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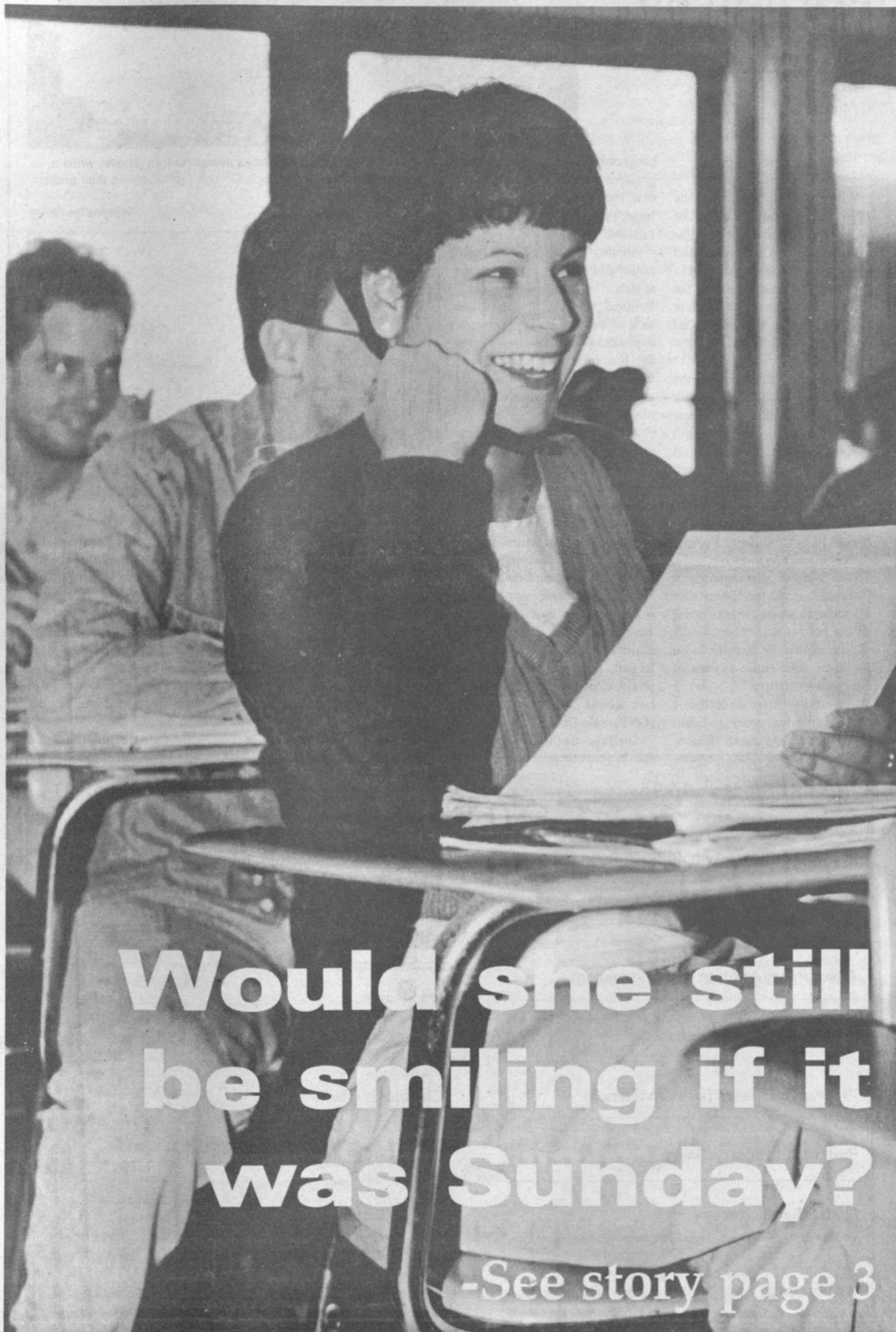
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Students and faculty hold teach-in on politics

By Matthew Halpern

With just days to go before the 1996 Presidential Election, the William Paterson College Political Science and Economics and Finance departments sponsored a Teach-In designed to inform the voting population about different economic views and basic platforms of five candidates for president.

The Oct. 31 event, held in the Student Center, had WPC faculty from the sponsoring departments presenting information about economic policy. Students from the two departments delivered outlines of the views of presidential candidates Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, Ross Perot, Ralph Nader (Green Party) and Harry Browne (Libertarian Party).

Paul Swanson, Economics and Finance, opened the forum with a discussion about changes needed for tax reform. "More needs to be done than just reform," said Swanson. "An entire system of change is necessary."

"Primarily, the direction I think it (the tax system) should be changed is to make it more

progressive," he said. "A progressive tax system would mean that the wealthy would pay a larger percentage of their income in taxes."

Another aspect of economic policy discussed was the welfare system. George Gregoriou, Political Science, discussed the lack of co-dependency between capitalism and egalitarianism. We live in a class society, said Gregoriou, and both businesses and people must make compromises to get ahead.

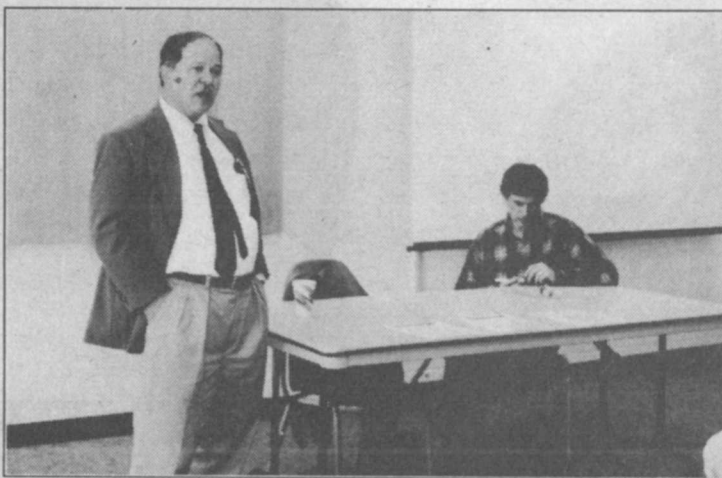
According to Gregoriou, competition is what keeps welfare alive; in our society, the contest rages between "the demands of the people for the safety net and at the same time the demands of the corporate structure to the accumulation of wealth."

The necessity and benefits of international trading policies were addressed by Gopal Dorai, Economics and Finance. The United States is one of the largest trading nations in the world, exporting roughly 13% of our Gross National Product (GNP), said Dorai.

Sheila Collins, Political

Teach-in participant Thom Brooks awaits his turn (above) while a member of the William Paterson College faculty makes their presentation (below).

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Science Department chairperson and event organizer, addressed the factors used to measure the health of the economy. According to Collins, President Clinton states that the economy is the healthiest it has been in over 30 years; Senator Dole disagrees with this position. Each candidate, said Collins, uses different indicators to reach their conclusion.

"Clinton based his (conclu-

sion) on the set of leading economic indicators," such as the inflation rate, and GNP, and unemployment, Collins said. "Dole is eluding to a different set of statistics," including the poverty and mortality rates. According to Collins, both conclusions are correct.

Berch Haroian, Economic and Finance, concluded the discussion on the economy with a pre-see **DECLARE** page 6

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ON THE COVER - Will William Paterson College students still be smiling when classes are held on Saturday and Sunday?

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WPC redesigns the school week

By Yoni Greenbaum,
Matthew Halpern and
Allison Morgan

If William Paterson College Provost and Executive Vice President Chernoh M. Sesay — and the supposed large numbers of students who have been calling him — have their way, weekends off may become nothing more than a quaint memory for the WPC campus.

"What I am trying to do is work with faculty for us to be more flexible in our scheduling of classes," Sesay explained, "to extend our class scheduling throughout the week — including the weekends."

According to Sesay, this is necessary because a large number of students who attend WPC have jobs and "even for those students who don't, I think that they should be able to have their schedules spread out throughout the week."

Some of the changes that Sesay is planning on making will appear in the Fall 1997 schedule.

"On a trial basis, there will be a Friday evening class slot available," said WPC Registrar Mark Evangelista, "as a result of more students staying on campus during the weekend." In addition, a 2:00 p.m. class has been added to the Saturday schedule which previously only had classes beginning at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. "There will also be two time

blocks on Sundays," said Evangelista.

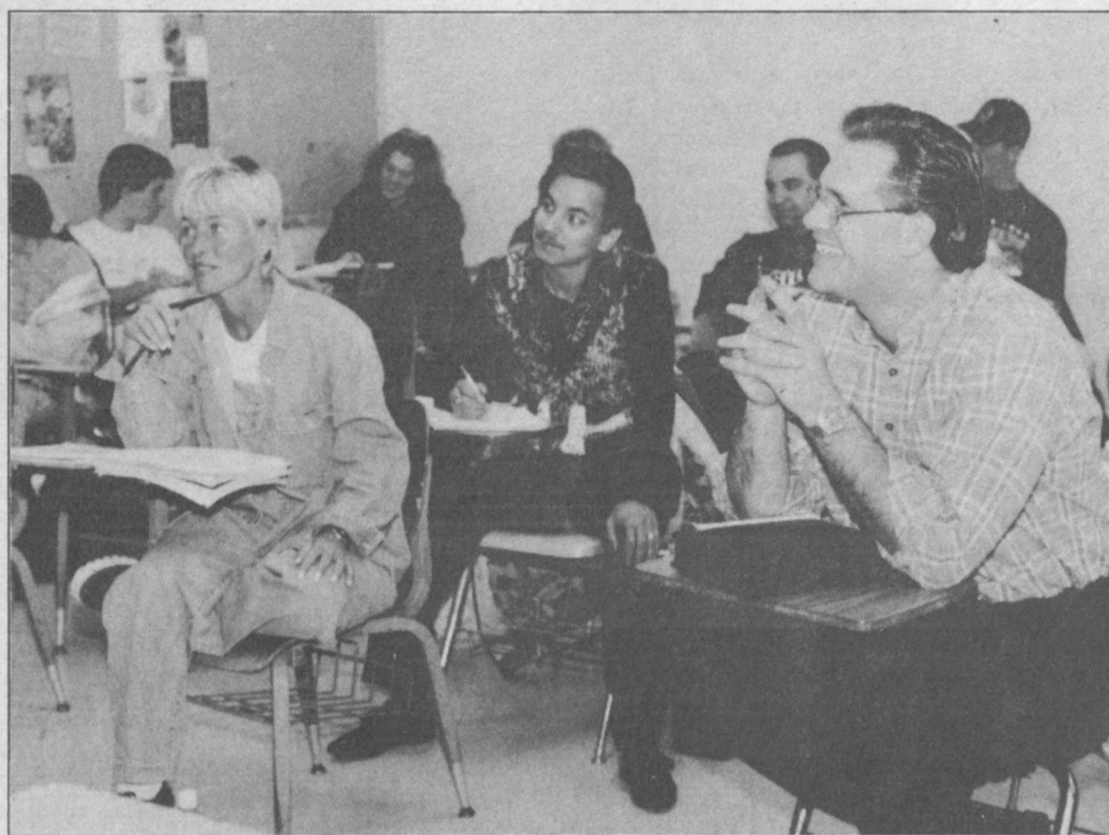
He explained that while previously classes met either Monday and Wednesday, Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday, now classes can also meet Tuesday and Saturday, Wednesday and Saturday, or Thursday and Saturday. Evangelista feels that this will allow for residents, commuters and students who work during the week to either take classes at night on Friday, or take a class during the week, and have the second section of the class during the weekend.

These changes, however, are contingent on faculty offering classes during these new slots and on these new days.

According to Evangelista, responses to a memo sent to the WPC faculty last week will be evaluated and changes gradually added to future school schedules.

"Other schools (Montclair) are doing it" said Sesay of the changes, "and for us to stand up to the competition, especially as we seek university status, flexibility is going to help us a lot."

These changes will continue to develop as WPC moves on and with it there is hope of starting a full summer session by 1998. According to Evangelista, this will include allowing students to take a full credit load during the summer, whereas now there is a maximum of 9 credits allowed



during the summer sessions.

"The way we are going to develop the summer semester is to make three major semesters," said Evangelista. "This will allow WPC students to satisfy the required 128 credits for graduation quicker."

There will be some modifications to the upcoming summer 1997 schedule. "There will be more of the important types of courses offered, such as the (General Education) core courses," said Evangelista.

Many students are open to the idea of an expanded summer session. "Most of the classes are offered in the middle of a work day," said Jessica Roncoroni, a senior from Saddle Brook.

Since many WPC students maintain jobs while going to school, the need for more flexibility when choosing courses is a necessity. "The majority of students here work on weekends to try to pay for school," said Mike Morelli, a senior at WPC.

Many WPC students are open to the idea of being able to take more classes spread out between the weekdays and the weekend. "If my weekday schedule was packed, I'd take a Saturday afternoon class to pass the time," said Derek Zimmerman, WPC sophomore from Hawthorne.

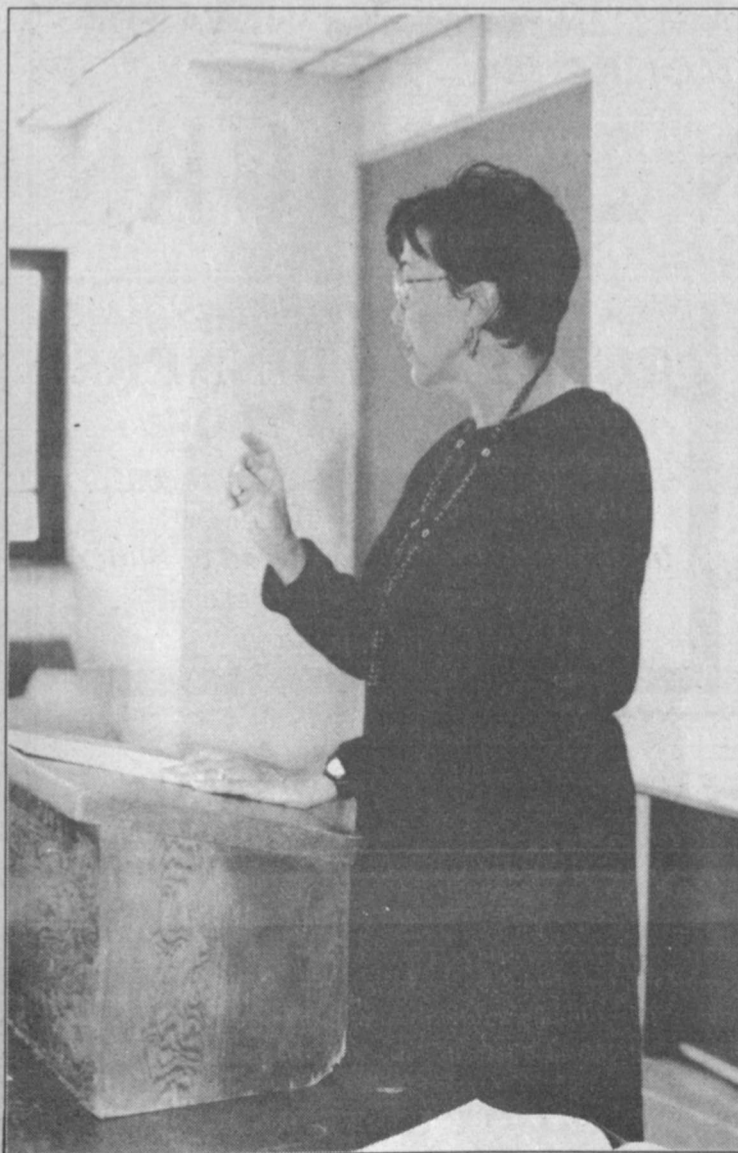
With proper handling, faculty are open to the idea of new scheduling. Linda Dye, President of the WPC chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, feels that this plan can have a positive impact on the college community.

"It can be a good idea," said Dye. "How they do it and support it is a different issue."

Teachers at WPC are currently paid on a 10-month basis, since most of them do not teach sum-

The school week has traditionally been Monday through Friday, but as school administrations look for ways to attract more and more students, the sanctity of the weekend has come into question. While William Paterson College may not be the first to adopt comprehensive weekend classes and non-peak time scheduling, on this campus of nearly 10,000 students it will be quite some time before this plan can be labeled a success.

Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon



mer classes. "As long as it's equitable, a lot of faculty will probably be happy to teach summer school," said Barbara Sandberg, director of women's studies at WPC. Sandberg went on to point out that the extra money during the summer will help sustain salary during the usual times when most faculty at WPC do not get paid.

WPC students will be glad to know that there will not be a increase in tuition as a result of the changes. Since the current schedule is being rearranged and

not added to, according to Sesay, there will be no increase except for the status-quo increase that comes with every new academic year. The summer schedule, as always, will be an additional cost to the student.

The majority of WPC students are optimistic to the changes. WPC freshman Darlene Blanco said, "If students need to graduate earlier, it's going to be good. I would do that [take additional classes] because I want to graduate as fast as I can."

A temporary solution turns permanent

By Mona Zughbi

With the review date having come and gone and no changes in sight, the temporary parking patterns at William Paterson College, which designated two of the college's six lots — three and four — to faculty and staff, giving students only temporary parking in parts of these lots, now appears to be becoming permanent. Meanwhile, WPC students are still wondering just what is being done about parking on campus.

"I don't understand what is happening with this whole parking situation, but I do know it's much worse now than it ever was," said Lori Sanzari, senior and WPC commuter. "I hope the temporary spaces are kept permanent because we need anything we can get as far as parking goes here."

At the beginning of the 1996-97 school year, college officials shifted student parking out of lots three and four. However, a number of days of capacity parking forced the college to allow students to park in three and four, pending a review in late October.

"In the first few weeks of school we have a lot of people on campus who normally aren't (here)," said Allen Williams, assistant chief of security, violations and parking at WPC. "During that time students are buying books, and conducting activities in the bursar or registrar."

Although the goal, according to college



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William Paterson College students have become accustomed to arriving to campus on an average 45 minutes in advance to find a parking space. While there has been a hope that additional lots or a parking garage might be constructed no such plans are underway.

officials, was to keep lots three and four faculty and staff parking only, it seems that students will most likely continue parking in some parts of both lots.

"There is no immediate plan to remove student parking in lots three and four," said Tim Fanning, WPC associate vice president of Administration and Finance.

Another change in the plan was to keep

lot five strictly student parking. However, reserved spots were repainted yellow earlier this semester.

"I thought that lot five was going to be ours," said Mike Motto, WPC commuter and sophomore. "It should be ours since they took almost everything in lots three and four from us."

"There is a temporary situation regarding the reserved areas because faculty did-

n't move from that part of the campus and they still need parking," claims Williams.

"We are going to keep count of how the spaces are used and use that to evaluate whether or not this is still a good plan," Williams.

A possible answer in to the parking question may lie in scheduling. The creation of class times during a lighter traffic flow may alleviate congestion in terms of parking.

"I think some things [students] may see in the future will have to do with managing our population," said Williams. "We need to make sure we are maximizing our resources in terms of days and days of the week."

"If the scheduling pattern changed, there would be even more capacity in terms of parking," said Fanning. "What we have here is a crunch of enrollments during the mid-days of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, but at other times of the week there are substantially fewer students."

Whether or not a schedule change is implemented, there is supposedly enough parking with the current class schedule, claims Fanning.

"If we were to remove the spaces given to students in lots three and four now, we'd still have left-over spaces," he said.

If there is such a plethora of parking here at William Paterson, one may wonder

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WPC claims to defy statistics

By Kristine Vogel

Even though statistics show that people between the ages of 18 and 24 do not vote, students at William Paterson College claim that they do.

According to the **Statistical Abstract of the United States 1994, 114th Edition**, 9.7% of 18 to 20 year olds voted and 14.6% of 21 to 24 year olds voted in 1992.

In 1992, across the United States a total of 46.7% of students in college or going for an associates degree voted in the presidential election. In New Jersey 68% of the entire population was registered, but only 61.2% of the people actually voted.

Statistics show that in 1992 14% of college age students were registered as strong Democrats, 17% were weak Democrats, and 14% were independent Democrats. Some students register for a particular party because their family supports that party.

"I'm a Democrat, mostly because my family is," said Rob Malon, a WPC student.

Other students did not register for a particular party for

individual reasons. "I'm voting for the first time this November. I didn't register for a particular party; I have no particular preference," said WPC student Brenda Sanabria. "I don't agree with things from either party."

Some students declare a party because they like the platforms of the candidates running for president. In 1992, college-age students who were registered as strong Republicans made up 11% of the population, 17% were weak Republicans, and 14% were independent Republicans.

"I like the platform of republican government and the individual freedom," said Jim Thomas, a WPC student.

On the other hand there are some students who did not register for a particular party because "the candidates issues are more important than their party," said Tanya Gulak, a WPC student from Little Falls.

Sometimes students do not vote because "they feel disconnected from the political scene," said Sheila Collins, Political Science chairperson. "They don't understand that who's in charge affects their

lives."

Despite this impact, there are students who do not vote. "I feel like it doesn't matter who's in office," said Tim Laughery, a student from Woodbridge. "They're all out for themselves, not the people."

According to Collins, students do not understand how the presidential election and who wins affects their lives. Who is president affects "how much money they [students] will get [for loans and grants], getting a job, and being drafted into war," she explained.

There are also students who have been eligible to vote for three years, but are just now taking advantage of their right to vote. "I only want to vote for president because that has the most affect on me and the country," said a student from North Haledon. "If I had to choose (a party) it would have to be the democrats because I agree with most of the issues they stand for."

Statistics show that college-aged students vote less than any other age group, but at WPC it seems there are more students who vote than statistics show.

Program addresses partner violence

By Michele Mielko
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

There are three to five million incidents of partner violence a day and every 15 seconds a woman is beaten. These and other disturbing facts were discussed at William Paterson College in the Student Center Ballroom during Lem Burnham's speech on "Partner Violence: It's Scope and Solution."

Lem Burnham is the director of player programs for the National Football League, and a former Kansas City Chiefs player. His Oct. 29 speech was sponsored by the Women's Center as part of the SAVE (Sexual Assault and Violence Ended) Program.

The program was created four years ago by the WPC, Jersey City State College, Ramapo College and Montclair State University women's centers. This year's events began on Oct. 1, with a talk from the Passaic County Women's center on sexual assault. The Clothesline Project also took place on that day during which students got together and made around 25 shirts promoting an end to sexual assault. On Oct. 2, a talk about women and alcohol was held.

To illustrate the increasing problem of domestic violence Burnham listed facts and statistics on partner abuse. He then listed personality facts to help determine if someone you are dating could be a potential abuser.

Burnham expressed to the students how he feels about this issue, and how he feels about the men who committed these violent acts.

"I think the men are the problem," said Burnham. "They try to exert control over a woman. It is a cowardly act for a man to raise a hand to a woman. Ask yourself if you would want someone to hit your mother, sister or daughter."

The former NFL player feels strongly about this issue because his sister was a victim of domestic violence three years ago.

Burnham continued his talk, explaining how the media blames partner violence on football because it is a violent sport, but, according to Burnham, it is not football that is causing the problem. Players must join support groups that try to prevent domestic violence.

In response to the reaction he often gets that he focuses too much on football, Burnham explains that the reason why he lists so many football facts is to "help people understand that they cannot blame the problem on someone or something else like football."

The SAVE program will continue on Nov. 4, when the SCREAM (Students Challenging Realities Educating Against Myths) theater group from Rutgers University will come to Hunziker Theater and perform "Dating Violence." It is being sponsored by the Women's Center and Residence Life and is co-organized by the Pioneer Players and Peer Health Educators.

The final SAVE event will be "Breaking the Silence." Students can submit writings or drawings, anonymously if they choose, dealing with any experiences they may have had with sexual violence which will all be put together in a book.

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sensation about monetary policy.

Under the Clinton administration, the economy has come full circle, said Haroian. With the integration of the Federal Treasury into the government, the result "is obvious; interests rates are low, growth rates are modest." With these trends, Haroian feels people can be optimistic about the future.

The second portion of the Teach-In involved students presenting the different positions of the five candidates for president.

Thom Brooks, political science major, presented the platform for Libertarian Party candidate Harry Browne.

The premise of Browne's stance is that government fails to work, said Brooks, and free trade is the "guarantor of peace." According to Brooks, Browne plans to cut the deficit by cutting the Department of Energy, Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency and other programs.

Ralph Nader, candidate for the Green Party, feels that corporations should be taken out of all affairs. Gena Zak, political science major, said that Nader wants to overturn NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), impose campaign reforms and have public run media for the benefit of the people. Zak also reminded the audience that Nader is an advocate for

the consumer.

"The Green Party has a strong structure," said Zak. "They are pro-environmental, they support a \$10 minimum wage, free health care for everybody and they also support free trade."

Vince Gafriedo, political science major, presented the views of Reform Party candidate Ross Perot. According to Gafriedo,



"I hope students learned something more complex than the media soundbites they are exposed to."

--Collins

Perot has three main issues: ethics in government, the budget deficit and the elimination of the current tax code. Perot feels that the national interests should come first and that good jobs are necessary to reduce some of the problems in society, said Gafriedo.

Incumbent Bill Clinton has a threefold plan to maintain economic opportunity, said Scott Carlson, economics and finance major. The plan includes putting the eco-

nomie house in order, making sure people have the necessary tools to succeed and making sure our corporations are fit to compete overseas, according to Carlson.

"Unemployment was high and in 1993, President Clinton put into place and economic plan" which has since returned the economy to a high, said Carlson. He continued to say that this plan will help to

"We have to work for what we want and we need to believe in ourselves," said Emsley. "In other words, we have to have some sort of self-reliance."

Both students and faculty were pleased with the event. Collins hoped that students were able to leave the program with some additional knowledge about the candidates.

"The purpose of the program was to provide a forum for real issues and to give students more information than the media," she said. "I hope students learned something more complex than the media soundbites they are exposed to."

Students also had favorable reviews for the program. Christine Schimpf, a nursing major from Bloomfield, was glad to students taking an active role in the Teach-In.

"I think it was a good idea for students to represent the candidates," said Schimpf, a junior. "Though the basic discussion had an impact, it didn't really change my view of who to vote for."

Schimpf was not the only one whose views were not changed. Brian Pitman, North Arlington, was not inspired to switch candidate.

"The program was informative, but it didn't change who I would vote for," he said.

Collins hopes to do a day-long presentation, in a debate atmosphere, so that all the issues can be addressed.

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BASTARDS OF COUNTRY: WEEN

By Tim Bornemann

The brothers Ween. For years they've been slowly gaining a following with their do-it-yourself mayhem. For their most recent album, *12 Golden Country Greats*, Ween delved into the South to emerge with a Nashville band and a country twang. So with this in mind, the *Insider* asked one half of the duo, Dean Ween, about this and other topics. Though noticeably tired and worn out from this constant touring, Dean sat down to talk in the band's tour bus, affectionately known as the "Poop Ship."

You've got to be sick of answering this by now, but how did the band start?

Dean: We met in junior high in a typing class in 1983 and we started Ween immediately. We didn't know each other before that. Well, we knew each other for like a week or something. But, that's pretty much how it happened. We were both dicking around with tapes at home, making really bad music. So we started making it together and it was called Ween.

Where did you get the name Ween from?

It's just 13 year old kids. It's just this word we used to describe somebody or something.

Musically, what are some of the inspirations you've had?

It changed a little, but when I first started it was anything that was sort of weird at the time. It was Laurie Anderson, Devo, Barnes and Barnes, and stuff like that. Then a couple of years after that when we started, getting into drugs basically, it became more rock. It was punk rock at the beginning, also. I was really into it. I went to shows every weekend and didn't miss a band from the early 80's to the mid 80's. But, then it became more of Zeppelin, Hendrix, Floyd, and the Butthole Surfers.

What are they now?

It's not like that anymore. We draw influence off stuff, but not really. I'm not going to record stores every week and buying records like I used to.

Why did Ween decide to release a Country album?

We really didn't decide to do a country album, to tell you the truth. We actually only went down there (Tennessee) for a session. And then we just decided to hand it in. We really didn't think

about all that goes into doing something like that. I mean we just wanted it to come out. There weren't going to be any gigs or a video or a single, and even though there's not a single or a video, the label's intent on getting something. You don't get something for nothing, know what I mean. We just wanted it to come out and have it be where you just buy a record. We chose the cover and called it what we did so you knew what it was before you bought it.

to confuse anyone, is that why you didn't put the Ween logo on it anywhere?

No, no. We didn't want to hide anything. It is still Ween, I'm proud of it, I don't mean to slight it, but I'm saying . . . It's just, right now we're in the middle of a heavy tour, so it's hard to put all this shit in perspective. Our record is done, our new record, and it's coming right out. It'll be nice to sort of move back to where we're more comfortable.

When was the decision made not to have a half naked woman on the cover of this album?

No, we wanted it to look like a pack of smokes or something like that.

What's the new album like?

It's something that's more pre-*Chocolate and Cheese*, but not quite as crude as the other ones. I don't mean crude like vulgar. But, it's awesome. It's not quite as realized as *Chocolate and Cheese* was, where we had written all the songs and recorded them already and then went in and made the record. We actually knew the songs inside and out and had played them a million times. We were able to put a lot of time into doing that album. This new one we wrote the songs in the studio so it's more like the second and third records. You listen to "Little Birdy" (from *Pure Guava*) and you can tell there's no demo version of that. That's what it is and that's what you get. So that's sort of what our new album is like.

You mentioned being in the middle of a heavy tour, what are your likes and dislikes about touring?

I have a lot of them; my likes are very few. What I like about it is

the same thing I hate about it. All these people come to see you, and you get to see exactly who's into your shit. Because we don't live in a city, we live in the town we grew up in of New Hope, Pennsylvania, and so we get to go out and see who listens to Ween. Sometimes it's really disappointing. You see these kids, and it's like f!?!k. Not to slight them 'cause they should be credited for buying our records instead of Stone Temple Pilots. I don't like performing so much. I like playing, but if I'm in a shitty ass mood and I feel sick, or if we're playing like shit, I'm not going to stand up there and smile. You get what



If you're not into it, then don't get involved. We ended up doing a lot of press for it. I mean tons and tons and tons and tons. It seems that everyone

Our record is done, our new record, and it's coming right out. It'll be nice to sort of move back to where we're more comfortable.

wants to know what we were thinking and that's pretty much it; it's just a one time deal.

So, in keeping with the image of the album, so not



Less Than Jake
Losing Streak
(Capitol)



Making their much anticipated major label debut, Florida's **Less Than Jake** deliver 16 tracks worth of catchy pop punk and ska that surpass many of their

past releases. The six-member line up of Chris, guitar and vocals, Roger, bass and vocals, Vinny, drums, Jessica, saxophone, Buddy, trombone, and



Derron, bari-sax, have achieved, whether it be from higher recording budgets or simply from more time practicing, the tightest sound they've ever put down on a recorded medium. But they do this in a way that doesn't lose the energy of their live performances, which is what LTJ is famous for.

Represented on this release are 13 new songs and three older ones that have been rerecorded. "Jen Doesn't Like Me Anymore" (originally released on *Pezcore*) is given a fuller sounding instrumental, but it lacks some of the vocal qualities it's predecessor had. While on the other hand, "Rock-N-Roll Pizzeria" (from the 7" of the same name) is totally revitalized and proves to be the best track on the album.

Of the newer tracks, "Automatic" is the song guaranteed to get the party moving. The horn melodies and catchy hooks are non stop in this one. And even though it knocks our beautiful home state, "Never Going Back to New Jersey" it is Less Than Jake in their finest form.

Well, Less Than Jake has avoided the dreaded "major label curse." They have used Capitol to improve their sound, but not commercialize it. So long as the band keeps handling their tours themselves and staying true to their beliefs, they might even avoid being the next "Buzz Clip."

(TR)

Counting Crows
Recovering Your Satellites
(Geffen)

Counting Crows' long awaited follow up to 1993's six-time platinum album *August and Everything After* packs a powerful punch. Adam Duritz, lead vocalist, is back with his fellow bandmates delivering up another fresh batch of emotion-laden lyrics that really touch the heart.

Recovering Your Satellites, blends fourteen new tracks each filled with its own sense of turmoil and resolution. Duritz deals with his own struggle to handle stardom in "Have you Seen me Lately?" He says, "I was out on the radio starting to change... could you tell me the things you remember about me..."

Other themes on the album include addiction, love, pain, and loneliness. Duritz copes with these



in a way that almost makes his pain seem bearable because he can talk about it and one can relate to it. He has a way of tapping into the listeners emotions because he takes basic problems people have everyday and through the lyrics he reveals a lot of himself. In "Angels of the Silences" he sings about love loss, "All my sins... /I said that I would pay for them if I could come back to you/ All my innocence is wasted on the dead and dreaming."

Counting Crows are definitely back and alive from their hiatus. Even if this album doesn't reach the commercial success of their first album, they certainly have secured their place in the music industry. This album may not vary that much content-wise from *August and Everything After* but it brings new stories that comfort and teach us weary cosmic travelers.

(LM)

Furious George
Goes Ape!
(Lookout!)

Maximum Rock 'n Roll funnyman George Tabb's band **Furious George** display their awesome talent on this three song, six minute EP. The cover artwork has childhood favorite Curious George clad in a black leather jacket with US pins. Need I say more?

Starting the album off is "Betty Crocker, Punk Rocker." "Betty Crocker/Punk Rocker/easy bake oven/eat that muffin" are the only lyrics to the song -- simple but sweet. And with backing vocals by none other than Dee Dee Ramone, this makes for the obvious album highlight.

"Monkey in a Man Suit" is another great song. Three-chord punk accompanied by George Tabb's unique voice provide the listener with one-and-a-half minutes of sheer listening pleasure.

Finally, "Gilligan" brings the album to close. "I wear a white hat/I wear a red shirt/they all think I'm stupid/One day I'll kill them," shows off George Tabb's great sense of humor. One not familiar with his brand of humor might be inclined to call Tabb mentally challenged, but those who know of him are well aware of his genius.

Simply put, this is a great album. For anyone who likes Tabb's columns, or still crying over the breakup of the **Ramones**, this album is a necessity.

(DR)

Various Artists
Succour: The Terrascope Benefit Album
(Flydaddy)

We should all just come to the conclusion that compilation albums composited by fanzines are just no good. Most of the time you get an awkward concoction of bands (i.e. experimentally sadistic sounds of **Current 93** with southern folk-based **Palace!**!) that, solely, reflect the likes of the writers and inventors of the zine. What the *Succour*... record really is, is a disaster relief fund with a goal to save the financially troubled *Ptolemaic Terrascope* magazine. Consisting of thirty five artists contributing nearly three hours of music, the album salutes the acts that the magazine has supported throughout its existence. And out of the kindness of their hearts, Flydaddy Records licensed the compilation from *Ptolemaic Terrascope* for release (hence the name *Succour* meaning aid or assistance that relieves from difficulty or distress).

No, you cannot listen to the whole thing in one sitting, because after nearly three hours of whiney, pseudo-experimental, 70's reeking, incoherent refuse, one of the CDs is enough to induce suicidal tendencies. Many of the bands are European-based and depict a foray of either five minute-plus instrumentals or unpared "reinactments" of yesteryear's experimental rock. While your guessing if **The Powder Monkeys'** "The Supernova That Never Quits" is an AC/DC cover, bands like **The Green Pajamas** and the duo **Peter Buck & Scott McCaughey** are doing carbon-copied salutes to **The Beatles**.

And then you have the seven-minute long dreamy, gothic sounds of bands like **Coil**, **Dunlavy**, and **The Linus Pauling Quartet** which really make the whole project an uncohesive mess. Hey, could it be that maybe Flydaddy's objective is really anything other than *Succour*.

(JG)

The Urge
Receiving the Gift of Flavor
(Immortal/Epic)

Receiving the Gift of Flavor was released sometime ago, but after a successful tour with **311**, the record has recently gained air play by way of the song "Brainless."

There's nothing wrong with funk. It seems to be lacking in many of the songs on the radio today. **The Urge** play funk/punk in the vein of **Fishbone** and *Receiving the Gift of Flavor*, although not too original, is a decent album. Songs like "Drunk Asshole" and "All Washed Up" are sure to get the foot tapping and the blood flowing.

"Open All Night," if given the chance, is destined to be a frat favorite. The tune, which focuses on a keg party, starts out as a rather slow funk, and soon develops into a barrage of loud guitars and thumping rhythms while vocalist Steve Ewing transforms his smooth rap style to screaming "Yeah! We're going to the liquor store!" This is the song to prepare anyone for a night of drink and dance.

Time will tell the story of **The Urge**. Whether they will go down in history as a one hit wonder remains to be seen, but in the meantime, *Flavor* is a good party album for those in search of something new for the ol' cd player.

(EE)

Elysian Fields
Bleed Your Cider
(Radioactive)

Bleed Your Cider, the debut album by **Elysian Fields**, explores the depths of the soul and offers the listener a chance to probe into another dimension frozen in time. The lyrics, "she's frozen there as you left her," from the first track "Lady in the Lake," is

Legendary trombonist J.J. Johnson set For Jazz Room finale

Legendary jazz trombonist J.J. Johnson joins the William Paterson Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Rufus Reid for a special finale to the fall Jazz Room Series on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts on Campus.

Considered to be the preeminent trombonist in jazz, Johnson came on the scene in the 1940's and was the first trombonist to successfully adopt and personalize the bebop vocabulary. He went on to work with Count Basie, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Sonny Rollins and numerous others.

Johnson is also a composer and arranger whose works have been played by Gillespie, Davis and Gunther Schuller. He wrote musical soundtracks for films and television, including the movies "Shaft" and "Barefoot In The Park," and TV shows such as "The Mod Squad" and "That Girl." His recently released CD, "Tangence," includes his famous composition "Lament," which is now a jazz classic.

Accompanying Johnson will be the WPC

Jazz Ensemble led by master bassist Rufus Reid, the director of WPC's nationally acclaimed Jazz Studies Program, as well as artists Renee Rosnes and Dan Faulk.

Prior to the concert, J.J. Johnson will be the guest for "Sittin' In," an informal talk hosted by David Demsey, producer of the Jazz Series and coordinator of WPC's Jazz Room Studies Program. The talk begins at 3 p.m. in room 101 of Shea Center. Admission is free to all Jazz Room ticketholders.

Launched in 1978, WPC's Jazz Room Series quickly earned a reputation for presenting concerts by eminent musicians in the jazz world. The series has been awarded numerous grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Reserved seat tickets for the concert are \$15 and \$13, depending on the section. For additional information, please call the Shea Center Box Office at (201) 595-2371.

Latin American music celebration to be held at WPC

Music that is rhythmical, fun and full of vitality will be on the program for the "Latin American Music Celebration" to be held at William Paterson College on Saturday, Nov. 9.

The concert will be held at 5 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts.

The public is invited to attend the free concert, which celebrates cultural diversity and the influence of Latin American rhythms, and is the climax to a series of events held for the 34th annual "Circulo De Cultura Panamericano" (Congress of Panamerican Culture).

Donaldo Garcia, a pianist and an

associate professor of music at WPC, will direct the concert. The program includes Garcia as piano soloist; the William Paterson Chamber Singers, conducted by Diane Falk; Argentine pianist Miriam Conti; and The Latin Jazz Sextet, under the direction of Chico Mendoza.

Garcia will perform several folk dance songs by Alberto Ginastera, an Argentinean composer.

The Chamber Singers will sing a cappella, performing a variety of contemporary romantic style folk pieces, including works by composers Hector Villa-Lobos of Brazil and Carlos

Chavez of Mexico. Falk, a faculty member at WPC and director of music education, has conducted the chamber group for the last two years.

Rounding out the program will be the Brazilian samba and Argentine tango, performed by duo pianists Garcia and Conti, and music in the Afro-Cuban tradition by the Latin Jazz Sextet.

A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, Garcia has made numerous appearances both in the United States and South America. He has been artistic director for celebrations commemorating Shubert in 1978, Bach and

Handel in 1985, and Mozart in 1991. In addition to teaching at WPC, Garcia teaches at the Preparatory Division of the Manhattan School of Music.

Conti is a highly acclaimed Argentine pianist who has made solo, orchestral and chamber appearances at prestigious concert halls throughout the world.

Mendoza is a performer and composer, who has performed with many Latin groups. His fourth album, "El Sonida," received a Latin Grammy Nomination in 1979.

On Stage

**Ween/Doo Rag
@ Tramps, NYC
10/26/96**

Tramps was packed for the first of two Ween shows that evening. But, first up was the delta noise of Doo Rag. For this show, guitarist Bob Log III played without partner in crime, Thermos. No reason was given for Thermos' absence but Bob more than held his own.

Replacing the pots and pans of Thermos's usual percussion set up, was a high tech drum machine. Bob had also updated his technology, leaving behind his cone-into-a-bull horn vocal apparatus. His new microphone of choice was a telephone taped into the inside of his metallic silver motorcycle helmet, which was fed into a distortion pedal. A swank Evil Kneivel T-shirt rounded out the visuals.

Most of the crowd looked on in

astonishment and disbelief, not quite sure what to make of Doo Rag's fast paced, unearthly sound. A mixed reaction of applause and silence filled the club after Doo Rag's high energy set.

Next up were the brothers Ween, as Dean and Gene were backed up by a full fledged country band. Even though this set up was to showcase the bands newest release, 12 *Golden Country Greats*, Ween's set was predominantly filled with works from past releases, *Chocolate and Cheese* and *Pure Guava*. Highlights included "countrified" versions of "Pumpin' for the Man" and "Big Jilm."

Though it was noticeable that Ween was a bit tired of being on the road, they still put on a high-energy show. However it was Doo Rag who provided the main thrill on this night.

By Tim Bornemann

At The Clubs...

Monday, Nov. 4: Juggling Suns (Greatful Dead Tribute) @ Cass' Cafe, Freehold, NJ; Hope Factory @ Coney Island High, NY

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Chemlab/Handsome @ Coney Island High, NY; The Homegrowns/Psychedelic Kitchen @ The Metro, Long Branch, NJ

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Paula Cole/Holly Palmer @ Irving Plaza, NY; Throwan Rocks/Love Seed Mama Jump @ Brownies, NY*; The Spitters/The Creeps @ Coney Island High, NY; The Mavericks @ Tramps, NY

Thursday, Nov. 7: The Music Of Frank Zappa performed by Ed Palermo & His Big Band @ The Bottom Line, NY; Kula Shaker @ Irving Plaza; Iris DeMent @ Tramps, NY; The Stranglers/Elevator Drops @ Wetlands, NY; Cub/Karp @ Maxwells, Hoboken, NJ; "Saturday Night Beaver" (70's Disco-"The Way It Should Have Been") @ Birch Hill, Old Bridge Hill, NJ

Friday, Nov. 8: 42 Main Street Delicatessen Band @ Lion's Den, NY; They Might Be Giants/Cub @ Roseland, NY; Sugar Blue/Ben E. King (performing the 8th & 9th) @ Chicago B.L.U.E.S., NY; Dishwalla/The Refreshments @ Irving Plaza, NY; Knockout Drops/Oral Groove @ Brownies, NY*

Saturday, Nov. 9: Royal Trux @ Mercury Lounge, NY*; Velvet Crush @ Maxwells, Hoboken, NJ; Cowboy Mouth/The Paladins @ Tramps, NY; Percy Hill/ New Brown Hat @ Wetlands, NY; Michelle Shocked/Ponystars @ Irving Plaza, NY; Weston @ Birch Hill, Old Bridge Hill, NJ; The Fleshtones @ Brownies, NY*

Sunday, Nov. 10: Morphine/Rasputina @ Tramps, NY; Late Breaking Point/Jungle Meets Hip-Hop @ Wetlands, NY; The Ruby Dare/The Norman Mayer Group @ Coney Island High, NY; Enuff Z'Nuff/Frostbite @ Mother's, Wayne, NJ

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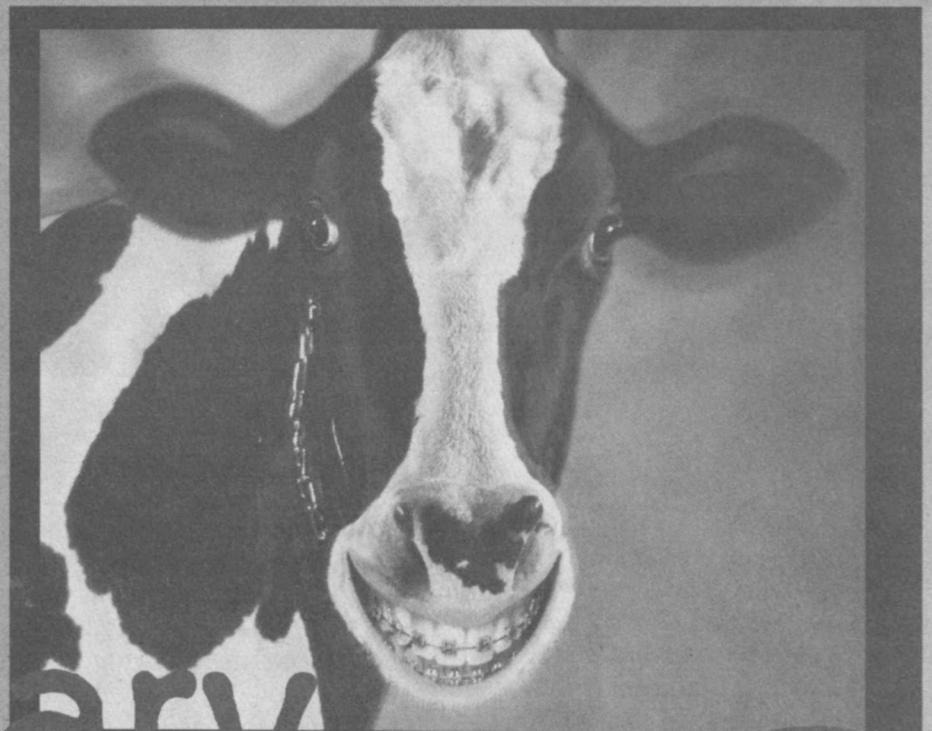
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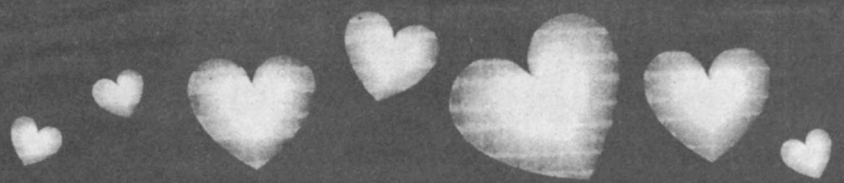
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When recording is more preferable

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you get. I'm not about that. You see someone else who has their shit so together where they can fake you out. We'll never try to pass that off on somebody if we're not into it. It's hard, when you really don't feel like it, to stand in front of 1,000 or 1,200 people that just paid a piss pot of money to see you, and you're up there bumming out. That's a shameful-ass feeling. It doesn't happen very often, but when it does it can really put a damper on things. There's 24 hours in a day and you play for like two hours of that day. If you suck, you just invalidated the entire drive from Chicago to Detroit, the sitting around in the hotel watching CNN for ten hours, the boring-ass sound check, the dirty-ass club. That's what I hate about it, but there's nothing like a having a killer gig in front of a lot of people, and after the show everyone wants to talk to you, and you're all drunk. That's why you go out and do it.

Then, you'd rather be recording?

Yeah, I've always preferred recording. When you make a good song, it's forever. If it comes out on record, it's forever. A good gig, that feeling lasts an hour, tops. Then you're back on the bus, throwing up in the little toilet from too much tequila.

What was the best tour you ever had?

Probably the earlier tours. The *God Ween Satan* tour, the *Pod* tour, even the *Pure Guava* tour; we ruled every night back then, 'cause the attitude was just so high. But after like 2,000 gigs or whatever, it's different. We were a little more punk rock then, I think. I don't mean musically, but we were in a van and sleeping at peoples houses. I'm not really up on that anymore; I don't want to replicate that kind of vibe. I think we're a better band now, we write better songs, but you can never top that shit. It was really exciting. Our first few tours we were going places

for the first time we had never been before.

Do you have a favorite city to play in?

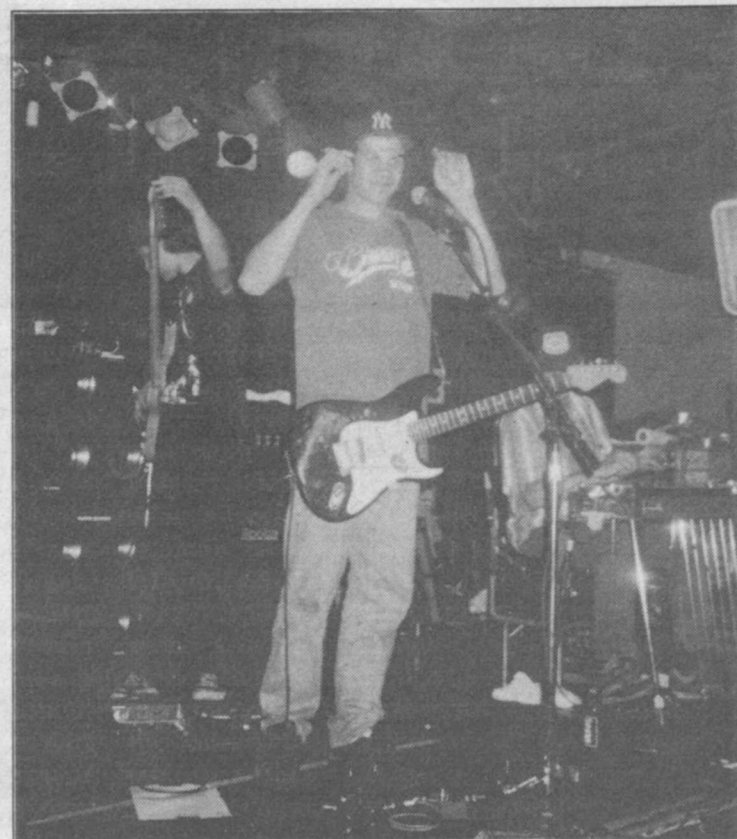
I like playing in Texas a lot, anywhere. We always have good shows there it seems. I like Texas a lot.

How did you get hooked up with Doo Rag as your opening act for this tour?

We asked them. I didn't know them, but I had their CD's. They're currently my favorite band. So we asked to get in touch with them.

Anything further to add?

No. I just have to go now to call my girlfriend.



Tim Bornemann/The Beacon

Dean Ween doing the macarena at a recent show.

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Under the Microscope

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a good example of this album's provocativeness. From the Eastern religious sounds in "Off or Out" to the sound of glass breaking in the beginning of "Lady in the Lake," Fields, led by vocalist Jennifer Charles, is an earful of mesmerizing melodies.

Elysian Fields combines the genius of Oren Bloedow, guitar; James Genus, bass; Ed Pastorini, piano and guitar and

Ben Perowsky on drums. The sound blends the sultriness of Mazzy Star with the dynamics of powerful chords which feed your inner soul. Charles' voice is enough to carry the band alone, but she doesn't have to. The mix of guitar and drums and her sweet tones keep the listener yearning for more.

"You need a dream to drown you out," Charles says in "Off or Out." You can feel her sensuality in every track. Her cool, smooth, brooding harmonies lace this album with a mystical, free-flowing air that is enrapturing. For a slick ride to the darker side of yourself, enter into the world of Elysian Fields.

(LM)

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Horoscopes By Miss Anna

ARIES

(March 21-April 20)

Resist any temptations to gloss over details. This week they need your careful scrutiny. You will get a lot done early, but later your mind may wander and energy level will slow down. Exercise initiative and watch doors open for you. The chance you've been waiting for is here.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Weekend getaways and recreational pastimes are highlighted this week. Watch your spending. Patience will be needed because you will tend to rush into certain things. Enjoy times with friends. If little things start going wrong, take a break and reflect.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

There's an accent on family life and domestic matters this week. One family member may need encouragement from you. You are now ready to investigate new career opportunities. Explore your options. Both travel and recreational pastimes are happily highlighted.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

A burdensome responsibility is lifted

from your shoulders this week. Try not to be overly critical of a child. You may change your perspective towards a financial matter. Take care to go easy on your use of credit. Guard against romantic tiffs.

LEO

(July 24- August 23)

Getting your house in tip top shape will be a priority during the week. Avoid any arguments about money. Luck will be with you especially concerning partnership matters, legal affairs and travel. Some will make marriage plans. Opportunity is found everywhere.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23)

You will have a good head for fact and figures now. Attend to bookkeeping and meet with financial advisors. Unexpected business developments are to your advantage. You will achieve the most success by accepting offered suggestions and cooperating with others.

LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

This week it may be best to avoid causing emotional scenes with any partners. Romance will have a dreamy aspect for you. You and a lover will be very much on the same wavelength. There will be a

social connection that will prove helpful in business.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

You may meet with extra incidental expenditures right now. However, the impulsive buy may not be the correct choice. Be sensible in regards to spending. Mix-ups in communication are possible now, or some information you receive will be in error. Avoid commitments without advice.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

A small disappointment may arise in regards to a friendship this week. But you will be pleased with the positive business and financial developments that occur now. Either you or your partner may spend extravagantly. It's not a good time to loan money. Protect your resources.

CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 20)

This week you may make up with someone from whom you've been estranged. An old friend gives you good advice this week. A home matter may require attention. You may be making travel plans on the spur of the moment. Money developments are on a positive

note. Avoid neglecting duties.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19)

Your cleverness and efficiency will bring you notable success at work this week. But be careful in financial dealings. You will be a welcome addition at any gathering, for you're the life of the party. Avoid any flippant remarks. Things may be a bit hectic on the homefront. Be patient with family members.

PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

Utilize your time wisely this week. Don't spread yourself too thin. Make a schedule. You may not get around to a task that really needs to be done. You will achieve the greatest success by helping others to solve problems. Guard against overindulgence, and don't overspend.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

You'll have some inspired thoughts about either a business or financial matter. This is the right time to tell a romantic interest how much you care. Cooperation from others may be difficult to obtain. Singles may need to be aware of insincere newcomers.

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New construction at WPC may effect parking on campus

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what the continuous controversy is all about.

According to Fanning, the reason for this is that parking is not as convenient as people would like it to be. "It is because people can't drive to the building, get out and walk into the classroom," he said.

Peter Spiridon, WPC vice president of Administration and Finance agrees with Fanning. "It is that parking isn't as close as students want it to be."

Many students recognize that convenience is a major aspect of this situation.

"It is a known fact that the distance between the Rec. Center and Hobart or Raubinger is quite a hike," said WPC junior and commuter, Beth Cipoletti. "Maybe if we had a reliable shuttle this mess could be improved."

"It is said that there is not a parking problem because of Rec. Center parking," said Alex Malino, WPC Student Government Association president. "That is not justifiable because regardless of hav-

ing Rec. Center parking we need to work on our shuttle bus, lighting, etc."

A new shuttle bus schedule was agreed upon and put into effect recently. According to WPC officials, the new schedule was modified by changing the routes of the two busses.

"We just made a change in the shuttle bus this week," said Fanning. "The change in schedule is that one bus will be running between lots six and seven and the other bus will be moving around the perimeter of the campus."

This new change is supposed to shorten the pick-up time for waiting students.

Other ideas regarding the shuttle were presented by the SGA earlier this year.

"The SGA recommended the use of school busses instead of the smaller more expensive shuttle busses we have now," said Malino. "We were told that it was not feasible by Mr. Spiridon and Mr. Fanning because school busses could not make the turns on campus."

"Before we acquired the busses we have now, we leased big yellow school

busses and the reaction of the student leadership was that students didn't want to be driven around in those childish busses," said Spiridon.

Although there are no plans to bring back the school busses, the school is looking to purchase another shuttle bus, bringing the total to three.

Other than the new shuttle bus schedule, lot five eventually becoming completely student parking, and lots three and four containing shared parking between faculty, staff and students, students can expect one more change.

In late April more construction will begin on the WPC campus, causing another possible change in parking.

"One major thing we have to do is lighting in lots three and four," said Spiridon. "At some point we will have to close off certain parts of the lot so that work can be done."

If necessary the school plans to ease the inconvenience by arranging for temporary parking in Camp Veritans.

"It will be premature to say that we are

going to move students out of lots three and four because of construction," said Fanning. "Other than a possible change in late April, parking will basically remain the same."

WPC officials feel that the situation at WPC is not as bad as other schools.

"Our parking is on a radius to the center of campus," said Fanning. "The distance you have to travel from the parking lot to main campus is really not significant to Montclair State whose parking is at the end of an ellipse."

One campus that has made parking even more convenient to students is Monmouth College.

"Look at the extreme Monmouth has gone to," said Fanning. "They're running valet parking for the students."

Unfortunately, it seems that WPC has no future plans to implement valet parking to ease the frustrations of students regarding parking.

"That could never happen here," said Spiridon. "It would not be a good idea because of the insurance situation."

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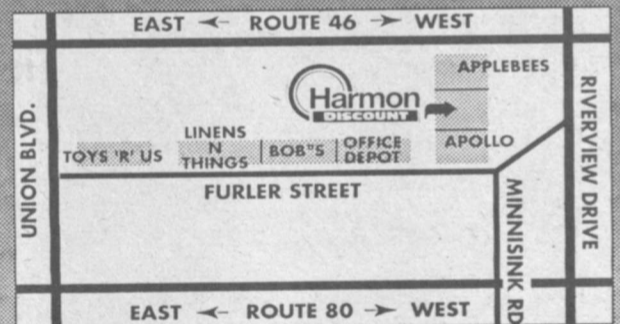
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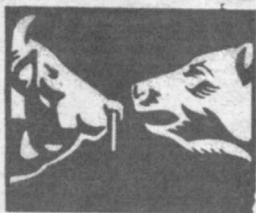
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The Gender Gap in Retirement Savings

True or false: Women need to save more for their retirement than men do.

The answer is "true." Even though the rules governing Social Security and private retirement benefits are officially gender-neutral, generally women statistically accrue lower benefits than men. Thus, women generally need to have a larger pool of retirement savings.

Why do women receive lower retirement benefits? Social security and many other pension benefits are tied to a worker's earnings, and full-time working women earn on average only 73% of their male counterparts. In addition, women are more likely both to work part-time and to leave the work force entirely to raise children, further diminishing the accrual of private pension and Social Security benefits — the first two "legs" of a secure retirement.

Can women rely on their husbands' retirement savings? Women, who rely on their husbands for economic security would appear to be in relatively good shape financially. In the event a husband dies, private pension plans are generally required to provide benefits for the surviving spouse and the same rule applies to Social Security. In the event of a divorce, the court may award the wife a portion of the husband's pension benefit. Social Security benefits also will be paid to a divorced wife based on the husband's earnings, if the marriage lasted at least ten years. But it's also a sad fact that about 25% of elderly single women live in poverty, compared to 5% of elderly women who are married. It appears that divorce and the death of a husband do take a financial toll.

It only makes sense for a woman to build her own individual savings — the strong "third leg" of a secure retirement. Every woman should realize that the man in her life may not be willing or able to provide her with lifelong economic security.

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Jersey City State snaps streak at WPC

Senior tailback Artis Garriss carried the ball 45 times for 206 yards and two touchdowns as Jersey City State (4-4 Overall, 2-2 NJAC) snapped a 10 year New Jersey Athletic Conference road losing streak with a 27-20 comeback-from-behind victory over William Paterson College (1-7 Overall, 0-4).

Senior fullback Andre Evans picked up 147 of his game high 223 yards with scoring runs of one and 75 yards, the Pioneers constructed a 20-7 half time lead. Sophomore kicker Art Czech's 28 yard field goal, his second of the first half, capped WPC's scoring for the first half.

Sophomore receiver Chuck Mazzarone hauled in a 58 yard scoring pass from sophomore quarterback Brian McGuire on Jersey City State's first posses-

sion of the second half. Sophomore place kicker Frank Aresta sandwiched filed goals of 27 and 32 yards around a 51 yard touchdown run by Garriss to seal the Gothic Knight comeback with 5:46 remaining in the game.

With 3:44 remaining sophomore Wayne Zitt picked off a Jamie Golden pass at the Jersey City 10 yard line to shut down a Pioneer drive. On the final day of the game, sophomore outside linebacker Scott Fairlamb knocked down a Pioneer last gasp pass attempt in the right side of the end zone.

Jersey City's last NJAC road win was a 6-3 win over the then Trenton State Lions on Oct. 22, 1986. The Gothic Knights had lost 27 consecutive road games coming into tonight's contest.

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Editorials

Cast Your Ballot

This is a Very Important Year to Make Sure Your Opinion is Tallied

Tomorrow is an important day. It is Election Day. Unlike other Election Days, this year there are a number of decisions to be made: the electing of local officials, county representatives, national officers, and the inhabitant of the White House.

In this republican form of government we are governed by, it is not only our right, but our duty to get out on the first Tuesday of every November and choose those whom we wish to represent us. Without this effort by the average citizen, our government will not be representative of our political concerns and views.

Anyone who is eligible to vote and does not go out and cast their ballot – even if it is for an unlikely candidate – has no right to complain about how we are governed. We are governed by the ones we choose to represent us. The only person who is responsible for a failed government is the individual voter. We are all held accountable for our actions.

Unless you cast a ballot for the candidate who is closest to your political ideals, you cast a vote by default for the opposing candidate.

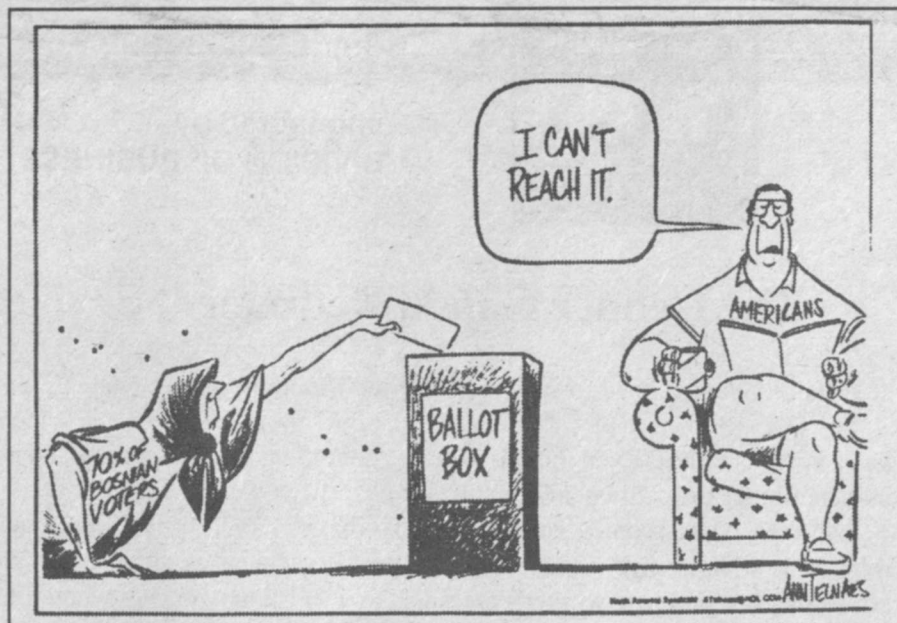
Another concern for voters this year is the referendum and initiative questions on the ballot for voters to decide. These, in many cases, are even more important than electing representatives.

Initiatives are pieces of legislation put on the ballot by a private citizen who has collected signatures from voters who endorse the law. If these initiatives are passed, the initiative becomes law.

Referendum questions are similar, but they are not placed on the ballot by citizens. They are decisions elected representatives can not make without the majority of the voters.

In both cases these questions are very important. Chances are that you already know who are voting for, but will you vote yes or no on the ballot questions?

Before you spend 20 minutes in the voting booth trying to make a decision, make the effort to find out what questions will be on this year's ballot.



Mailbag

No Problems with Martini Visit

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify questions concerning the Political Science Club's involvement in the Martini visit and resulting SGA constitutional questions. The Political Science Club sponsored the event on a superficial level only. The club neither requested funds, spent funds or endorsed any candidate for Martini's seat. The Club also did invite Pascrell, contrary to what was reported, who declined.

At the level of SGA Constitution, which I am the authority on, I fail to

see any misconduct of any person or organization, besides the matter of being moot. Martini came for free. Pascrell was invited and declined. There is nothing in the governing constitution, despite what Pascrell supporters might say, outlawing the hosting of politicians by like-minded organizations on campus. Otherwise, the school should never have sponsored several visits Sen. Bill Bradley made in the past.

If anything, successful attempts to lure federally elected politicians should

be encouraged. That is unless the student body would like to be shut out of the political process even more.

As a suggestion in good faith, questions referring to a club and its activities should be put to those clubs and not those only in opposition. Likewise, constitutional questions should be addressed to the SGA's parliamentarian and not an executive officer.

Thom Brooks
Chairman, CJB

Hate on Campus Needs to End

To the Editor:

I am an African-American student here at WPC. I am very disturbed at the latest rash of anti semetic markings on campus. I feel that everyone here is to blame in some way or another. This type of stuff has been here since I started here.

I blame the administration (faculty, professors) because they see it just as well as the students. We all use the same bathroom, and no one says anything. If the people in charge aren't going to do their part, the battle is lost anyway. I blame the students because we

don't inquire about anything on the campus. We don't challenge the administration to do anything.

We just walk past things, until we are directly affected by it. Whether directly or indirectly, we are being hindered by this. I also blame the "ones" actually doing this. I blame you for being ignorant, insensitive, amoral, and a coward. You should realize that we are all part of one race: "The Human One."

Whether anyone likes it, we are all here together. I commend the efforts of Campus Police,

Residence Life, Provost Office, The Beacon, Faculty and students so far. But we need to press on till the situation is "no more."

To the person(s) that are behind this: I hope you feel good, because bad times are surely coming for you!

One way or the other, "You reap what you sow!! Think carefully about the whole situation. Is it really worth it?"

Mark Hawkins
senior

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A Proposed Plan for the Future of America

By VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE

When you get down to it, this coming election is about more than a choice of people. It's a choice of ideas...a choice of vision...a choice about your future and which direction you want America to go.

WE'RE BETTER OFF NOW THAN FOUR YEARS AGO

The typical family has seen its income grow by more than \$1,600 since the President's economic plan passed in 1993. After two decades of stagnation, wages and incomes are going up.

And the poverty rate is way down. The African-American poverty rate is now at its lowest level ever. Because the gains have been so big and so evenly divided, we've just seen the largest decrease in the income gap between rich and poor in almost three decades. We're growing together, not apart.

We've seen other measures of our new prosperity. Almost 11 million new jobs. The lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation in a generation.

WOMEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Women are contributing to America's economic expansion in record numbers. They are creating new businesses and new jobs at twice the national rate.

Women now own one of every three businesses in the United States and employ one out of every five workers.

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THE EDUCATION PRESIDENT

President Clinton has gone to bat for education in every way. He increased student loans. He brought to life an historic School-to-Work initiative, providing the venture capital to help move students from the class-

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room to jobs with a future.

He has long championed the goal of setting high national standards for what our children should learn. He fought to increase funding for Head Start. He created AmeriCorps, to allow young people to earn money for school by serving their communities.

President Clinton—the real Education President—also has worked tirelessly to take drugs and violence out of our schools. At the same time, he's committed to helping prepare our young people for the challenges of the next century.

HELPING THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES

Many students who attend college must take out a loan to pay for their education. These days, most families can't afford the full price of college. They need a hand.

Education is the fault line separating the haves and have-nots. It used to be that a high school diploma was enough. Not anymore. Our economy demands well-educated workers - workers who not only know how to think but also how to make the most of new technologies like online databases and computer modeling. In our new economy, what you earn depends on what you learn.

The moral of the story is clear. We have to speak up for ourselves. When people try to get our commitment to our education, we must speak up. When people try to devastate our commitment to our communities and our children, we must speak up. In this nation, every one of us has a voice. Every one of us can make a difference. I encourage you to add your voice on November 5th. It will make a difference.

Another Solution for the College's Parking Problem

By GOPAL DORAI

A number of articles in recent issues of the *Beacon* attest to the perennial shortage of parking space on campus. This problem has been facing us for many years, especially in the first few weeks of Fall and Spring when the college reopens. Thereafter, either the severity of the problem subsides, or other problems and concerns take precedence and the "parking problem" is forgotten for a while.

Several years ago, I wrote a lengthy article in the *Beacon*, offering a solution to the parking problem. The spate of recent complaints about shortage of parking space prompts me to reiterate my solution. This time, I hope, my solution will receive careful consideration by various constituents on campus. I think it is a proposal worthy of discussion and possible implementation (at least on an experimental basis).

THE PROBLEM

Most of us like to park as close to our classroom, office or work area, as possible. Parking spaces adjacent to them are scarce. The sprawling geography of our campus coupled with the limited number of parking spaces close to academic buildings necessitate long walks from parking lots to buildings. At present, according to conventional wisdom, those who come early take the most desirable parking spaces. Soon after 8 a.m., these limited spaces are filled. Those who drive in later, have to drive around the various parking lots looking for a space to park. Since most people don't like to walk, it does not occur to them to park in far away lots (in the first place) where there is a greater probability of finding an empty space. Everybody hopes to find a parking

space as close as possible to where they want to go, and this becomes frustrating, since the "first come first served" principle preempts those who come later. At any given time (except on rare occasions), there are many empty spots on parking lots far away from academic buildings, but nobody bothers to go there.

This phenomenon of shortage of space close to academic buildings (which are almost always filled), coupled with empty spots on far-away lots which are unfilled almost all the time, creates the impression that the College has a parking problem. Also, the clustering of classes at particular times of the day, and particular days of the

week, adds to the impression of congested parking space. Apart from building new parking facilities such as multistoried buildings (which are very expensive), or scheduling classes throughout the day and forcing students to enroll at unpopular times (afternoons, Fridays), there is a less expensive and more effective way to solve the congestion problem. If adopted, this solution would do away with the need to build more parking space, reschedule classes at unpopular times, or continue to waste our precious time, looking around for unavailable parking spaces near classroom buildings.

THE SOLUTION

A fair, equitable and efficient solution to the current mess is to institute a PRICE

SYSTEM. It will work as follows:

(1) The proposed solution is to reduce the congestion in the most desirable spots, and to induce drivers to park in less congested areas, thus ensuring that all the available spots are used voluntarily, and according to one's preference.

(2) Those who like to park as close as possible, and save "walking time", will be able to do so, and can ensure their parking spot availability, by paying a price for that convenience.

(3) Those who like to walk, but do not like to pay a Parking Convenience Fee, can exercise their preference by choosing the far away lots.

(4) The Parking Convenience

Fee would be based on the "convenience value" of the spot selected: i.e. the closer the lot is to a desirable destination, the higher the fee; the farther away the lot in question, the lower the fee.

(5) Lots shall be numbered #1,2,3,etc. depending on their "proximity value"; and the "convenience fee" will be based on an index of convenience. The highest price will be charged to those who want to park closest, and the lowest fee to those who are willing to park in the distant lots.

(6) Once a patron has chosen a lot and paid the appropriate fee, space will be guaranteed. Those who paid the lower fees, or those who chose not to pay, would find a spot far away, and would have to walk a bit. But they would know

in advance that their parking spot would not be close to a desired destination, and can therefore plan ahead, instead of getting frustrated, and driving around looking for a non-existing space.

(7) The level of the PCF can be fixed at \$50 for Lot #1 per semester, and can be adjusted up or down, after some experimentation. Lot #2 shall be priced at \$40, Lot #3 for \$30, and so on. The farthest lot will carry ZERO price, and those who are willing to park there can do so for FREE.

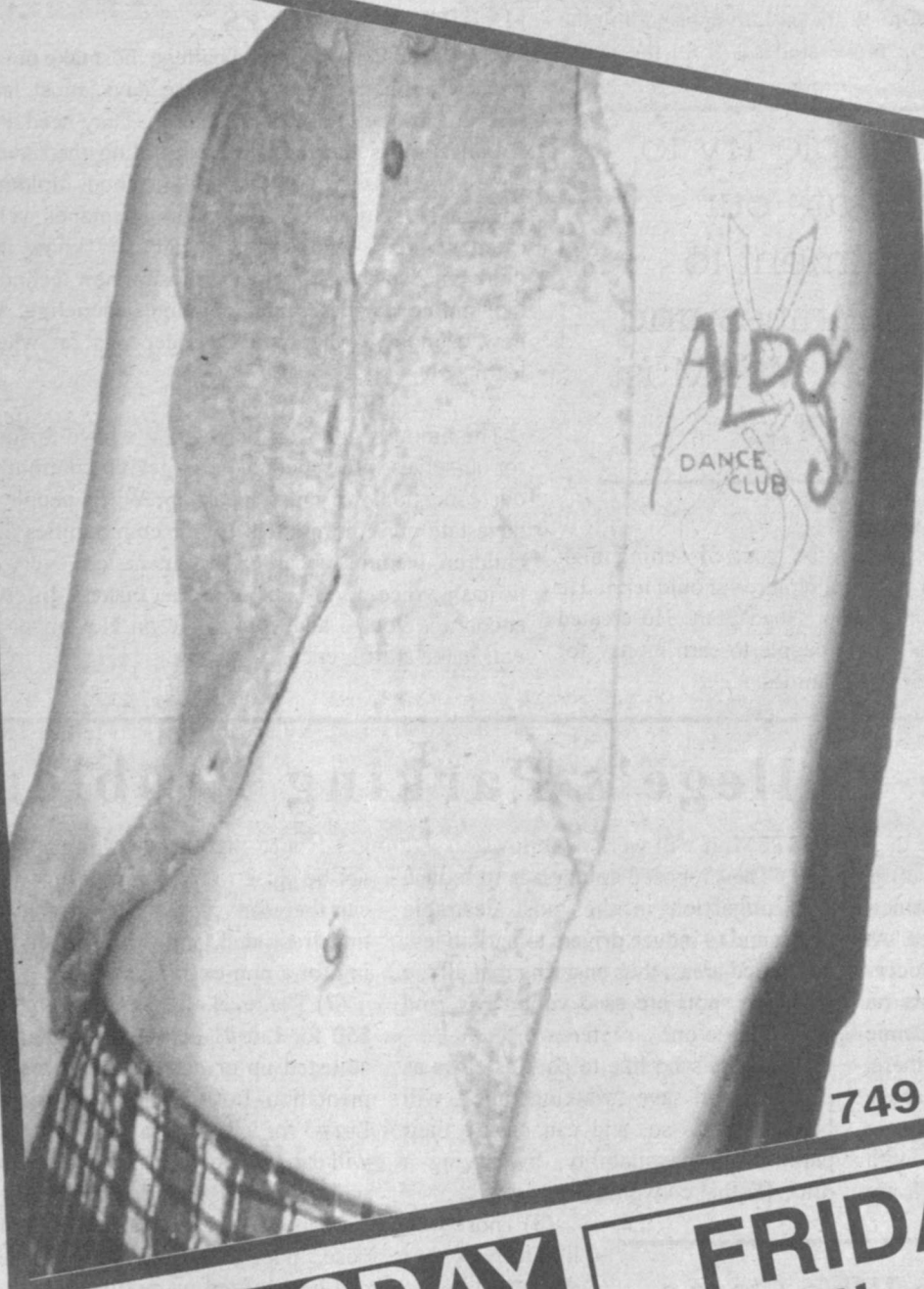
(8) It must be emphasized that the proposed plan is an experimental one, and can be adjusted or modified, as we gain experience with its benefits and costs.

Before concluding this article, I would like to make it clear that this proposal is an attempt to apply the logic of economic analysis to a problem that has been vexing the campus community for a very long time. I think it is a viable solution and is practical. It allows for freedom of choice. It avoids the need to come up with other expensive and time-consuming alternatives. It is fair and equitable. Those who can, and want to pay, and thus ensure their parking space close to their destination, will always get it, not having to waste precious time. Those who do not want to pay, but are willing to walk, and thus put up with the associated inconvenience, may opt for it, and they too will find parking space. Everyone can choose according to their personal preference. And nobody will have to face this frustrating experience of driving round and round, looking for a non-existent spot.

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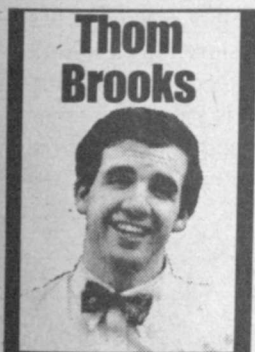
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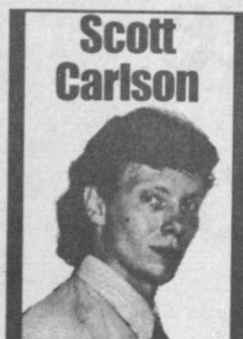


How the Republican Party Shaped One Individual's Life and Political Views

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An Insider's Perspective of the Pascrell Campaign for U.S. Congress



**Scott
Carlson**

Last April, the New York Times ran a feature article in the Metro Section under the headline "A

Local Mirror of the Big Government Debate." It featured large photos of two men - Paterson Mayor Bill Pascrell and Congressman Bill Martini. The article went on to discuss the views of the two candidates for Congress in New Jersey's eighth district and the importance of the race on a national level. The Democrats need twenty seats to oust Newt Gingrich and take control of Congress. They should get most of them, and Bill Martini's seat would probably put them over the edge. Washington researchers labeled Martini as "vulnerable" and Pascrell is known to be popular in his district and well qualified for the job. Clearly, we have a race of national importance taking place right here in our backyard.

My experience in college with the Student Government Association and other organizations taught me the importance of good government. I am concerned with several issues, the most important being campaign

finance reform, funding for higher education, and proper reform (as opposed to the virtual elimination) of welfare, social security, medicare and medicaid. These are exactly the issues that Bill Pascrell was running on. I realized where my involvement for the next six months would be.

I began as a volunteer in late April. Since then, I have been extensively involved in the campaign's field effort. My experience with Pascrell and his staff has been definitely a unique employer. He is more concerned with getting the job done well than whether or not he is addressed and waited on properly. His philosophy, which he has recited so many times, is simply, "Don't ask someone to do something you wouldn't do yourself." Thus, it is not uncommon for him to help with projects that seem menial. On the weekends, the entire staff from the campaign manager on down put jeans and boots on and place lawn signs with the volunteers and interns. Thus, the atmosphere of the campaign remains positive.

The basic philosophy of the campaign was that if voters are informed of the truth about Bill Pascrell and Bill Martini, Pascrell will come out well ahead. Bill Pascrell's record as a Mayor and Assemblyman is impeccable. He was most recently voted Mayor of the Year by a bi-partisan committee based on his achievements



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Bill Pascrell (right) recently campaigned on the WPC campus with U.S. Senator Bill Bradley (center).

in Paterson. When Pascrell took office as Mayor, the city was in horrible condition. There was not even enough money to make the first payroll for city employees. From this, Bill Pascrell was able to revitalize the city and balance the budget by taking a cut in his own pay. As a state Assemblyman, Pascrell fought hard for the people he cared most about - working families, senior citizens, and students. He worked to make student loans more accessible and was the only person in the Assembly to fight a Blue Cross/Blue Shield rate increase.

These facts made it obvious that Bill Pascrell remained true to his beliefs and his constituency even when under pressure from special interests. One of the campaign slogans, which I believe is our best, is "No gimmicks, no loopholes." Once elected, Bill Pascrell does what he promised to do. There is so much dissatisfaction with politicians because once elected, they serve themselves more than the people they represent. I believe Bill Pascrell is different - he has not compromised his values in the Mayor's office or in the Assembly. He will not do so in Congress.

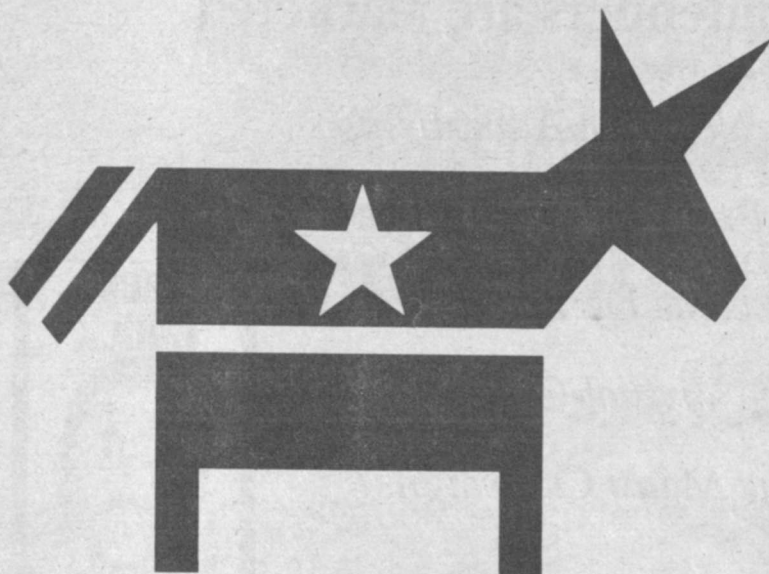
His opponent has many faults. Pascrell was quoted as saying "We should just close his (Martini's) office, save the money, and give two votes to Newt instead of one." IN his two years representing New Jersey's eighth district in Congress, Bill Martini has voted with Newt Gingrich over 90 percent of the time. The question which the Pascrell campaign pro-

poses is "Are Newt Gingrich's priorities New Jersey's priorities?" Clearly not, and Bill Martini knows it. His campaign has worked hard to separate Martini from Gingrich. In his radio and television advertisements, he claims to be the "independent" candidate for Congress, failing to even acknowledge that he is a republican.

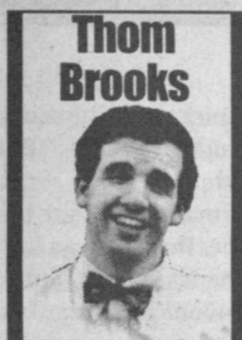
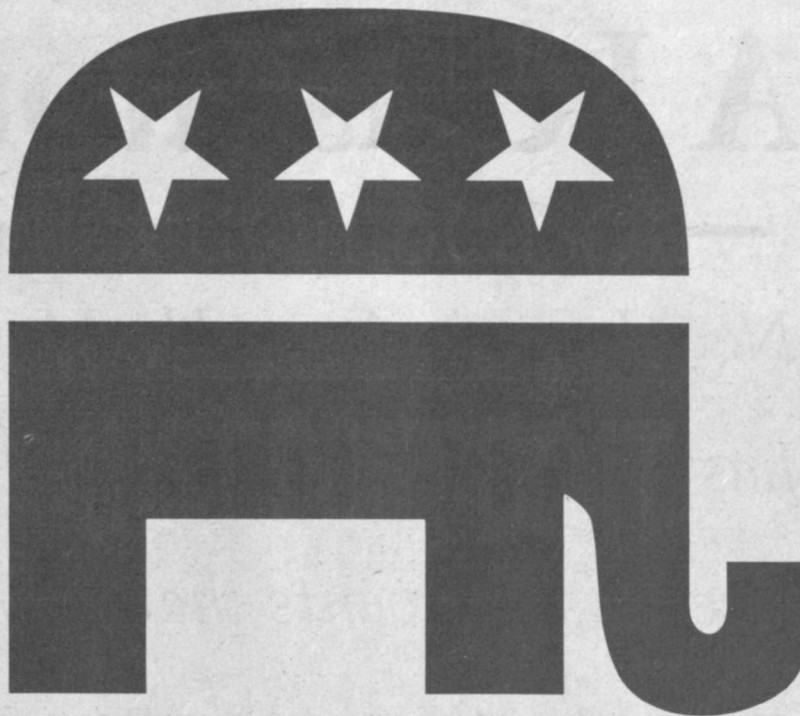
Throughout the past few months, Bill Martini has tried *anything* to pull ahead of Pascrell. He made claims in his advertisements that Pascrell's administration was under investigation by the FBI. This blatant lie was a gamble on his part that the FBI would uphold its practice of not disclosing who it is and isn't investigating, and Martini was caught in his lie. Furthermore, Martini has gone as far as to send his aides to remove Pascrell lawn signs (many of which I put up) and again was caught, this time by a local radio station. His campaign and its desperate malicious acts have been nothing more than a comedy of errors, yet the polls still indicate a close race.

It is people like Bill Martini that we need to eliminate not only from Congress, but from government all together. He had his chance and for two years he obeyed his party bosses instead of the needs of the people he represented.

"It's a shame the campaign had to turn to a negative direction," stated on supporter. Indeed, this campaign has changed direction since the New York Times attention it received last April. However, Pascrell is still trying to get his message out, and I have enjoyed



How One Life was Shaped by the Republican Party and its Views



Thom Brooks
I used to love buying baseball cards as a child. The only problem was that my small allowance made it hard to collect

I remember a time when people respected the flag here and abroad. When nations looked to the United States for leadership. When the people kept more of what they've earned and prospered. When people seemed happier than they do now.

Now people burn the flag on TV. Nations abandon the US in our foreign enterprises. They condemn us regularly for our treatment of the

Palestinians, Cuba, Bosnia, and Haiti. People don't want to be President. No one trusts the president; no one has faith in the president.

I remember asking my mother: why vote for Reagan? She told me he would save everyone money.

Shouldn't you trust your president with your life? After all, they are the commander-in-chief. They have their finger on that big red button that has only one person's fingerprint (JFK's).

Do you trust Bill Clinton? Will he act in your best interest? Are you sick of the lies?

Politically, I started late.

Last year I added Political Science to music as my major and so far I have done well. I have campaigned for both Steve Forbes and Sen. Dick Luger this past

presidential primary, settling on Forbes. I've debated openly on the Republican side every presidential election year at every school I've attended since fifth grade.

I've done so because I need to. Politicians make decisions that affect us. While believing not everything the GOP espouses, they are far more to what's right for America — a free limited government. The Democrats, in my opinion representing the establishment (lawyers, media, hollywood, etc.), and only support the status quo.

We need a smaller government that the people can control. We need tax cuts. We need to save the working class. . . and we need to make baseball cards as easy to get for youngsters today as they were when I was a kid.

many of them. When you're six years old, a penny means a lot. Especially when you can get a candy shop and be able to buy something with it, now I'm dating myself. I remember asking my mother who the president was. She said it was President Carter. She told me he was up for election. I told her, not knowing anything at all politically, that I hope he wins. At that moment, I thought my mother was going to kill us both as she jumped on the brakes. She told me that what I thought was fine, but that my father and her were supporting Governor Reagan.

I remember asking my mother why vote for Reagan? She told me he would save everyone money.

I watched Reagan on television all the time. I liked the way he talked to me. I stayed up all night to see him win the election and I was happy. And when he took office, I could buy more baseball cards then before. I could buy them sooner than I could before as well! Ever since then I have been Republican.

With the Reagan/Bush administrations we were the one on the biggest mountain waving the brightest torch. Democrats complained. America had the largest peacetime growth under Reagan. Democrats complained. Reagan like the military. Democrats, controlling both houses, passes the budget. REagan was the first president to veto a budget — why, because of the increase to the deficit proposed by the democrats. I saw Tip O'Neil to be an evil man.

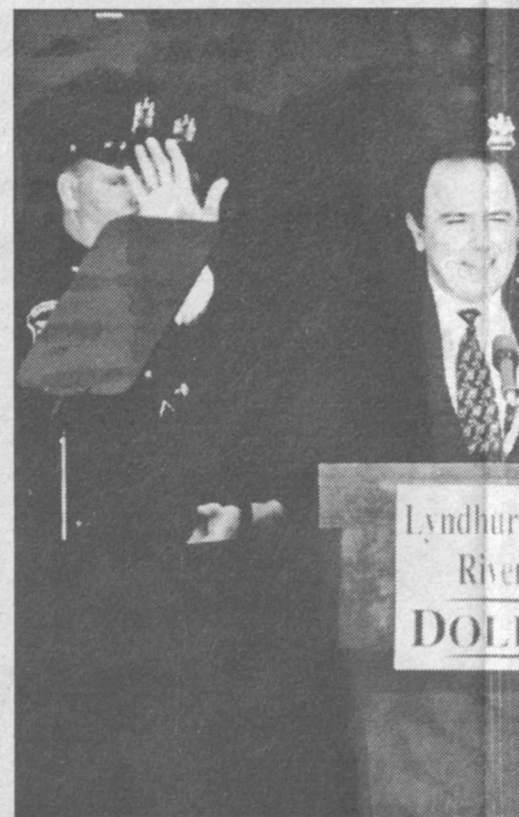


A G.O.P. Gathering

At a recent rally for the Republican presidential ticket in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, many local Republican officials showed up to vow their support. Pictured at the event, from left, are: Bergen County Executive William "Pat" Schuber; North Arlington Mayor Leonard Kaiser; Kearny Mayor Leo Vartan, who controls the Hudson County Republican Party; Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole; Bergen County Republican Chairman Berek Don; Bergen County Freeholders; and New Jersey Assembly Majority Leader Paul DiGaetano (R-36 dist.)

A Legislator's Life

New Jersey's Assembly Majority Leader has Made His Mark. Now Paul DiGaetano Recalls the Events that led him to the Top of the the Assembly's Republicans.



HIS DREAM SINCE HE WAS A CHILD WAS TO BECOME AN ASTRONAUT. He took all the right steps to make his youthful wish a reality, but somewhere en route to the moon Paul DiGaetano (R-36th dist.) ended up in Trenton. Now, 21 years after he was graduated from Notre Dame University with a degree in aerospace engineering, Assemblyman DiGaetano has skyrocketed nearly to the top of the Republican leadership in the Assembly. At 43, he has taken the position right under that of the speaker: majority leader.

The Beginning

Assemblyman DiGaetano was never too interested in politics.

"I never thought about it," he said. "The only connection I can draw was in my grammar school."

DiGaetano, from Passaic, attended a Catholic elementary school where the teachers raised money for the missions.

"They used to have an election for what you might call school president, but the election was voted by pennies," he said. Each candidate had a can with a picture of themselves on it which was placed in the entrance of the school. The students would then put change in the can, and by the scheduled end of the election the candidate who raised the most money won.

"I campaigned by going out and telling everyone that regardless of who they were going to vote for, they should go out and vote because it's for a good cause," DiGaetano continued. "It went overwhelmingly. I won."

After that point, the political life was put on hold. DiGaetano had other agendas: college and the Navy.

"My life goal, from the time I was a little boy, was to get into the space program." He needed to have a degree in aeronautics or aerospace engineering, and he needed to be a pilot. He failed to get an appointment to Annapolis because his family was not politically connected, but he was accepted to Notre Dame and went there on a Navy scholarship.

"It was the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

During his second year DiGaetano's father became very ill with kidney disease. With two small sisters at home, and his brother in college too, he came back to help his family since his dad was out of work. This

slowed down his education.

"I went back and loaded up during my junior year," he said noting that he took 25 credits in one semester. "The dean said I was nuts." But he did what he could so he could get back home soon and pitch in.

DiGaetano's scholarship with the Navy mandated that he go on active duty. Noting the problem that he had at home, the Navy gave him an honorable discharge, and went one step further. The Navy told him that if the situation was remedied within two years, they would get him back in and put him through flight school. Things didn't get better. After a year, DiGaetano's father got a transplant and died six months later.

The Public Sector

When DiGaetano came home from Notre Dame, he followed in his father's footsteps by joining the City of Passaic's Auxiliary Police Force.

"That was a two night a week patrol, fully armed, full police powers, but all volunteer," he said. Later he got more involved when the city developed a parks patrol program.

In 1979, though, DiGaetano was upset. The city's business administrator did away with the program.

"I was a big mouth," he said explaining that he was upset with this decision. "I went to speak before the city council - to no avail." He received some media coverage over the protest, and then his life as a public servant began.

"I walked out of church one Sunday morning and a group of guys surrounded me, and they said, 'you should run for city council.'" So he did.

DiGaetano started to regularly attend the city council



"When Sunday friends run for that p

By

Dan McDonough, Jr.

DiGataeno on many of the State's Issues

Fiscally Conservative, yet Socially Moderate the Assemblyman has his Own Style.

Paul DiGaetano does not follow any predictable patterns. He has a view unique to himself when it comes to policy making, and he does not always follow his party.

"Anytime you get a group of people together," he jokes, "if you have 10 people in the room, you're going to get 11 different opinions." He stresses that diversity is encouraged in the assembly, and that opinions are sought for their diversity on a broad spectrum of issues.

"It's absolutely impossible for everyone in any particular party - especially our party - to agree on all the issues," the assemblyman claims.

"And that's fine. There's really nothing wrong with that."

But DiGaetano sees the Republican Party of New Jersey as very different from other typical Republican groups. He feels that New Jersey has issues unique to itself. Noting that this state is very densely populated and very urban, he believes that, "We are very fortunate to have Republicans - and I'm one of them - representing urban areas." Because of this, New Jersey Republicans are perceived to be very moderate Republicans, DiGaetano believes. "And I am a moderate Republican."

But the moderate assemblyman is

conservative when it comes to fiscal accountability. "I've gone with the party on almost all fiscal issues," DiGaetano said. "But on some of the social issues, I tend to be more moderate."

He feels that his stance on social issues might be motivated by his upbringing, or maybe even his religious beliefs as a Roman Catholic. "I wouldn't consider myself a liberal on any issues, though."

One of New Jersey's more visible issues is that of Governor Whitman's new welfare plan she recently introduced for the state which DiGaetano supports.



At left, Assemblyman Paul DiGaetano speaks to the crowds at a recent rally in Lyndhurst for the Bob Dole/Jack Kemp presidential ticket. DiGaetano was the emcee for the event which Bob Dole attended with Governor Christine Whitman and several other Republican leaders. At right, the assemblyman discusses issues with Bergen County's Republican Chairman, Berek Don.



ty leader," DiGaetano said. "I was quite surprised."

DiGaetano likes what he is doing now. He has no mapped route for his political future, but to remain an assemblyman representing his district, which encompasses: Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Lyndhurst, North Arlington, Rutherford, Wallington, Belleville, Nutley, and Passaic. "I would like to be speaker when this speaker has completed his term," DiGaetano said. "Beyond that I'm not thinking about any other position."

Although he never got to be an astronaut, Assemblyman DiGaetano claims that his background in engineering helps him as a legislator. His 8-year old son is "the most engaged politically of any child that you might expect to see." Paul claims he had nothing to do with this, but since Joseph was 4-years-old he has been watching the Appropriations Committee on C-SPAN avidly. Maybe he'll get to fly to the moon someday.



DiGaetano has a record of pushing for bi-partisan support with legislation. Here he talks with Assemblyman Joseph Doria, Jr. (D-31), the assembly minority leader.

this, DiGaetano feels the assembly process by "sharing common has been very successful in getting ground," and taking the partisan critical legislation through the ship out of legislation. - D.M.J.

meetings for two years and become fluent with the issues.

"The next election came up in 1981," he said. "I ran. And I was successful in winning a seat and defeating one of the incumbents. . . The rest, as they say, is history."

DiGaetano was re-elected to serve his hometown for more than 10 years as a city councilman, including two terms as council president at age 31. He began his legislative career in 1985 when was elected to serve one term as an assemblyman in the 36th District. After unsuccessfully vying for a unexpired senate seat, he returned to the assembly in 1991. Last year he won re-election to his fourth term of office. It was then that he was elected unopposed by his peers to serve as majority leader.

The Start of Tenure

The assemblyman's tenure in the legislature began when then Assemblyman Bob Franks was elected to Congress. Franks and Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian (now the chair of the NJ Republican party) created an

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— PAUL DIGAETANO

assembly "policy and rules" committee chaired by Franks. It was designed, according to DiGaetano, to deal with the most high-profile issues in the assembly.

"When the chairmanship became vacant, I went to the speaker (Haytaian at that time) and I said I would like to be considered for that chairmanship," DiGaetano recalls. "I was very pleased when Speaker Haytaian expressed confidence in me and gave me, with relatively little tenure in the assembly, the chairmanship." It was here that he began to prove himself.

"When Haytaian decided to run for senate, he told me that he thought then Majority Leader Jack Collins should be speaker and I should be majori-

"We have to give people an incentive to get away from a social subsistence program," he argues. He is of the opinion that the new welfare plan will give people the opportunity they need. "There needs to be recognition, though, that there will be many cases where people will not be able to be productive and they will need support."

The route that the governor took to establish this program is applauded by DiGaetano.

"She enlisted, and in fact received, bi-partisan support on this," DiGaetano said. He believes that encouraging support from both par-

ties is the best way to legislate, and tries to follow this belief.

"The major issues that have been taken up by this legislature, with a couple of exceptions, have been done on a bi-partisan basis," the assemblyman said, noting that the issues of his sponsorship are done this way nearly all of the time.

"I am one who genuinely does not look at party label when I work on a piece of legislation," DiGaetano claims. "It doesn't matter to me whether you're a registered Democrat, or whether you're a registered Independent, or undeclared voter - It matters not." Because of

Why Students Should Vote

By GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

How are you paying for college?

Perhaps your parents are giving you a hand. Or, more likely, you're financing your education yourself through part-time jobs and student loans. President Clinton's reform of the student loan system, with the introduction of direct lending, has made college more affordable for millions. Now students can bypass the big banks and middle-men and borrow directly from the federal government through their campus student aid office - these loans have been calculated as 20% less expensive than guaranteed loans.

Then there's AmeriCorps, which allows students and young people to earn money for college while working to improve their communities. At the end of this year, AmeriCorps will have provided educational opportunities for over 45,000 young people. In President Clinton's second term, this initiative, along with a \$10,000 education tax deduction, the HOPE Scholarship program, expanded Pell Grants, and a merit-based scholarship, would increase the number of Americans educated at the college level.

Of course, at some point you will pay back your college loans. The good news is that when you leave college you'll be looking for work in a society which has seen economic growth and falling levels of unemployment. Perhaps you'll be applying for one of the

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ten million new jobs created under this administration, particularly one of the four million in high-wage industries. The minimum wage has increased and real hourly wages are rising for the first time in a decade. And as you pay off your debts, President Clinton's tax cuts for 15 million working families and 90% of small business will help soften the blow.

And where do you plan to live?

Can you be confident that your neighborhood will be a safe environment for you and your family? The President understands our desire for a better quality of life, as well as the opportunities we need to succeed. That's why he has cleaned up as many toxic waste sites in three years as under twelve years of Bush and Reagan. That's why he has fought extreme Republican measures to roll back years of environmental protections. And that's why he is working to ensure that you and your children have cleaner, safer water and air that's fit to breathe.

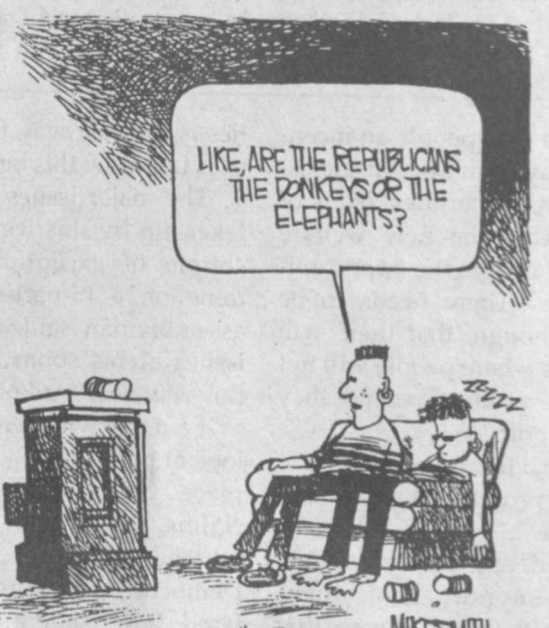
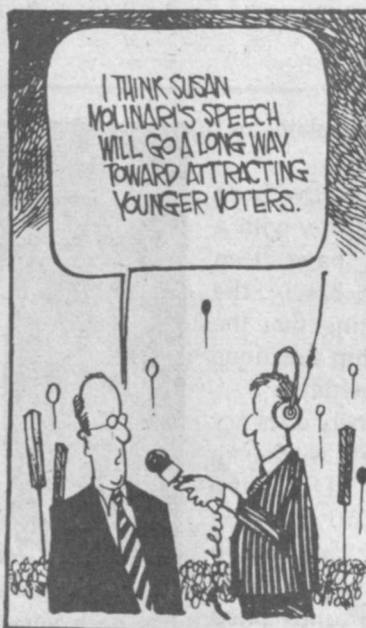
President Clinton is working to create responsible, caring communities by confronting the gun lobby, working to keep assault weapons off our streets and preventing more than 60,000 felons from purchasing handguns. He has secured the highest level of home ownership in fifteen years and put 100,000 new cops on our streets. President Clinton's second administration will work with your community to create a safer, healthier world.

No other President has done more to address the concerns of young voters. President Clinton plans to maintain his pro-youth, pro-future agenda in his second term. I talk to President Clinton every day about your concerns; I know he's pushing to create more educational opportunities, safer environments, more unified communities, and stronger workplaces.

Community, opportunity, responsibility. These are the cornerstones of President Clinton and Vice President Gore's campaign. On November 5th, I'm asking you to help us build a bridge to the 21st century. Vote for President Clinton and Vice President Gore.

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Cartoons of the 1996 Political Season



Campaigns, and how all the Contenders are Marketed

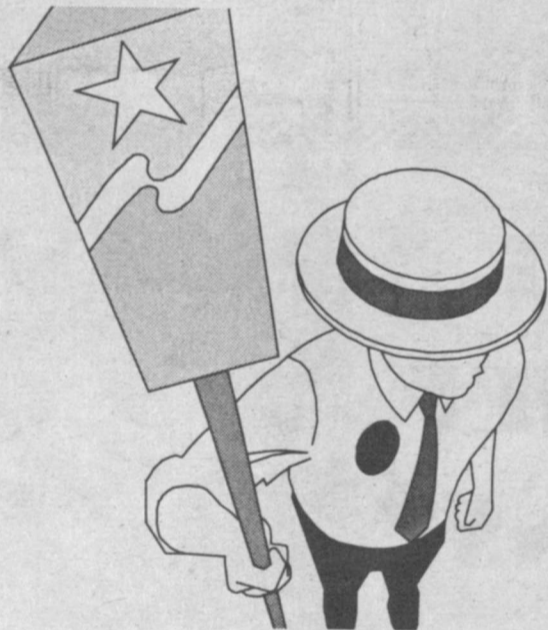
Have we Become De-Sensitized to the Virtual Overload of the Many Campaigns?



Jack Gillick
Images count for everything these days, and nothing destroys a politician's image like nasty campaign advertising. It

really doesn't matter what side of the fence you're playing—whether you're the ruthless prey or the hapless victim. As long as there has been an office to run for, mudslinging has been a larger part of American politics than voting.

Long before television became an



Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

Campaign advertisements begin to plague communities across the country once September rolls along. Here, a house in Haledon urges voters to cast their ballots for a favorite.

indispensible tool for muckraking, politicians were talking trash about their opponents: their parties, poli-

tics, misdeeds, infidelities, mothers, etc., while the video age has certainly hastened the descent of American politics into a he-said/she-said clawing match, the boob tube definitely didn't create the modern political monster. He, along with his perfect hair, slick grin, and special-interest money, has been here all along.

Change is not going to come easy. When a faux pas of this magnitude becomes so deeply imbedded into the establishment, it is that much harder for those in power to do what they know is the right thing.

As good as the intentions of many politicians are, rocking the boat only threatens the livelihood that forced them to bend their principles in the first place.

What is needed is true campaign finance reform. Politicians spend

more time kissing big business booty than babies, and not one American would disagree that a fundamental change is both inevitable and necessary. The two major parties have to reconnect with the people they intend to serve by focusing their energies on local politics and community involvement.

Civic duty was once an integral part of America's everyday life. But, despite being able to bring people together, our technologically-oriented society has severed the communal ties we once shared with our neighbors.

And the political party that is first able to recognize this will be better prepared to help us find our way to an America that all can believe in and be proud of.

The Politics of Politics: A Few Definitions of the Word

By ALLISON MORGAN

So, in this fun time of elections, some of you may be asking yourselves, exactly what is politics? Some feel politics started in Athens, with Plato, while others feel that it is a state of mind. According to the World Wide Web dictionary of Cybernetics and Systems, "Politics is processes involving structural changes in a public domain, including the control of Government, and the processes through which collective decisions come about as a consequence of communication among competing factions and individual interests in society." We know where government fits in through

this definition, but what does the rest mean? As the internet gives a concise yet wordy definition, a good old hand held dictionary was

political government. (3) the conducting of our participation in political affairs, often as a profession. (4) political methods, tactics, etc.;

power and status in a group." Okay, in this definition, politics is given a side of cynicism for the reader to consider in it's multi-faceted meaning.

The last definition did not come from a book. Instead, it came from a political science adjunct at WPC, Professor Maffi. His definition of politics is, "A social act to resolve the tensions between human needs and social facts."

Now it is up to you, the voter, and final decision maker to decide which meaning best suits your needs. If none of these do, feel free to make up your own. Many of the people from these United States do.

"A social act to resolve the tensions between human needs and social facts."

next. The Merriam Webster dictionary gave six meanings of politics; among the more interesting ones were: "(1) the science and art of

sometimes specific, crafty or unprincipled methods. (5) political opinions, principles, or party connections. (6) factional scheming for

Traditional thinkers say, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it."
But breakthrough thinkers say, "Fix it before it breaks."

Gerald Nadler

Things Change. Times Change.

Don't assume that your retirement savings program is still on target. Things change. Times change. Even your own plans for retirement might change.

It could well be time to check your program to see if you need to make adjustments to reflect changes in the economy, your lifestyle or your retirement goals. That's the best way. Meet *in person* with an expert ... an expert such as your VALIC Retirement Plan Specialist.

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