percent, or \$198, more than the national average. For the state's two-year community colleges, tuition was \$2,096 - 43

percent or \$653 above the national average, the report says.

"We are alarmed that community college tuition is getting close to the prices for four-year colleges," said Lawrence Nespoli, executive director of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. "If these students can't afford community colleges, they won't go."

Responding to the report during a radio show Friday, Whitman said she is disturbed by the report's findings that many college-age people cannot afford college, even in an affluent state like New Jersey.

Whitman stressed that her proposed budget would increase student aid by \$24 million to a total of \$180 million to "help our needy students get an education."

She was quick to say that high tuition rates are not necessarily the state's fault. The colleges and universities have to do their parts to reduce expenses, she said.

"Those institutions of higher learning have got to look and see where they can be more proactive in helping students and controlling their costs of doing business," she said.

Whitman praised the basic thrust of the report, saying it will help in the debate to make the public higher-education system more efficient and accountable. She asked the commission to develop the report after she dismantled the state Board of Education in 1994.

The report, which deals with public institutions, will be used in the future to help craft a statewide higher education master plan now in the planning stages.

New Jersey's higher-education system is comprised of 56 degree-granting private and public institutions, enrolling 335,000 students with an annual budget of more than \$3.2 billion.

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New club emphasizes Public Relations

The Public Relations Association, a new club on the William Paterson College campus has already had a large turnout of students interested in the field.

The officers of this club feel that public relations could be very beneficial to students for their future when they begin to try and find a job. The club's officers include: President, Giuseppe Joe Scalia, Executive Vice President, Keith Pennachio, Vice President, Chuck Kovacs, Treasurer, Jennel P. Cooper, Recording



Jennel Cooper speaks to prospective members. Gena Zak/The Beacon

Secretary, Renee Hyle, and Secretary, Cathy Scoccimarro

Not only is public relations good for making connections, feels Cooper, but with so much technology, personal contact is no longer taken advantage of, and because of that the Public Relations field is growing in America. The goal of the club is to ultimately be part of the national Public Relations Student Society of America.

Currently, there are not enough Public Relations classes offered on campus for the group to be accepted as a WPC chapter. Officers of the club hope the Society administration will see by their efforts that this is very important to the students that want to be educated more in the Public Relations Field.

"We have very few Public Relations classes as it is," said

Cooper. "They cut one of the classes this past Fall."

Members of the club not only include communication majors but business majors as well. In business being able to communicate effectively with clients

and the public is vital. "If you have a great business idea but can't get it across effectively to your public everything you work on is twice as difficult if not impossible," said Cooper.

The next meeting of the

Public Relations Association will be during Common Hour on Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Hobart Hall 154. If you have any questions, call 595-2609, or come by the office, room 301, in the Student Center.

The first event the Public Relations Association is planning is a 24 hour time-limited Scavenger Hunt during Spring Fest. There will be prizes and the club is challenging everyone to sign up.



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Multicultural Awareness Week March 2-8, 1996

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Semi-Formal Ball "Ribbon in the Sky"

Student Center Ballroom, 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

WPC students: \$10.00 • All couples: \$15.00 • Others/Non-Students: \$12.00

Sponsored by: NAACP, CARIBSA, & SAPB

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Model-Seder Mass

CCMCenter, 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by: Catholic Campus Ministry & Jewish Students Association

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Discussion/Workshop: "White Culture in America: Myth or Fact?"

Student Center Ballroom, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Reception to follow

Sponsored by: Sociology Club

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Keynote Address:

Gil Noble, ABC Correspondent and Producer/Host of "Like It Is"

Student Center Ballroom, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment: "Interfaith Council Singers"

Student Center Ballroom, 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: Chinese Students Association, United Asian Americans, Sociology Club, SAPB, Jewish Students Association, & The Interfaith Council

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Ethnic Luncheon

Student Center Ballroom, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: Student Council for Exceptional Citizens

Entertainment: *The Jazz Prophets*

Sponsored by: Feminist Collective

Vinie Burrow's One Woman Show "Sister! Sister!"

Student Center Ballroom, 7:00 p.m., Reception to follow

Sponsored by: Women's Center, Phosphorous, Chinese Students Association, United Asian Americans, and Sociology Club

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Diversity Panel

Student Center Ballroom, 12:30p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Reception to follow

Sponsored by: Sociology Club

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Bus trip to NYC "American Indian Museum" & Lunch at South Street Seaport

Bus departs Lot 5 at 9:00 a.m., departs NYC 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$2.00 per person • Tickets will be available at the Student Center Information Desk

Sponsored by: Feminist Collective

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A proposal with little merit?

It was clear from the tone of American Federation of Teachers union officials Sunday that they were not overly pleased with the contract that they had tentavily agreed upon. While Govenor Whitman was not available to answer the questions of Beacon reporters, one can only guess that she must have been feeling quite good about herself. With nearly every union that she has bargained with, she has played hardball and won. Many of unions have threatened to strike. Many of them, such as AFT, have tried to fight back, but in the end have accepted contracts that were a good deal less than what they had hoped.

Those not close to the current negotiations between the AFT and the state might be quick to point out that the AFT did manage to get the issue of merit pay or even the idea of a "re-opener" removed from the agreement. However, the merit pay issue has come up before and, like this time, has been removed by the state during the final stages of negotiations. Like this time, the merit issue has been presented alongside other offers that the union found difficult to swallow. One has to wonder how serious the state really is about the idea of changing the

current automatic incremental system to a performance-based merit system.

When proposed this year, as in past years, the faculty at the state colleges responded with an uproar. This year, petitions were distributed throughout the campuses. Teachers lectured classes on the impact this proposal could have on academic freedom and students where whipped into a frenzy.

What if the offer had not been withdrawn and the merit system had been instituted?

Financially, could the colleges have afforded this new plan?

Part of Govenor Whitman's proposed budget involves that the eight state colleges and Montclair State University pick up the tab for pay increase and other benefits. The proposed merit system would have undoubtedly cost the colleges more. So, students who might be looking at increases next year of only 3-4 percent might have been looking at increases closer to 8-9 percent. The additional cost to cover this new merit system.

Sounds ludicrous? That is because it is. So why did the state and the college presidents include it in their proposal? The answer, one can only guess.

Addressing the lost 'Youth Vote'

The recent Republican primaries have had at least one effect on 18 to 25-year-olds or "Youth Vote." Ever since Pat Buchanan won the plurality of votes in New Hampshire, the Youth Vote has been doing something new - talking about politics.

For the first time since MTV created Rock The Vote, young people are openly and unabashedly discussing politics. In bars and in gyms, young people can be heard debating many of the issues raised by Buchanan supporters and opponents. These issues have also served as a rallying point, bringing young Republicans and young Democrats together, some for the very first time.

While this may seem almost ideal, almost doesn't cut it. The reason that this is the first time many young poeple might even be considering themselves part of the "Youth Vote" is because, up until now, no one has been saying anything to them.

The problem many young people see with the current political system is that it does not address their needs and their desires. If they are Democrats, they don't hear any ideas that do anything for them.

On the other hand, if they are Republicans, they don't see many concepts or programs that help them.

There is an up side to this situation. The young people who make up the "Youth Vote" have made it clear that they are hungry to be involved in a political system that includes them. They have expressed the ability to understand the issues and dialogue on the differences. They are ready to step up to challenges that are presented to them.

Both parties, Republican and Democratic, need to recognize this opportunity to reach out to this disenfranchized group. But young people are smart, it will take more than playing saxophone on MTV or having a hip campaign song. The Youth Vote wants to hear ideas and issues. They want to hear what the parties have to say. In return, all they really ask is that the parties listen to them, include their ideas and reflect on their hopes and desires.

The first party that can accomplish this will be the first one to the finish line come November.

The science of salt and ice

Editor, The Beacon:

Unfortunately, the student, Marc Molde, whose article appeared in the Beacon last week is under a common delusion. Salt does not improve icy conditions on sidewalks. Actually it usually exacerbates the problem.

Salt only lowers the freezing point of water

down to 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Unless used in mass quantities, it only works in the mid and upper 20's range. Salt turns dry snow into a more most state which in turn results in more ice. It also increases the amount of water that comes from snow piles making more black ice. Clearing snow piles before people travel on it enables

the sun to more readily evaporate the thin layer left over. Salt destroys plants and increases sidewalk cracks and potholes. The sun does a better job than man could ever do.

Sincerely,

Timothy Lawton
Student

Taking time to say thank you

Editor, The Beacon:

We the sisters of Theta Phi Alpha would like to publicly thank all those who participated and attended our Gong show on Wednesday, Feb. 21. It proved to be a great success, not to mention very entertaining. All those who participated were: the sis-

ters of Phi Sigma Sigma, John Moon, Frank Policastro, Theta Phi Alpha sister Sue Farraro, winning 3rd place, the brothers of Beta Phi Epsilon in Seventh Heaven taking 2nd and Tara Guiamongo, sister of Delta Phi Epsilon in 1st place. Our three judges were Pat Gutowski, Scott Holliday and Don Phelps.

Last but not least, we want to thank the wonderful mixing sounds of DJ Mikey C. thanks a gain to all who participated and supported us.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brown
and the sisters of
Theta Phi Alpha

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New Hampshire vote leaves republican race in a fog

By Walter R. Mears

AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Appropriately enough, a dense fog shrouded New Hampshire after the mixed message voting that left the Republican campaign for the White House just as murky.

And suddenly, the rush to an early Republican decision on who'll face President Clinton seemed less certain than before. One senior Republican suggested that the Republican field might, improbably, deadlock and wind up in a contest at the national convention in San Diego in August.

Such was the impact of conservative commentator Pat Buchanan's one percentage point victory over Sen. Bob Dole - with former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander close behind them - in the first of the presi-

dential primaries to choose delegates to the party convention.

That leveled lineup will be tested, and sorted, in a burst of primaries that will head West, then South, then back to New England on March 5, to New York two days later and back to the South again.

It is the equivalent of a national primary, and the battered Dole still has the strongest organization and healthiest treasury for the costly road and television show.

"Organization's not going to count very much out there because nobody's organized in 50 states," Buchanan argued.

But they'll be organizing against him; the party hierarchy is aligned with Dole, and sees the conservative commentator as a wild card whose campaign, let alone nomination, could damage Republican prospects in the fall.

It did four years ago, when he

doggedly challenged George Bush.

Buchanan guessed that with Dole's lineup of endorsements - three more senators signed on the day after his narrow New Hampshire defeat - the Senate leader will be his long-term rival for the nomination.

Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts said Dole has the residual strength to win the nomination. "There are a lot of states like Ohio and New York where it's going to be difficult for anyone to compete with Senator Dole in terms of delegates," he said.

Alexander said he should, and will be, the finalist against Buchanan. He added a term to the campaign vocabulary: Buchananism.

"If he were the nominee, he would be a terrible burden for our party," Alexander said, and could cost the Republicans con-

trol of Congress.

Dole, in North and South Dakota, where he must win next Tuesday's primaries - held along with Arizona's - called Buchanan a fringe candidate. "It's mainstream versus extreme," he said.

Buchanan reveled in it all, saying he had the establishment in a panic, and that people he used to dine with are calling him names, determined to stop him. It meshes perfectly with his populist, anti-Washington argument.

The assumption had been that on or before March 26, when California holds the biggest of the primaries, the Republicans would know their nominee. "I think it is still likely, but not certain," Haley Barbour, the Republican national chairman, said in a television interview. "It's just a lot less likely than people might have thought a month ago."

A former Senate leader, Howard Baker, ventured the idea of the first contested convention since 1952. But with 42 primaries to go, that's almost impossible. There's been such speculation before, usually about divided Democratic contests, but the nominees emerge from the primaries.

This time, with President Clinton unopposed, Democrats were happy to watch the Republican infighting. Sen. Chris Dodd, the party chairman, said it was fun to see the other side brawling after all the campaigns in which Democrats did it.

EDITOR'S NOTE -Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

To the College Community:

On February 1, 1996 the College welcomed our new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. We hope his leadership will provide the impetus to enable William Paterson College to be ranked among the leading colleges in New Jersey in the years to come.

The last 11 years have been a period of major upheaval for the academic community of this institution. During that time we have been witness to the inauguration of a new President and five individuals occupying the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Within that same time frame, 15 school deans have been in charge of the academic programs at William Paterson College.

One individual, however, has been a constant presence and powerful source of renewal, inspiration, and direction during all of these changes. This individual, Dr. Susan McNamara, left her post as Interim Provost on January 30, 1996.

Dr. McNamara has served in numerous leadership positions: department

chairperson, ACE Fellow, Assistant and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and, since July 1, 1994, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. William Paterson College has always been a priority for Dr. McNamara and she has served this institution with loyalty, devotion, intelligence, and compassionate leadership. Her respect for the integrity of the individual has engendered creativity and innovation in the midst of turmoil and change and has energized many to new levels of accomplishment.

While serving as Interim Provost, she undertook many difficult tasks, the most significant of which was the monumental task of reviewing all of the college's academic programs. While there were elements of the process to which some may take exception, we are all stronger people and have better departments as a result of her guidance and support during this time. Her clear focus and vision have helped to bring cohesion and community to the departments, programs, and to the college.

We, the faculty and librarians, want to pay tribute to Dr. Susan McNamara as she leaves the office of Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Therefore, the undersigned acknowledge her unstinting efforts on behalf of William Paterson College and express our deep appreciation.

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A "LEAP-YEAR" MESSAGE TO OUR STUDENTS

A message of hope from your faculty. Our struggle to protect free speech while maintaining a decent standard of living is your struggle also. What we want for ourselves is what we want for you. If the union wins, you benefit, otherwise "An injury to one, is an injury to all." Let us work together to keep higher education traditions and economic support strong.

Daisy Mae, a cartoon figure in Al Capp's Lil Abner comic strip looked forward to February 29th because that was the time Lil Abner would have to marry her if she caught him. This February 29th, the faculty, professional staff and librarians will be asking you join with us in a different kind of marriage. We are asking that you join us in a strike against the college presidents outrageous demands upon our working lives.

We want to know that amid the clamor and confusion of the collective bargaining process between the AFT (our union) and the State (college presidents) your needs and questions have not gone unnoticed. The process of collective bargaining is probably an alien, non-event in your lives now, but may become more important as you become full-time workers. Your difficulty in understanding how such a remote event impacts on your lives and your fear that your education might be interrupted are the reasons for writing this letter.

First, there isn't a single faculty member, professional staff or librarian who wants to interrupt your education or in any way make it more difficult for you to complete your degree requirements. Second, if a strike occurs, we will do our best to ensure that lost time can be made up without stretching the semester beyond its normal conclusion. Third, we are busy trying to avoid a strike by consulting with our State Assembly persons, Senators and the Governor. We are focused on getting a fair contract without a strike.

Why are we willing to strike? What are the issues? First, college presidents want what they call merit pay. We already have merit pay...many of our faculty have met all criteria for advancement to the next academic rank but have waited for up to 15 years to be promoted. In public schools such promotions are automatic. Faculty make about 2/3 of what public school teachers make. If you had met all criteria for merit would you want your merit raise to be withheld for 10-15 years?

Second, fake merit increments are at the sole discretion of the college presidents. This will have the effect of minimizing the faculty voice in all issues which concern college governance. Staff will fear retribution for speaking out against what they believe are educationally unsound policies. For example, we argued vehemently that students should have a drop/add period that is at least two weeks long, that tuition should not be raised and that requests for raises in tuition, fees for services and room and board should all be presented, early in the year and all at the same time so the total increases could be evaluated by students. These public arguments can be an embarrassment to administrations. If an administration wished to punish people who speak out on these issues, they can withhold merit. This means faculty will be reluctant to speak on behalf of the students and their needs.

Third, allowing college presidents to give merit, means that some workers or all workers could get no raise whatever. Every time the State reduces the base support for the college salary package, the college presidents are pressured to find additional money. Where do you think they get most of their money? You, of course! If we do not pressure the State of N.J. Assembly and Senate to pay most of the cost of your education out of public funds, the college presidents will either give zero merit pay or raise your tuition to meet their costs. Your efforts to help the faculty fight for funding of salaries out of the state budget mean that you are more likely to have lower tuition.

Fourth, there are other governance, health issues and salary questions. The bottom line is that in regard to the salary package, we are being asked to take a 20% cut in buying power over the next four years. If we are able to secure reasonable salary and working conditions for ourselves, we become the model for you and your employer and your standard of living will rise; if we lose, you can expect your standard of living will also be lower. In the economy we have today there is no reason why workers cannot have the same, higher standard of living people had in 1960.

What will happen if...? An injunction is issued--there are many kinds of injunctions, we will have to see what type is ordered, if any, before we can make a decision. Faculty are fired--there are many steps that would have to be taken before this could occur. Could students lose the whole semester--this is not likely, though the union and administration are antagonists in this issue, both should be willing to make concessions to avoid this possibility. How will grades be affected--prior to and at the end of the strike, students and faculty need to negotiate about how work will be completed. The union will support and work for a smooth transition which discourages any retribution. How do you know if the strike is on--Call 423-3888, the Strike hotline.

IF IT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY TO STRIKE, WE WANT YOU TO AVOID CROSSING THE PICKET LINES. THE GREEK SENATE AND OVER 2,000 STUDENTS HAVE SIGNED OUR PETITION STATING THEY WILL SUPPORT US IN THE STRIKE.

THINK AHEAD. IF YOU LIVE IN THE DORMS, CONSIDER GOING HOME FOR THE DURATION OF THE STRIKE. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE SECURITY, THERE WILL BE NO RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTORS IN THE DORMITORIES AND APARTMENTS. IF YOU NEED BOOKS FOR PROJECTS, GO TO THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK AND TAKE THEM OUT. DO NOT INVITE FRIENDS TO THE CAMPUS OR TAKE YOUR CAR THROUGH THE PICKET LINES. TALK WITH YOUR PROFESSORS THIS WEEK AND FIND OUT WHAT PLANS THEY HAVE FOR MAKING UP WORK YOU MISSED DURING THE STRIKE.

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Grindcore pioneers triumph

By Ary Nussbaum
INSIDER EDITOR

One of the realest bands in a music scene dominated by feckless noisemakers are the true grindcore kings from Birmingham, England, **Napalm Death**. The group's new record, *Diatribes* (Earache), proves why they have been able to outlast the pretenders. They are always there for fans, completing grueling tours in the Far East, South Africa and Israel.

Combining elements of hardcore and the metallic mayhem Napalm Death has a patent on, the band's latest effort redefines extreme music. Beginning with the crunching groove of their first single "Greed Killing," it is clear that *Diatribes* is pure mosh material and their best disc to date. Vocalist "Barney" Greenway's fierce screams are blood-chilling enough to force people to run and hide. Guitar duo, Mitch Harris and Jesse Pintado with drummer, Danny Herrera and Shane Embury on bass, update the band's sound with groove laden riffs and twisted rhythms while not turning their back on the grindcore noise they pioneered.

Before trekking through North America to do an insane 36 shows in 36 days, Mr. Harris called while snacking on St. Marks Pizza to talk about the new album.

Speaking of Napalm's previous albums, he said, "We did the speed thing on *Utopia* [*Banished*], and the guitar noise thing worked really well on the last album [*Fear, Emptiness, Despair*]." Working with Colin Richardson [Carcass, Machine Head], Harris and co. achieved the sound they sought when entering the studio.

"During rehearsal, before the recording, we wanted to break some more new ground," said Harris. "On this one we tried a lot of stuff where I would be playing one riff and Jesse would play another. It added a weird kind of harmony to it. We tried to capitalize on that thing and used really catchy, aggressive drum patterns. It made the riffs stronger."

As far as his bellowing frontman Greenway is concerned, the transplanted Las Vegan said, "Barney tried to do different stuff on his vocals. More throaty, half-spoken, half-shouted, aggressive sounding vocals. It is more psychotic."

One of the goals N.D. had set for itself heading into the studio was to slow the music down and not play a hundred miles an hour with distortion on all the time and play five different parts. There was a concerted effort to make more songs like "Contemptuous" from the *Utopia* album. Harris explained, "We wanted to bring things up and down and add dynamics. We wanted to break for a minute and slowly build up."

A reason for the change was that their fans were unable to dance at shows because of the lightning quick pace. "Slowing things down," the mellow guitarist stated, "gives everyone a chance to get into the music. There are a lot of mid-tempo stuff with some fast parts in most songs [from *Diatribes*] with a break and then almost a higher version of the same riff comes in without distortion. I thought it was experimental and didn't think we could get away with. But because it is short and quick, it really gives a song room to breathe."

Lesser bands may have been intimidated to try and implement new characteristics in the music but Harris said it was not even discussed. "What we did then was good for that year but what we're doing now is good for today. If we wouldn't have branched out on the last album, we would have run into a brick wall."

Having lived in Birmingham for the past six years, Harris has established a solid life for himself overseas with his girlfriend, kids and band. So, what does he think about Princess Diana? "She'd be good with a nose job," Harris cracked before saying, "When you go there, you first think it's a big deal but soon realize what a crock of shit it all is, like all politics."

Napalm Death's previous album was released

through Columbia records. His feelings on it: "I was going with the flow. We were signed to Earache anyway so I thought 'Let's see what a major label can do with us.' I thought it was cool, from that aspect. Then I realized that 500 people are working for a major label and there's only four people working on this album and they weren't totally in touch with the underground and where we came from. We gave them some ideas and I think they did an OK job but they were supposed to get us tours and they never really did. All the bands that they got from Earache were eventually dropped one by one. I read in a magazine that we weren't going to be working with them anymore!"

The decidedly anti-fascist speedsters were asked to cover "Nazi Punks Fuck Off" for a **Dead Kennedy's** compilation and proceeded to do one of the most bitching covers of all time. Harris succinctly told why they agreed to do it, proclaiming, "We're not into that Nazi shit."

Preceded by the mini-LP *Greed Killing* which contains four non-LP tracks from the *Diatribes* sessions Napalm Death has given their fans what they always lusted after: mind-numbing jams with some extreme hardcore.



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MUSIC REVIEW

The Queers

A Day Late and a Dollar Short
(Lookout!)

Obnoxious, rude, offensive... The list of kind words to describe **The Queers** goes on and on. However, every list should end with these two descriptions: sarcastic and funny as hell!

A Day Late and a Dollar Short, the group's latest release, proves to be the quintessential compilation. The disc features songs from various 7" singles. The Queers have released both recently and from the bands early days. "Love Me," "Kicked Out of the Webelos," "Too Dumb to Quit," "Look Ma, No Flannel" and "My Old Man's a Fatso" are represented here, along with a live session from WFMU-FM, taped in the early 1990's.

This album is chock full of the highly sarcastic, but very politically incorrect songs that The Queers are famous for. From classics like "Fagtown" to "I Like Young Girls" and "F--- You," The Queers come full circle with this release.

The main difference with this compilation and newer albums on Lookout! is the technology

utilized on the majority of these songs. The same subtle attitude out to piss people off is still prevalent, but the fullness in sound is missing. This is more of a raw, unpolished attack with minimal recording devices. It's more of an addition to The Queers collection than a place to start, unless chronology is important.

A Day Late and a Dollar Short is the foundation for all of their releases. One can't fully appreciate efforts until a glimpse of the past is taken as well.

By Tim Bornemann

Ruby
Salt Peter
(Creation/Work Records)

Who is **Ruby**? Ruby is actually Lesley Rankine. Lesley is a Scotland native, who made her start in London in 1989 with a group named **Silverfish**. In 1990 Silverfish made their U.S. debut. But musical tastes changed and five years of Silverfish aroused Lesley's desire to become unchained. Lesley became bored and confused. She couldn't be dishonest about something creative and had to get out on her own. Thus Ruby was born.

"There is a side of my personality that will always be the person that was in Silverfish, but there was another side of my personality that wasn't getting out."

Ruby's lyric content shows that Lesley has moved from her angst-ridden teenage years, slipping into self-indulgent roaring twenties and is now embraced by her self-confessed new found maturity. The CD has lots of interesting textures, moving from an electronic environment to grunge and back. Her vocal delivery challenges **Alanis Morissette** for sincerity. Whatever men have done wrong in the past is finally surfacing in the nineties with women screaming overtones of apathy. "Heidi" brings this theme to the forefront. "You'd put me in the ground/Your crime is always against me/Do you fear what I could be/I'm bigger than you'll ever be."

The album has various viewpoints on life and the everlasting search for personal satisfaction. Songs vary from being on the electronic techno part to a more Seattle sound. Ironically the album was recorded in Seattle. There is one song which is really unique, "Bud." This track is reminiscent of a big band twist-

ed into an alternative club gig in the nineties. Lesley is on top of the whole track convoluting her way through her lines.

Lesley has assembled a band featuring Sharon Dougherty (guitar/keyboards), Chris Taplin (bass, guitar, programming), and Gavin Fawcett (drums). Ruby will be showcasing material from *Salt Peter* at limited engagements in the U.S. in late February and early March. Definitely pick up the album and keep an eye out for a great performer.

By Bob Blasser

Ruth Ruth
Laughing Gallery
(Venture/American)

Fresh out of a weekly stint at the far from glorious Continental Bar in New York's West Village, **Ruth Ruth** has emerged with *Laughing Gallery*, produced by Ted Niceley of **Fugazi**. Overall, it's a decent power pop/punk album consisting of twelve tunes ranging in content from songs about being a social misfit in the already radio friendly "Uninvited," to more vivacious numbers that show the band's love for porno

magazines and B-movies like "The Incredible Shrinking Woman," from which the group got its name.

On "I Killed Meg the Prom Queen," bassist/vocalist Chris Kennedy sings, "I couldn't take it/When she blew me off/When I couldn't get it up/She'd tell the whole town/She'd tell the whole world/I had to shut her up." This stuff is fun and it's not **Green Day** or **The Offspring**. Kennedy, along with Mike Lustig on guitar and drummer Dave Snyder, play East Coast style punk with tremendously catchy hooks. After a few spins around the disc player, Ruth Ruth will have one singing along without feeling ashamed to do so. Other highlights include "Neurotica" and "Uptight."

It's obvious that the band isn't trying to change the world or anyone for that matter, but only trying to get their music heard. They're doing it out of the sheer enjoyment of playing as a group of friends and isn't that what punk rock is about anyway?

For those into fast, groove-ridden guitars with **Elvis Costello**-type vocals but not too serious lyrics, pick up Ruth Ruth and prepare to get a little crazy.

By Ed Erlenmeyer

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"Sankofa" does not sugarcoat

By Nicole Graves
INSIDER CONTRIBUTOR

On February 12, faculty, staff and students had the opportunity to watch "Sankofa," a film about slavery. It was followed by a reception and a presentation by the film's lead actress, Oyafunmike Ogunlano, as part of the African Heritage Month celebration.

The informal reception took place in the Library Paterson room where guests were given the opportunity to speak and dine with the talented Ms. Ogunlano. After the reception, the guests accompanied the actress to the auditorium where she spoke of the hardships that accompanied the making and distribution of "Sankofa," written, produced and directed by Haile Gerima, a professor of film at Howard University, a movie that tells the sorry tale of African slavery.

"Sankofa" took nine years to complete and was filmed in Ghana and Jamaica.

The actress told the audience that she felt spiritually connected with her ancestors throughout the filming, particularly while acting out the bondage and rape scenes. Ms. Ogunlano rehearsed for five years to prepare for this realistic portrayal of the dehumanization of Africans during the slave trade.

Many film companies, including HBO, refused to distribute "Sankofa" because "it was too graphic." Independently distributed, the riveting film has grossed over six million dollars.

The movie's theme is that African-Americans and Africans throughout the diaspora must reclaim their past. Derived from the Akan language, Sankofa means, "return to your roots, recapture what you lost and move forward."

"Black people need to get back to self-love," said Ms. Ogunlano, and if this film helps them do that, then I've done my job."

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Lady Pioneers snubbed

After overcoming the loss of a half dozen seniors from last year's team to finish second place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference with a surprising 18-8 overall record, the William Paterson College women's basketball team found out last night that it has been shut out of an NCAA tournament appearance by the NCAA Division III tournament selection committee.

The Lady Pioneers won their final seven regular season games this year and beat Trenton State College in the NJAC semifinal game before losing to Rowan College, which hasn't lost a game all year, in the conference final Friday.

WPC head coach Erin Shaughnessy would not comment on the selection committee's decision to snub the Lady Pioneers, but assistant coach Mary Dean voiced the disappointment of both Shaughnessy and the WPC players.

"Erin talked to people on the committee about what we had to do to make the tournament, and they said if we win the rest of

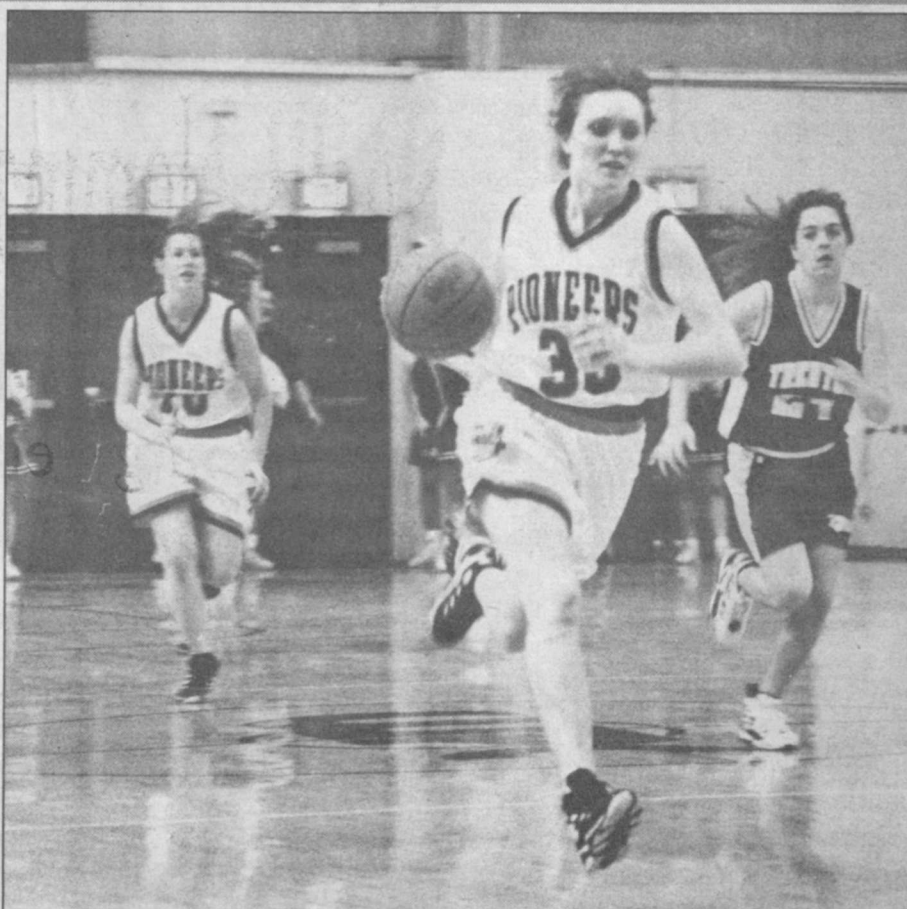
our games and win a playoff game, we would be in," Dean said. "We did that, just to find out we weren't in."

WPC will miss the NCAA's this year for the first time since the 1991-92 season. Before this year, Shaughnessy had coached the Lady Pioneers to the tournament each of her first three years as head coach of the team.

The Lady Pioneers would have automatically qualified for the NCAA's had they beaten Rowan in the NJAC championship. But Rowan has been untouchable this year, and Dean indicated that it would have been an unfair demand for WPC to beat the Lady Profs in order to be selected to the tournament.

"There are some teams going into this tournament with 18-8 and 19-8 records," she said. "It shouldn't have come down to beating Rowan."

Last season, WPC won the Mid-Atlantic regional championship of the NCAA's, advancing to the tournament's "elite eight."



WPC's Bridget Brennan leads a fast break in the NJAC semifinal game against Trenton State Wednesday at the Rec Center. WPC won 63-61.

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Rowan ends WPC's championship dreams

Lady Pioneers blown out by undefeated Lady Profs in NJAC title game

By Bill Berthold

BEACON STAFF WRITER

For the first 12 minutes of the New Jersey Athletic Conference final Friday, the William Paterson College women's basketball team looked as if it would give Rowan College, the Mid-Atlantic region's No. 1 ranked team, all the Lady Profs could handle.

The Lady Pioneers tied the score at 17 with a basket by Dana Feltz with eight minutes to go in the first half. Feltz's basket, however, would be the last basket the visiting Lady Pioneers would score until the 18 minute mark of the second half, as Rowan (26-0) exploded on a 24-0 run over that 10 minute period. It was a run the Lady Pioneers would never recover from as Rowan cruised to a 73-44 victory.

If WPC had won the game, it would have received an automatic bid to go to the NCAA Division III tournament. As it turned out, the Lady Pioneers were not given a tournament bid [see above story].

After the game, WPC guard Stephanie Arrigo put the loss into perspective.

"We stayed with them," said Arrigo, who led WPC with 12 points, regarding the game's first 12 minutes. "Once it was 17-24 they (Rowan) just kept scoring. I think we put our heads down a little bit, for a split second we gave up and they just took advantage of it. At that point that's where we lost the game."

The Lady Pioneers (18-8) shot only 30 percent from the floor, including four-for-22 from beyond the three-point line. WPC was outrebounded 58-35 as they allowed Rowan to pull down 28 offensive rebounds, which enabled the Lady Profs numerous second looks at the basket.

"No one expected us to win," WPC coach Erin Shaughnessy said. "It would have been a dream season if we did win, it is a dream season anyway. They (Rowan) were outscoring opponents by 35 and that is what we lost by. If we got crushed by 50 then it would have been a different situation."

WPC had no answer for the play of Rowan sophomore Jennifer Denby, who had 18 points and 11 rebounds, or

senior Sharon Laddey, who poured in 14 to go along with her 10 boards.

"They're a great team. They have guards that are five-ten and they hit the boards," said Shaughnessy regarding the Lady Profs. "They are a very good, athletic team, but the positives were that they are seniors and juniors and I have seven freshman, and that was my positive to show them that we did our best job."

The Lady Pioneers had a grueling stretch run to the season,

winning seven games in a row to get the second seed in the conference tournament.

Entering the Rowan game, WPC was coming off three hard fought victories: one against Montclair State University and two vs. Trenton State College in a week's span.

WPC pulled off a thrilling come-from-behind 63-61 win over Trenton in the semifinals of the NJAC tournament Wednesday. That game saw Arrigo play all 40 minutes, Kathy Sinram go 38 minutes

and Brennan punch in 35. So on Friday it looked as if the fatigue finally caught up with the Lady Pioneers.

"It's been a tough run," said Shaughnessy, who was vying for her second NJAC crown and her first since the 1992-93 season, when, ironically, her club defeated Rowan. "We didn't run the same practice. We walked through Rowan's plays, we walked through our defenses."

"I had the same kids playing against Trenton in the second

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Men's track places at championships

The William Paterson College men's track team placed fourth out of 16 teams and the WPC women's team finished 13th out of 17 teams at the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships Feb. 17-18 at Southern Connecticut State University.

The fourth place finish for the men's team, which scored 44 points overall was the highest in school history.

Medal winners for the Pioneers on the men's side included Jeff Riddick in the 400 meter run (:52.23, fourth place) and the long jump (6.63 meters, second place), Shawn Grimaldi in the 1000 meter run (2:43.53, second place), Keith Bailey in the 200 meter run (:23.38, second place), Reuben Pleasant in the long jump (6.47

meters, fourth place) and the high jump (1.82 meters, fifth place) and Ramon Pleasant in the high jump (1.87 meters, fourth place).

WPC's team of Grimaldi, Bailey, Sadat Safford and Riddick placed third in the 1600 meter relay (3:31.35).

For the women's team, Marie Remiggio finished sixth in the shot put (32'11.75"), La Nita Pemberton finished sixth in the 55 hurdles (:09.33) and the long jump (5.33 meters) and Laticia Currie finished sixth in the 800 meters (2:34.26).

The State University of New York-Albany won the men's competition and the women's competition. The event was the last of the indoor track season for the WPC team.

Men's hoops ends season with high hopes

Pioneers show potential to be a force next year after failing to qualify for playoffs this year

By Jeremy Singer

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The William Paterson College men's basketball team couldn't have finished the 1995-96 regular season much better than it did.

The Pioneers won six of their final seven regular season games to finish 12-12 overall, 8-10 New Jersey Athletic Conference, the team's best record in five years. WPC came one win short of qualifying for the NJAC playoffs -- for the first time since 1987 -- when it lost to Trenton State College 82-72 Feb. 17 at the Rec Center in the regular season finale.

Even though the Pioneers failed to qualify for the playoffs, they finished the season as the hottest team in the conference and are already expected by many observers to be one of the NJAC's best teams next season. The team will not see a single player graduate between now and next year, and eight of the players on this year's squad, including Victor Humphrey, who redshirted after sustaining a knee injury before the season began, will be seniors by next season.

The Pioneers have come a long way since the beginning of the season and are looking to improve the team with the addition of a few potential recruits before next year, according to WPC coach Jose Rebimbas.

Rebimbas said he is going after some of the area's top high

school and college basketball players, although, unlike NCAA Division I and II teams, WPC, a Division III school, cannot offer scholarships to its players. He did not disclose the names of his recruits, none of whom are currently officially registered to attend WPC.

"We feel we have a very good nucleus. We just have to plug in some holes," he said. "Hopefully, we'll take care of that through transfers and incoming freshmen. We just have to hope no one comes in late and offers these guys a scholarship."

Rebimbas' top priority during the offseason is to recruit a large player who can stabilize the Pioneers' inside game. Right now, WPC's tallest players are Paul Eisenhardt and Vincent Font, both 6 feet 6 inches tall; many NJAC teams have players who are up to four inches taller than that.

"We definitely need to bring in a big body," Rebimbas said. "We don't have an intimidator out there."

WPC struggled immensely during the first half of the season under Rebimbas, a rookie coach who, as an interim coach at Montclair State University last year, led the Redhawks to an NJAC championship.

On Jan. 24, the Pioneers were 6-11 overall, 2-9 in the conference, and losers of three straight games. But as the players became more comfortable with



their roles on the court and with Rebimbas' coaching style, they began to play like a team for the first time all season.

"When we were going through the losing streak, we were a better basketball team than we were showing," said Rebimbas, whose team also lost five in a row Nov. 29 to Dec. 12. "We weren't clicking on all cylinders. But when we were on that winning streak, we realized we were a good team."

"We believed we were a good team and we believed in each other. We never stopped fighting," he added. "It's all about desire and the willingness to want us to succeed. That allowed us to succeed in the last month."

WPC forward Norman Greene, whose play improved as the season progressed, said the Pioneers were helped by their refusal to give up on the

season after it appeared they were out of the playoff race a month ago.

"Everyone stuck together," he said. "We kept fighting, and, luckily, things turned around."

In the end, the Pioneers were not able to qualify for the playoffs. They finished sixth place in the conference, just one game shy of the NJAC's fourth and final playoff spot.

The WPC players were clearly perturbed after Trenton knocked them out of the playoff race for good. Players from both teams engaged in a scuffle after the game, although no punches were thrown.

Although Rebimbas does not condone conflicts such as the one which occurred after the Trenton game, he told his players they shouldn't just let their anger subside during the offseason.

"I expressed to them that the

feelings they had should now be put into frustration," said Rebimbas, who hopes the Pioneers will be able to secure a playoff spot next year before the season's final week. "They should let it out in the weight room and in practice so that they're not fighting for that fourth playoff spot next year."

Rebimbas has implemented an offseason strength and conditioning program for his players.

"The season is over, and it's time to work out and become better players," he said. "We need to become better passers, better shooters, and we need to become stronger."

The Pioneers have already set a modest goal for next season: to make the playoffs.

"Anything less than a fourth place finish would be disappointing," Rebimbas said.

Women's swim team finishes strong second at Mets

Dan Lancia

SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The William Paterson College men's and women's swim teams capped off their 1995-96 season in impressive fashion at the recent Metropolitan Conference swimming championships. The women's team took second place overall at the event, held Feb. 9-11 in Kings Point, NY, while the men's team finished a solid fifth at its meet Feb. 15-17 at Trenton State College.

WPC coach Ed Gurka called the results "a nice way to finish the season." He previously stated that he had hoped for a top three finish from the women and a top five finish from the men, so the coach was pleased with the Pioneers' performances.

"Three-day meets are always a fight, and we overcame a lot of hardships and really swam great," Gurka said.

The women's team, which edged Kings Point College for second place,

was led by diver Dawn Spenard, who won the 1 meter and 3 meter diving competitions and was named Met Conference "diver of the year." The Lady Pioneers' Julia Anderson reached three personal bests in freestyle events at the meet, winning the 200 (2:10.0), finishing second in the 100 (:58.9) and placing third in the 50 (:27.2).

Angela Ahmuty won the 100 breaststroke (1:18.0) and took second place in both the 200 individual medley (2:29.5) and 200 fly (2:40) for the Lady Pioneers. Teammate Julie Carson also scored second place finishes in the 400 individual medley (5:17) and in the 200 breaststroke (2:48). All four women's relay teams scored second place finishes to cap the successful meet.

With only one senior (Anderson) among the top finishers for the Lady Pioneers, Gurka praised the effort of the team's underclassmen.

"To be as young and inexperienced as we were and come away with second

place is great," he said. "The girls know what it takes to win now and are really hungry for next year."

The men's team avenged early season losses to the State University of New York-Maritime and Queens College by outpointing them at the meet.

WPC was led by James Crowder, who finished second in the 400 individual medley (4:21). His time shattered former All-American Joe Gentile's school record by six seconds. Gurka called this "a significant feat" and said that, with progress, Crowder should qualify for the NCAA Division III nationals next year.

WPC's Bobby Crescitelli set a personal best, finishing fifth overall in the 200 breaststroke (2:21) by cutting four seconds off his previous best. Diver Mike Wohr placed fourth and fifth respectively in the 1 meter and 3 meter competitions.

Gurka cited a mid-season victory over rival SUNY-Maritime and the Pioneers' finish as Metropolitan Conference dual meet champions as the highlights of the

season for the WPC men's team.

"The men really picked it up in the second half and everything seemed to snowball into the Mets," said Gurka, adding that the Pioneers have room for improvement next year and their early goal is to improve on their fifth place finish at the Mets.

Gurka was pleased with the efforts of his seniors on the men's and women's teams, Anderson, Barbara Blake, Steve Mastriani, and Seth Schneider, who Gurka said typified the Pioneers program by reaching their best times at the end of their senior years.

"That works best for both the program and the individual," Gurka said.

The Pioneers will have to compensate next season for the leadership of the four, who finished their WPC careers by setting 11 personal bests at the Mets, dropping several seconds off their previous personal bests.

WPC loses to Rowan in NJAC championship

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half; they didn't stop, they were exhausted," Shaughnessy added. "One of my rules was that you don't sleep on the bus ride coming down. They slept on the bus ride, they asked and I said 'go for it'. That's not an excuse, but that just shows me the hard work they put in all season."

While the Lady Pioneers lost the game, they continue to maintain the respect they earned during the season from critics who predicted them to finish no better than eighth place in the conference.

"We wanted to prove to everyone that we are a good

team," said Brennan, the WPC star who was held to four points against Rowan. "We stuck together and didn't give up."

NJAC Playoffs

Men's Basketball Semifinals

Rowan 102, Jersey City 96 (OT)
Stockton 61, Rutgers-Newark 57

Championship

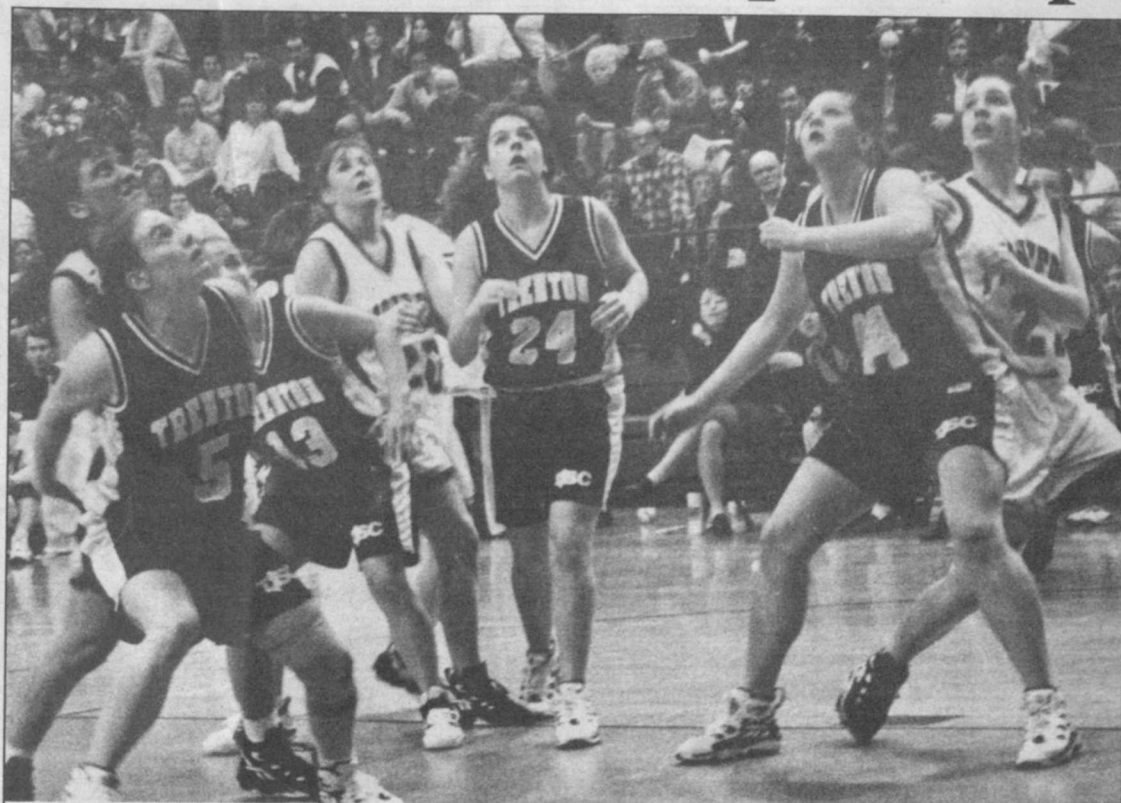
Stockton 75, Rowan 62

Women's Basketball Semifinals

William Paterson 63, Trenton 61
Rowan 69, Montclair 48

Championship

Rowan 73, William Paterson 44



WPC and Trenton State players box each other out for a rebound in action Wednesday at the William Paterson CollegeRec Center.

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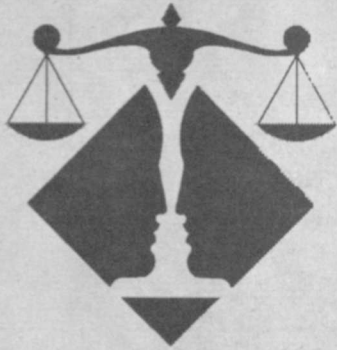
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