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Beacon to be reorganized

By Matthew Halpern

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After sixty years of operation as a club under the Student Government Association, the Beacon, the student-produced newspaper of William Paterson College, will be reclassified as an auxiliary organization.

"The Beacon has always thought of itself as independent," said Yoni Greenbaum, the Beacon editor-in-chief. "The newspaper has always been run by students and has received no subsidies from the college or the SGA."

According to SGA guidelines, the Beacon is classified as a "D" level club of the SGA. Under the SGA Constitution, a "D" level club is a group that generates its' own funds but is financially supervised by the SGA, though no money is received from the SGA. According to Greenbaum, this policy does not lend itself well to handling the Beacon funds in the most suitable manner.

"Right now, we cannot lease equipment for office use, since it against SGA policy," is Greenbaum said. "The latest technology is very expensive, and we can use our money efficiently [by leasing equipment], to help give students more current hands-on experience."

Under the proposal to the WPC Board of Directors, the Beacon will be exist as an auxiliary organization of WPC. An auxiliary organization, according to Greenbaum, is a branch of the college that has control of itself, concerning business affairs, and

is governed by its own Board of Directors.

About a year and a half ago, Greenbaum, former Editor-in-Chief Jack Gillick, and Dan McDonough, Jr., editorial page editor, and the papers staff concluded that the newspaper had grown too big for the SGA to properly handle. The reclassification as an auxiliary organization will allow the Beacon to handle daily relations in a more business-like manner.

"The SGA was not designed to run a 'business,' on top of its other activities,' said Greenbaum. "Over the past couple of years, our tremendous growth had made it tough to stay as an internal part of the SGA."

Negotiations for this have been going on for almost two years, said Greenbaum. Last year, a business proposal was presented to the WPC Board of Directors, which stipulated that the Beacon would be an entirely separate entity of WPC. Greenbaum said that it was mutually agreed to reorganize the newspaper as an auxiliary organization, and remain part of the college. Greenbaum hopes the latest proposal will be ratified at the Dec. 5 WPC Board of Directors meeting.

Chernoh M. Sesay, WPC provost and executive vice president, said that this process was supposed to be completed during the current semester. Due to application processes that go beyond the control of the college, he said, the actual change over may not occur until the Spring 1997 semester.



weeks receipts. WPC students are responsible for all aspects of the paper, from business to production.

"The application for incorporation must be approved by the college's Board of Directors and the Secretary of the State of New Jersey," said Sesay. "Because of this, the process may take us [WPC] into the first part of the spring semester."

Under the reorganization, the Beacon will remain an integral part of the college community. Greenbaum maintains that the, newspaper will continue to. report campus news first and that students will continue to hold all major positions.

"An outside person will be brought in to be the office manager, who will oversee the business aspect of the paper and probably act as corporate treasurer," said Greenbaum.

Daily operations at the Beacon will remain the same, according to Greenbaum. A corporate Board of Directors, made up of current Beacon staff. Beacon alumni, members of the WPC community and field members with relative knowledge, will be another step above the students to help keep continuity in the newspaper, he added.

"This is a historic move for the Beacon-a change and challenge for the future," said Greenbaum. "The Beacon is a fine example of a college newspaper that has grown up and matured and now has to take the next step."

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Keeping WPC on the cutting edge

A course being offered by the WPC Department of Sociology takes advantage of some of the latest technology and redefines the boundaries of the classroom

By Mona Zughbi

Course selection for the Spring '97 semester at William Paterson College expands with one-of-a-kind course.

"We here at WPC are clearly on the frontier or cutting edge of knowledge," said Vincent Parrillo, Sociology Department chairperson. "This has never been done anywhere and we will be the first to do it."

The new course, called Conflict Resolution and the Internet, was created by Parrillo in conjunction with Rodney Coates, Director of Black Studies at Miami University in Ohio.

"What makes this fascinating is that the course will be taught all over the world simultaneously," said Parrillo. "We simply announced the course on the Internet and sent it world wide to see if anybody was interested."

So far, the schools involved in this course hail from Australia, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Northern Ireland, Poland, Alaska, Kentucky, Ohio, Texas and West Virginia.

"The list of states and countries who are participating is not complete yet because we will take anybody up until the course starts," Parrillo said. "Rodney Coates says the motto here is 'the more the merrier."

The more countries or states willing to participate in this particular course will give students at participating schools a whole new area to receive insight from.

"Students will be on their own listservs (electronic discussion groups), talking with students at other universities about the readings regarding conflict resolution," said Parrillo. "This will allow us to discover, through the technology of computers, how learning can be a unique thing."

"I think it would be amazing to not only have the same assignment as someone from another country, but to have the opportunity to actually discuss an assignment with many people from different parts of the world," said Matthew Kirsch, WPC junior. "I wonder how everybody will be able to access universal material, though."

"We agreed to make the syllabus the same but we had the problem of choosing materials for the course because some



Parillo shows WPC students the Internet homepage that will play a major role in the teaching of this course.

schools didn't have access to a particular journal or book, but this is now solved," said Parrillo. "The only way we could get this to happen was to get a common bond and find readings on the Internet."

According to Parrillo, all materials for the class should be agreed upon by Dec. 1. While this information comes together, students may wonder how communication will be possible between students from around the world.

"This sounds interesting, but how will everybody be able to communicate with different time zones?" said Nicole Dos Santos, sophomore at WPC.

"The days and times the other schools will have this course is irrelevant because students will interact with each other in chat groups," said Parrillo. "We cannot do live chats because of people's schedules and time

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ries and understandings that apply to a subject matter in conflict resolution," said Parrillo. "In groups of five, they will share ideas and opinions about a particular article because that is what they will bring in for the next class." Although many students seem excited about the new course, some were hesitant in considering the course for registration.

"The course sounds good, but I don't know that much about computers and how they work so I can't see myself ever registering for it," said Shannon Brown, WPC sophomore.

"The students who take this course don't have to be real computer literate because you can go to the computer lab for help," said Parrillo. "Once you learn how to click on certain things and type, it is a piece of cake."

According to Parrillo, it seems as though students need to become more computer literate, just so they can access general information about courses they are registered for now. This can be explored if students go to WPC's college

h o m e p a g e, scroll down to "academics" and click onto course-based conferences, he added.

"I tell my students to check the computer each week because I put on a question that will be on the final exam," said Parrillo. "Some other teachers have the syllabus or

provide resource areas students can go through to write their papers."

The conflict resolution course will also take another step in trying to resolve conflicts after students access information about a certain conflict on the Internet. "After choosing an area with conflicts, such as Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Rwanda, or Israel, and taking the knowledge base of that area, students will work together on the Internet to find a solution that nobody was ever able to find," said Parrillo. "After this final project is done, it will be posted on the World Wide Web for anybody in the world to read and we will also submit it to the United Nations."

"This can give a person a sense of accomplishment," said Jamie Rosato, WPC junior. "To know that you worked toward a well researched, insightful solution regarding a serious problem in the world should give any student a sense of gratification."

"We don't necessarily think students are going to solve something that diplomats haven't, but who knows, maybe there will be an idea presented that can point a direction [to go in]," said Parrillo. "It would be better to have a paper on the Internet rather than buried somewhere [in a file]."

Regardless of the untraditional format of the class, Parrillo feels that students are not the only ones welcoming this new course.

"When I submitted it to my fellow chairpeople at the school council of Humanities, Management and Social Science, the response of my colleagues was incredibly enthusiastic," said Parrillo. "They said it was one of the most exciting things that they had come upon in a while."

Parrillo said that there were responses from many of his colleagues wanting to be updated on this endeavor.

Since this is the first time anything of the sort has been offered at WPC, the success of the course is unpredictable.

"It we fall flat on our faces, it wouldn't matter because it would be worth the try since this has enormous possibilities of where it could go," said Parrillo. "Who knows, maybe something entirely different than what we expect will come out of this course; maybe those who take the class will make a lifetime friend or just a contact, who knows where this will lead."

"I hope everything goes well because I would like to take it next fall," said Dos Santos. "Maybe I'll get the chance to be a part of technology."

"Students are going to spend their whole lives in the real world of computers and the more they know, the better their job marketability," said Parrillo. "So I encourage them to use the computer whenever they get a chance."

For those who are interested in applying their computer skills towards conflict resolution and the Internet, the course is currently available for registration. Because there is only one section limited to twenty students, it may be filled. The three credit-course is not in the catalog because it is an experimental course, but the selected topic is 399.

"The student response is only now unfolding," said Parrillo. "Since we have announced it, there have been a number of students in my office wanting to know more about this."

Parrillo concluded that this will be an exciting Pioneer effort for students and faculty alike and, as far as he knows, the first of its kind in the world.

Events at WPC recognize Puerto Rican Heritage Month

By Norman DeFilippo NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

November is national Puerto Rican Heritage Month, and William Paterson College has a variety of events in honor of this. The festivities which began on Nov. 4 with a flag-raising ceremony, will wind down on Nov. 24 with a Mass in the student center.

"All the activities are open to the entire campus, for those students who have a curiosity or desire to learn about Puerto Rican culture," said Xiomara Gonzalez, president of the Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS.)

Ten activities are planned for the Month. According to Gilbert Correa, assistant director of Campus Activities at WPC, OLAS is mostly responsible for the planning of events.

The flag raising ceremony featured guest speaker Albert Budet, chairperson of the Hispanic Association of Higher Education of New Jersey and director of Educational Opporunity Fund, Rutgers University - New Brunswick. Nov. 5 featured a luncheon with foods native to Puerto Rico and music by the WPC Latin Jazz Band in the student center. Reknowned Puerto Rican

Artist Alicia Maury was in the Student Center on Nov. 7 for an exibition and discussion of her art.

WPC student Jennifer Borreo, who attended the Alicia Maury art exibit, said "I loved it. It was exiting; it was so fun because it brought everyone together to see the artistic skill, it didn't have to be about a race thing."

On Nov. 13, Victor Vega lectured in the Student Center on "The Origin & Role of Vejigantes in the African-Puerto Rican Experience." There will be a Latino version of the game show "Win, Lose or Draw," in the library on Nov. 19.

On Nov 18. and 19, WPC students will have the opportunity to hear Judith Ortiz, a Puerto Rican writer with two published works. There will also be a . workshop about writing, a reception, and a lunch or another opportunity for discussion.

A film is to be shown on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the library auditorium and WPC students can see an off-Broadway company performing in Hunziker Black Box Theater for the first time.

Correa is very exited about the

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William Paterson College students gather together to celebrate Puerto Rican Heritage Month.

play. "This year we have something new that we have never had before, and that is an actual play from off broadway, that is coming to perform, called 'La Gringa' and we've never had a play like that come on campus during Puerto Rican Heritage Month. We expect it to be very succesfull because it is knew and

fresh."

Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Diocese of Paterson and The Latino Choir will be present for the final planned event, Mass at the student center on the Sunday, Nov. 24.

during Puerto Rican Heritage William Ramos, a member of Month. We expect it to be very succesfull because it is knew and "the campus gets information about Puerto Ricans [because] many students have a stereotypical view of [Puerto Ricans]." He expressed an idea echoed by other event organizers that it is not only important for Puerto Ricans to learn about their heritage, but for those outside the culture as well.

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Years later, temporary classrooms to be removed

By Jaime Westervelt NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The temporary classrooms known to the William Paterson College community as the Trailers are to be removed in the early months of 1997.

Located along the Hunziker Wing on the WPC, no classes are scheduled to be held in the trailers during the Spring 1997 semester, explained Mark Evangelista, WPC registrar. Classes usually scheduled in the trailers will be relocated to other parts of the campus, he added.

"The trailers were put on block for bidding, and are expected to be sold and removed probably by Spring 1997," said Evangelista.

However, according to Peter Spiridon, WPC vice president of Administration and Finance the bidding has not been as successful.

"The removal should occur sometime in January or February," said Spiridon. "So far we haven't had any bidders, so we may have to remove them ourselves."

John Urinyi, director of Facilities and Maintenance at WPC, hopes to have the trailers removed between semesters rather then when school is in session. According to Urinyi, this plan depends on "who buys them, the schedule of whoever buys them, and of course, the weather."

According to the WPC administration, the removal of the trailers will have no impact on the availability of classrooms. Urinyi pointed out that "there are seven new classrooms in the newly constructed building the Atrium."

"We are trying to replace the classrooms we will be losing by this removal," said Evangelista. "Most have been replaced, these rooms being rooms which used to be classrooms



Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

For many William Paterson College student, faculty and staff the trailers meant, heat in the summer and cold in the winter, leaking roofs and icy walkways.

and will be used as classrooms again.

The trailers originally constructed in order to complete construction and renovation on existing classrooms in Hobart Hall, said Spiridon. The building had to be emptied in order to do the work, Spridon added, so activities were relocated around the campus.

"The lost classrooms had to be replaced, so we bought the trailers," said Spiridon. "Without the new classrooms, the renovation could not have taken place."

According to Evangelista, since the master plan was predicted to take three or four years to complete, the college had to buy trailers to accommodate the students.

Spiridon explained that there are no current plans to convert buildings or build a new building for classrooms. The problem, he explained, is not that there is a lack of classrooms, so a new

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building will not be necessary.

"We just finished the Atrium and there is ongoing renovation at the college," said Urinyi. "We won't be building any new buildings for classrooms," he said.

"It's really like a regular building when you're in the classrooms, so I don't think it will be any great loss," said a WPC freshman.

Other WPC students are happy to see the Trailers go.

"I don't think they are very attractive and they take away from the look of the campus," said a WPC sophomore. "As long as we don't need them anymore, it's just as well that they be removed."

According to Evangelista, the loss of the trailers will have no effect on the college or on the availability of classrooms.

Initial reports positive on change to University

By Norman DeFilippo NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Michael Tillfurd of Wichita State University and Robert Powell from the University of Scranton were at William Paterson College recently to give an objective opinion of whether WPC fits the guidelines of university status.

Sadly, Tillfurd died over night of a heart attack during his evaluation of the school. However, according to Nina Jimmott, Assistant Vice President of Graduate Studies and Rersearch, "the initial report [WPC] got from the consultants and the initial report [WPC] got from the Committee of Higher Education is that [WPC is] in a good position to be granted university status."

There are many guidelines Tillfurd, Powell -outside consultants are required to be brought in to evaluate schools undertaking such a change - and the Committee of Higher Education used to determine whether WPC is worthy of university status. An important guideline to determine whether WPC falls under university standards, said Jimmott, is the organizational structure of the school's graduate programs.

Jimmott explained this includes "how the graduate office runs, how graduate programs run, and graduate see GRADUATE page 7



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And our Co-Sponsors, the Sociology Club. So far we have collected over \$500 and are still accepting pledges and donations toward the TAP collection for the Emergency Food Coalition of Passaic County. This even certainly shows the power of people working together for a just and necessary cause.

We would like to invite the community to the Annual Thanksgiving Awareness Mass on Sunday Nov. 24, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Our celebrant of the Mass will be His Excellency Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson. Plan to join us as we celebrate and give thanks.

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classes are run." Jimmott said that certain questions must be answered about the college: the number of graduate students, what is the required GPA for admission, and what is their retention rate. These are all pertinent questions in determining the worthiness of university status, she added.

"It [WPC] has to answer questions about the faculty, like whether they are graduate faculty, are they fully accredited to teach at the graduate level, or are they mainly undergraduate teachers," said Jimmott. Almost 90% of WPC faculty members have doctrines, she added, making WPC well equipped in becoming a university.

According to Jimmott, in addition to the standards imposed by the Committee Of Higher Education to qualify for university status, there are rules in the process of applying for university status. One standard states that two consultants be hired to look over the application for University Status, an application being formed by Dona Fountoukidis, director of Institutional Planning, Research and Evaluation, Steve Hahn, associate provost, and Jimmott, coordinator of the process.

The process, said Jimmott, consists of eight broad steps that were put into motion by the colleges Board of Trusties in December, 1995.

"The Board of Trusties authorized the president to take the steps necessary to secure university status," Jimmott said. She added that a petition was filed with the Committee on Higher Education requesting university status.

The next step in the process consists of the actual application creation which will be done by Fountoukidis, Hahn and Jimmott. Once the application is completed it must be approved by the WPC Provost and the WPC President, Jimmott explained. The application is then sent to the deans and other members of the campus community, who in turn give their response of the application to its creators. Once again, Fountoukidis, Hahn, and Jimmott review the application, where they consider the suggestions the college community proposed.

Once the final draft of the application is composed, it is sent to the Board of Trusties who will vote on it, said Jimmott. If the board approves the application, she added, it will be sent to the Committee of Higher Education.

According to Jimmott, President Speert believes the Committee of Higher Education will have the final draft of the application by the end of the year. She also belives that WPC will be granted university status next year sometime between May or June.

NOTICE TO ALL MOTORISTS ON CAMPUS

On November 20, 1996, between the hours of 11:30pm and 3:30am, the WPC Police Department will be conducting a DWI Checkpoint. This checkpoint is part of the a Drunk Driving Prevention Program. Working in cooperation with the college's Alcohol Awareness Committee, and AAA North Jersey, this program is designed to prevent drunk driving, save lives, and increase vehicular safety overall. One feature of this program will be periodic DWI Checkpoints and Roving DWI Patrols by our Police Task Force. The program will also include distribution of information relating to motorist safety, drug and alcohol abuse and prevention, designated driver programs, and laws pertaining to Driving Under the Influence.

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THE BEACON

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orting out the past five years of one's life is major task for anyone. Brad Smith, recuperating at home in Seattle, is no exception. To say that he has a lot to think about would be a gross understatement. To say that he is dealing with it well would do him little justification. Nestled in the words of one fine musician lies the integrity that defined Blind Melon, and Brad's unfortu-

nately rare, musician-for-life attitude. Dwelling on what once was Blind Melon and rehashing the silly hoopla surrounding the band up to, and encompassing the death of their vocalist, Shannon Hoon, would be futile. Brad himself prefers to focus on the future, and admittedly, he is inept at "giving press conferences" and "answering questions about the past."

The present offers Blind Melon their final chance to affect what listeners have been untouched by their real-deal rock n' roll. With the release of *Nico*, a tribute to Shannon Hoon named in honor of his baby daughter, and the last standing record to be released by Blind Melon, Brad and his bandmates have closed the chapter on the last five years of their collective lives.

"This is the last attempt to put Shannon on the pedestal as a songwriter" attests Brad. "I think he was ignored as that when all the bad press came out after he died."

Nico is an exquisite collection of tracks, spanning the entire career of the band recorded as various points throughout, therefore representing all of the periods of growth that were apparent on previous works. An enhanced CD, *Nico* can be played in a CD-Rom, where it reveals interview and live footage.

Leading off with a cover of **Steppenwolf**'s "The Pusher," the record established early on Blind Melon's versatility. With one speaker dominated by banjo and bass, and the

other filled with swirling guitar riffs and vocals, "The Pusher" could be two different songs if heard from only one speaker at a time.

"It was important to return to the roots that inspired us," explains Brad. "I like dividing stuff up like that, it just sounds cool to me. You have two channels, you may as well use them."

This characteristic separation is one of the elements that sets Blind Melon apart from other acts who employ a mish-mash of sounds crammed into both speakers. The Blind Melon mix offers an easier, rounder sound, allowing each instrument to speak freely instead of getting lost in the others. Brad claims that working with a producer (Mike Napolitano) who was "a true musician like we are" helped the band to feel more comfortable with producing sounds that could fill up the record. The percussion ensemble on the mysterious, Eastern influenced "Glitch" was the brainchild of Napolitano.

"We tried a lot of ideas with that

track. That idea just had a special ring to it," offers Brad, "so we just kept it."

The song that results is almost eerie, with a heavy echo over the voice that makes it sound further away than the other sounds. Brad plays the flute on this track, offsetting the percussive beat that tends to dominate it. "Glitch" is an almost ethereal selection, certainly a standout on *Nico*.

Balancing these studio tracks nicely are very real representations of Shannon Hoon and his often playful nature. "Life Ain't so Shitty" was performed directly into a recorder on the band's tour bus in the middle of a busy street. It's a simple song; just Shannon and his guitar. Nico concludes with "Letters from a Porcupine," a ditty that Shannon left on guitarist Christopher Thorn's answering machine one evening. Christopher salvaged what was left of the track for release on Nico, offering the listener a final Blind Melon track that is a near tear jerker for those who

footage of all the things the band does do best. Each of the members are interviewed alone and are given a chance to show just how wild they can really get. To top the video off, you get a personal copy of two of the band's music videos, the song "Homebrew" and the oh-so-wonderfully popular video "Down." For the price of about \$20 the package isn't a bad investment, considering that you receive an EP of four songs with a good bit of potential.

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the Karl Hendricks Trio For a While It Was Funny (Merge)

The melodic dreary punk rock of the Karl Hendricks Trio is back on *For a While It Was Funny*. The band's latest release on Merge is a change of pace from the older **Karl Hendricks**' catalog that has been re-released lately. This album has higher quality production and it's just a lot louder.

Hendricks is known for being one of the premier sentimental songwriters out there, and this album is no exception. Depression, broken hearts, and loneliness are dealt with in a way that uplifts and provides a voice of hope, often even humor. In the song "Nogales by Tuesday," Hendricks puts an unexpected spin on suicide. "If you think of killing yourself/ For God's sake, don't tell your parents/ They've got enough to worry about/without you dying in some strange bed." It's this attitude that keeps the listener engaged.

For a While It Was Funny is yet another fine addition to the Karl Hendricks library. Though the band has become much noisier, they haven't lost sight of why they started making music in the first place. They provide a nice alternative to the day to day punk rock.

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The Presidents of the United States of America II

(Columbia)

Trying to top the surprise success of their debut self-titled release will be a formidable challenge for **The Presidents of the United States of America**. That album was recorded on an indie label budget, with no expectations of success on a mainstream level. Now they have to answer to label executives, appeal to their suddenly huge fanbase, and stare the dreaded curse of being a one hit wonder dead in the face. If *II* is any indication of where the band is heading, it's safe to say that one-hit wonder moniker is probably not to far in the distance.

Even though their first album only had three or four catchy songs, compare that to zero on this one, making their debut look like a work by Mozart. The Presidents try to keep the happy, fun-filled attitude their known for, but it seems forced on this release. The making of this album sounds like it was more of a chore than something the band put their full energy in.

The only bright spot on this otherwise bleak release is the first single, "Mach 5." Why? Because it sounds exactly like the four decent songs on their first one, but with little to no energy. The other noticeable track is the injustice done to the song "Twig." This was originally released as a 7" on Cosmic Records, taped by Chris Bellew and Beck on a four track. The Presidents have modified, updated, and in essence, ruined one of the few interesting songs Bellew has created.

Apparently the sophomore jinx has had it's way again with yet another up and coming band. First item on the Presidents agenda for 1997: Dump the big money producer and try again, this time put a little enthusiasm into it.

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Baby Gopal Baby Gopal (Victory)

On a label known for music which is a lot heavier, **Baby Gopal** comes as a breath of fresh air. This, their debut CD, could be listed as a musical version of a candy bar, crunchy and chewy on the outside, then breaks and melts in the mouth, all soft and sweet on the inside.

Australian-born Sri's vocals could be likened to that of **Juliana Hatfield**. In a genre that has more than enough macho-tough guys, she could be pictured creeping in between them with her innocent sounding little voice to reveal the true beauty in hardcore, the love for the music.

On the third track, "Boys Against Girls," she sings with such feeling "Deep down inside I know I'm the same as you. But you only see the clothes I wear and care that I belong to you." This is just some of the things that run through the mind of this budding star.

Backing Sri is an incredible band (it's too bad that they don't receive any credit in the linear notes, not even names) that churns out song after song replete with ballads for the big of heart.

It's quite possible that Baby Gopal could be the first band on the Victory label to attain mainstream commercial success. Their sound is different, but still very 90's, and with a production team of Sri and Ray Cappo of **Shelter** fame, they just might see the cash start to roll in any day now.

(EE)

National Heroes Once Around The Sun EP (Freek)

Listening to Once Around The Sun, you realize the mistakes made by National Heroes on last year's import, Interplanetary Music. While the passion was there, the songs were too rugged and noisy. Probably due to a low-quality recording, the guitars were drowned in a fuzzy, distorted pool. This year's EP, however, wipes the slate clean of any of that.

This time, without any contribution from Sebadoh's Jason Loewenstein, the U.K.-based trio's six-song EP (including a cover of Tall Dwarfs' "Life Is Strange") is a cross-breed of British pedigree indie rock and American rock & roll. Every track embarks on a smooth transition from a soothing guitar slide and acoustic to a angst-ridden fuzzy bass or a heavily distorted guitar, or vice-versa. Considering that the nine-plus minutes of the innocent prowess of Matt Seigne's vocals and organ, with the constantly evolving fragileness to chaotic guitar and percussion of Bill Dunmore and Peter Ellul, "Ultra Scenic Route" never gets tiresome. 'Too Close To The Sun" incorporates a Beatle-esque lyrical poetry, whole-hearted acoustic and a splash of country slide. And "Tribal Heroes" and "The Wheel's In Motion" shows the talent at a prodigal



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Enlarged to show detail, is the latest EP released by everyone's favorite funk group, 311. The disc is a bonus EP which comes along with a behind-the-scenes

video of the band. The newly released package deal by Capricorn Records finds 311 recording four new tracks.



The first, "Tribute," follows in similar style of their second album, *Grassroots*. The song is, as most of the album is, predominantly sung by Nick Hexum, with some decent portions by the other lyricist S.A Martinez: This is the only problem that can be found on the EP. Martinez contains the rap style of 311's music while Hexum sings mostly melodies. 311 has always had a good mix between the two singers but was more favorable to Hexum in this one.

The third song on the album, "Gap," contains a slightly different style than other 311 songs. It shows that 311 is not just recycling old material for the purpose of just re-releasing it. In fact, the whole EP is an uplift in hopes that the group may expand their sometimes tiresome setlist with this new material.

With the EP comes a video which contains footage of the band backstage and footage of the performance. The criticism of this video is that it is obviously released for the sole reason of all their recent success. There was never any reason for 311 to release this in the past but now the demand is out. The video does contain some interesting



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Moving forward without forgetting the past

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love and miss the band's talented vocalist. Songs like "Pull" show Blind Melon at their best, jamming, with layered vocal harmonies and complimentary guitar riffs. "Soul One," one of the earliest songs ever recorded by the band, dates back to 1991. A heartfelt, moving track, "Soul One" proves that the Blind Melon vibe was established early one the band's career.

Admittedly, the mood in the studio during the recording of Nico was far different than most bands experience. With Shannon not present in body, the vocal tracks were laid down well in advance.

"It was a good reflecting time for us," explains Brad slowly, "and he was still there in spirit although he wasn't there in person."

"I think it was better for us four guys to sit around and talk about him and hear him through the speakers," the bass player continues. "It was just a little easier for us to deal with the reality at the time."

Dealing with Shannon's death and coming to therms with the loss of a dear friend and talented musician put the remaining members of Blind Melon in a fog for months. For Brad, touching on Shannon's impact on his life is difficult, and impossible to put into words. Maybe a song.'

For Brad, initial feelings of anger at Shannon were

replaced by great memories, which have been filtered into what the listener is given on Nico. Brad has difficulty acknowledging these feelings, but clarifies their position in his thoughts.

"Everybody did (feel a little anger). When you have someone that's really close to you die, you've had the rug jerked out form under you and you catch yourself getting mad for very, very selfish reasons," Brad explains.

"He continues, "But you can't be angry at him because every time you' are angry you're not just putting yourself in a bigger cynical pit. It's not about you, it's not about me, Brad Smith, it's about music and a very unfortunate, sad, tragic happening."

Certainly, with Shannon's death coming only one month into the band's tour in support of their second album, Soup, Brad and the remaining members of Blind Melon felt displaced, forced to halt their tracks in what appeared to be a promising tour.

"It was really nice when we came back with the Soup record and we're fillin' out thousand and 1500-seater clubs," reminisces Brad. "It felt like I was a musician for life."

Still, the press tagged the tour "unsuccessful" and, coupled with the lack of airplay that Blind Melon received on their second effort, Shannon's death placed the band in a

difficult position, never fully reaching their potential. It is this reality that makes this third and final effort even more painful, and most likely leaves band members wondering, despite themselves, "What if?"

"It is a musician's attitude to stay focused on the music more than anything," stresses Brad. "You could make the greatest record on the planet and it really takes a miracle to make any money."

"I'm thankful for the people that are still playing 'No Rain,' maybe they'll dig a little deeper and get the second record and understand that we were a real-deal package."

The realization that Blind Melon no longer exists leads to whether Brad and company will forge onward to form a new band. That remains up in the air, and, with the band members spread out geographically, no immediate plans to reform are in the works, although "the band formerly known as Blind Melon" has put an ad in The Village Voice seeking a new vocalist.

"If we find the piece that'll work, then we'll do it . . . attitude is everything," says Brad. "It's gonna take someone dynamic and diverse and a musician at they're and a lifer like the rest of us before we'll step up to the plate and make a go at it . . . It has to be real music or I don't want to do it."

Blind Melon has opted to release a home video in accordance with Nico. The video, "Letter from a Porcupine" chronicles the band at their best, through periods of growth that most fans were unfortunate not to see until now. For true Blind Melon devotees, the video is truly a gift. With keen insights into the members' individual personalities, the clips offer footage that puts Blind Melon's path into perspective. Classic tracks are reworked into seldom-heard versions, and nostalgic club footage hearkens back to the days that true Blind Melon fans remember fondly. Painful. clips of Shannon Hoon at his best are filtered through the tape, bringing a tear to the eye of even the most hardened viewer. Brad is proud of the video, lighting up at a mention of it. He believes it is the perfect way to give fans back the support that they have given the band for the last five years.

Meanwhile, the bass player has been working with his part of Blind Melon, noting own material, having formed side project with a Christopher. Although no sponsored by a high-profile record label, Brad has already completed an album for this upcoming act, on which he plays all of the instruments. The bass player is optimistic about the project, which he describes as a cross between

My Bloody Valentine and Booker T and the MG's.

"I don't think I've ever met change in my life that didn't turn out good," the musician comments. "Change is one of those things that people, including myself, have to learn about in life. Shannon even wrote a song about it, for crying out loud. It's kinda ironic."

Brad continues, "When someone jerks the rug out from under you and you're on your ass, the only thing you've got is your talent and the songs you write. You've just gotta rely on what you can do best. I'm really concentrated on the future rather than the past."

With touring a definite plan in Brad's future, Blind Melon fans can get a glimpse of 2/5 of the talent that comprised the band. "I'll play anyone's bathroom for a quarter," quips the bass player.

Preparing to move forward, Brad intends to take with him all that he learned from Shannon and from his time as that trying to sum up how he has grown in that time is impossible.

"I've spent my life chasing question marks and I've just had one thrown at me, so I'm looking at it with a positive attitude," Brad reflects. "Nothing could make me quit except for my own death."





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(JG)

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level, aiming at what *Interplanetary Music* had to offer.

In all essence, this package of "Hardcoremellow," monumental indie rock is nothing less than divine.

The Queers Suck This (Clearview)

This live album is limited to only one thousand pressings, and is a must for any **Queers** fan. Recorded live at The Jamroom a couple of years ago, it includes Vapid and Panic of **Screeching Weasel**. Vapid plays backup guitar, and Panic sits in for The Queers drummer Hugh (who, as charming as it is, is usually really drunk and in his state of intoxication usually forgets what song he's playing).

Seventeen tracks are included on this album, packed into 25 minutes without hardly a breath between songs. Most of them coming off their "Love Songs for the

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Retarded," "Grow Up," and early eighties' seven-inches.

With the addition of Vapid and Panic, the Queers give a much more coherent live performance. From songs about slagging hippies like "I Hate Everything" (I hate the Grateful Dead/ their hippy fans are such a waste/ everything about them/ even Jerry's ugly face) to songs about teenage rejection in "Teenage Bonehead" (My parents kicked me out/ I'm sick of them/ I don't care/ my girl sent me a postcard/ saying glad that you're not here). These demonstrations show that the Queers beauty lies in their lyrics, and that they take nothing serious, not even themselves. Fans of the Queers will

appreciate this limited album of their classics, and for those who don't know them, it's a great place to start. Tongue in cheek lyrics hand in hand with the Queers obnoxiousness mixed in with plenty of "whoa oh oh's" and "Fuck You's" successfully capture the essence of a Queers show. (DR)



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William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet (20th Century Fox)

On the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Australian director Baz Luhrmann's gives us the modern version of a timeless play. Set in the periodless place of Verona Beach, Luhrmann's *Romeo and Juliet* takes us into the "created world" of the two rival families; the Montague's and the Capulet's. The perpetual tale of forbidden love comes to life on the big screen, once again, but in a new, fresh light due to the youthful energy of the leading man and lady. **Leonardo DiCaprio** (*What's Eating Gilbert Grape, The Basketball Diaries*) as Romeo and **Claire Danes** ("My So-Called Life," *Little Women*) as Juliet, both give riveting performances.

The cast also includes Brian Dennehy as Ted Montague, Paul Sorvino as Felgencio Capulet, John Leguizamo as Tybalt -- Juliet's cousin and Romeo's sworn enemy -- and Harold Perrineau as Mercutio, Romeo's best friend. Luhrmann's 1992 directorial debut was the highly acclaimed picture *Strictly Ballroom*. Here he teams up with writer Craig Pierce, his co-script writer on *Strictly Ballroom* and Gabriella Martinelli, producer; known for her work on the film adaptation of *M. Butterfly*.

The opening scene distastefully introduces the audience to the opposing families/gangs, its purpose is just that; to familiarize viewers, who may have not read the play, with the characters. It ends up looking more like *Natural Born Killers* meets MTV, but hang on and let yourself be taken for a ride into the world of Verona Beach. You will encounter all of the violence, passion, despair, hope, vengeance, forgiveness, love, and death of Shakespeare's original play, without the accents. Bright colorful costumes, a powerful soundtrack, underwater photography and the use of various camera angles help make this film entertaining.

DiCaprio and Danes make this rendition sexy by delivering their lines gracefully and with such profound style that you really hear the words of Shakespeare and relate to them. The words flow naturally from their lips and their on screen attraction is unmistakable. The scenes between the two lovers are simplistic, not seedy. Luhrmann's ornate world is enhanced through the use of 20th century religious symbols. There are images of the Virgin Mary on the actors clothing, an alter in Juliet's bedroom, and a church complete with 2,000 candles for the infamous suicide scene.

What is also added to the film is an underlying humor which is expelled in the midst of all of this tragedy, without losing its impact. This film takes Shakespeare to a level Generation X'ers can connect to. Luhrmann's *Romeo and Juliet* definitely makes a good play more accessible to the masses and opens the door for future attempts at Shakespeare without making it a boring period based piece.

By Laura Miele

On Stage

They Might Be Giants/ Magnetic Fields/ Cub @ Roseland, NYC 11/8/96

They Might Be Giants graced Roseland for a night of happy pop. First up was **Cub**, whose set I missed while waiting for a photo pass. Next was the **Magnetic Fields**; they played a short but depressing set that had most of the audience falling asleep by the fourth song. It was nice to see that the singer knew this would happen, going so far as to ask the crowd to sit down before they started playing.

Finally to the delight of the masses TMBG came to the stage. They were introduced by Andy Richter from the Conan O'Brien show, who "sucks if you get to know him better." TMBG then played

for nearly two hours. A set filled with songs from all their albums including sweet renditions of "Build a Little Birdhouse in your Soul." "James K Polk," "S-e-x-x-y" and "XTC vs. Adam Aunt." Their stage presence is unprecedented as they fly through their set with energy to spare. They have more fun on stage than most bands would probably allow themselves to have. From miked up accordions, to singing decapitated heads, to holding microphone stands upside down, the Giants, if nothing else, were visually entertaining.

Roseland is not what TMBG's is used to playing. They're personality shone through as usual, but they're much more suited to an intimate venue.

By Tim Bornemann

Reviewers for this week are: Tim Bornemann, Ed Erlenmeyer, Al G., Joe Giglio, Dave Roe and Laura Miele



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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Your mood might be cranky, resulting from tensions either at home or at work. Speak softly and avoid any disagreements with others. You are in a practical frame of mind and sharp in matters of money. It's a happy time for romance and love.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Spend extra time with family - fun and adventure will be highlighted. It may be the perfect opportunity for a heart-toheart talk with your children. Roadblocks are likely in realizing a financial goal, you're closer than you think. Your passion deepens.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You and your mate get along throughout the entire week. All those chores that really need to get done will be accomplished like clockwork. Your career is highlighted, so don't be surprised if you receive a raise or promotion. Keep your patience around children.

> CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Start the week in a practical frame of mind. Take time alone and treat yourself to something that will make you feel extra special. Some co-workers are be critical and sarcastic, but otherwise work runs smoothly. Your career is about to take a big step forward. Managers are impressed with your effort.

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(July 24- August 23) Listen to a friend's advice on money matters - an objective point of view is what you need. Your sweetheart may be feeling neglected, and accuse you of unrealistic expectations - so make the time for romance and more intimacy. It's time for a few practical steps to improve

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(August 24 - September 23)

se yourself in creative pursuits. Keep an open mind and you may be pleasantly surprised at the results. Both business and household projects enjoy favorable influences; and you may get a bonus for recently positive efforts.

LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

The more you depend on your reserves, the stronger you are. You

inspire family members likewise. There are some self doubts lingering which only you can work through. Selfimprovement efforts will succeed. Remember - if you can't say any thing nice, don't say anything at all.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Spend time with close friends and you'll find that your friendships and loves are very fulfilling. There is someone trying to undermine your position with flattery and bribery. Keep your cool. There will be great news about money, and possibly a new, lucrative job offer.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

It will be an effortless and pleasurable week for you. Keep in mind you do have the power to make all sorts of changes for the better. Everyone seems overly emotional as of late, so be on guard for lies and accusations. Harmony will be restored at home by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

Wherever you are, you will be surrounded by friendship and luck. Unexpected money is coming your way. Both family and work responsibilities are

heavy, take one situation at a time. Be aware that guidance comes through your dreams. Positive vibes continue at home.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

You need to travel in order to check out an opportunity to increase your income. Don't neglect a mate who's starving for attention. Both your professional image and reputation is boosted to new levels. Your charm and magnetism take you through any sticky situations right now.

PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

It's a week of heavy mental stimulation and challenges. Both innovative and unconventional approaches work. Your assertiveness takes you far at work and your family's happy and enjoys being together. Plan your entertainment and include others from the sideline.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

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Last week: Rowan defeated WPC 31-14

last Saturday for a New Jersey Athletic College match up against the Profs of Rowan College but came up on the wrong end of a 31-14 decision. Senior running backs DAVE RYERSON (Boonton) and ANDRE EVANS (Newark) were two of the offensive stars for the

WPC journeyed to Glassboro Pioneers. Ryerson tallied 77 the third quarter. Evans posted yards on 12 carries for an average of 6.4 yards per attempt. In the second quarter, Ryerson galloped 10 yards for WPC's first score of the day. It was as a kickoff return man that Ryerson really sparkled as he brought back two kicks for 85 yards. One of those returns was a 61 yarder in

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Andre Evans continues to display the necessary skills needed to earn All-American honors, having rushed for a team leading 1,154 yards, averaging 128.2 yards per game. He leads the team in scoring with seven touchdowns for 42 points. Evans needs just an additional 11 yards to set a new Pioneer single season rushing mark. The current mark is 1,164 set by John Trust during the 1992 season. Evans has amassed 2,708 yards during his four-year career on 534 carries for an average of 5.07 yards per attempt.

THE WARREN REPORT

Freshman linebacker RAY WARREN (Newark) racked up 10 tackles and a pass breakup in the Rowan contest. Warren, in nine games played, has tallied a team high 87 tackles and 3.5 sacks for 33 yards in losses.

RICH TALLMADGE FREE SAFETY

Junior RICH TALLMADGE (Bayonne) is second on the team in tackles with 63, and is tops on the squad in interceptions with two. He has 29 solo tackles and two pass breakups in eight games played.

THE HARVEY ACCOUNT

Sophomore corner back GREG HARVEY (Paulsboro) posted a team high 11 against Rowan Harvey, who missed four games due to a separated shouder, is 10th on the team in tackles

with 35. He has notched one pass breakup and two tackles for losses of six yards.

THIS WEEK AT SPRINGFIELD

WPC closes the season on the road against the Pride of Springfield College. Springfield is sporting a 5-4 record overall and is fresh off a 19-15 win over Norwich. The Pride offensive attack will be paced by junior fullback MARK DOHERTY, who has rushed for 1,033 yards seven touchdowns. and Defensively look for the linebacking duo of junior GARY MALISOS and senior RICH LEVY to spearhead the Pride assault. Malisos is tops on the team in tackles with 75, while Levy is second in tackles with 67. Senior defensive end JAMIE MCGOURTY leads the squad in sacks with 7.5. Last season The Pride defeated the Pioneers 42-14 at Wightman Field and went on to finish the year with a 7-2 tally.





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Editorials **The Logical Direction**

Separation will allow increased emphasis on coverage and quality

For over 60 years, The Beacon has served the William Paterson College campus community. Started with an annual budget of \$100, and a small - yet dedicated - staff, the paper has provided valuable news to the students, faculty, and staff of WPC.

Today, times have changed. The Beacon has expanded its coverage, increased its budget through advertising revenue, but still has the same dedication the original staff embodied. This is why The Beacon is aiming to become a separate entity under the Board of Trustees of the college. Removed from the Student Government Association, The Beacon would be able to concentrate more on running a high quality newspaper, and less effort on conforming to the bureaucracy of the SGA policies for clubs. After all, even though the SGA spends monies with the Beacon for advertising, it does not financially support the newspaper as it does for each and every one of its other clubs.

Quite simply, The Beacon has outgrown its current status under the SGA. It is time to advance the way the Beacon covers WPC. Liberation from the SGA is the next step.



Dorai's Solution Isn't the Answer

To the Editor:

In the Nov. 4, 1996 issue of the Beacon, Professor Gopal Dorai offered a solution to the parking problem at WPC. Professor Dorai requested the solution receive careful consideration by the various constituents on campus.

As a constituent on campus I would like to respond to Professor Dorai's proposal. Professor Dorai's proposal is to institute a price system for parking based on the desirability of the parking spot. Professor Dorai's definition of desirability is close proximity to buildings and convenience. By paying a fee of \$50.00 a semester, a

student would be guaranteed the most desirable parking spots anytime he or she arrived on campus. The parking fee would decrease in a direct relationship with parking spot desirability, eventually reaching zero for the least desirable spots. Professor Dorai calls this plan fair and equitable because those who can and want to pay will ensure themselves a desirable parking spot.

Unfortunately, Professor Dorai has forgotten about a large segment of the campus population; those who would want to pay but can't. Paradoxically, it is this segment of the campus population that probably has the greatest need for the desirable parking spots. These students are the ones who are rushing from school to work and back again.

I do not fault Professor Dorai for forgetting these people, for these people are a subgroup of a segment of our nations population whom we all forget about; those who can't pay.

Professor Dorai's solution to the parking problem is a logical one for a society believing that if you can afford it you deserve it and if you can't afford it you don't deserve it.

> Nick Timpone senior

Abortion and the First Amendment are Back in Supreme Court

BY GERALD R. BRENNAN, ESQ. The United States Supreme Court began its new term on the first Monday of October and on its docket was an important first amendment case: Schneck v. ProChoice Network

The case involves the issue of the power of a court to regulate the behavior of pro-life protestors outside an abortion clinic. The Plaintiff is a pro-choice organization committed to maintaining legal access to abortion. The Defendants, when the case began, were three pro-life organizations and about 50 individual anti-abortion protesters.

The trial court in this case issued a very detailed order which created a fixed buffer zone of 15 feet around the doors, driveways and entrances to the clinics and a floating bubble zone 15 feet in all directions around any person who

entered the premises. In the fixed buffer zone, no anti-abortion activity could occur. In the floating bubble zone, however, sidewalk counseling was permitted. The trial court even defined sidewalk counseling as "a conversation of an nonthreatening nature by not more than two people". Any other activity was not permitted. A person had the right, however, to stop the sidewalk counseling at any time.

Sounds complicated? It shows the lengths the lower court was willing to go to regulate anti-abortion activity while at the same time trying not to infringe upon the protester's rights of free speech.

In their challenge to the lower court's ruling, the protesters have argued that public streets and sidewalks are public forums and that the rights of the plaintiff are not superior to the rights of the protesters.

The Plaintiff, however, argued that the restrictions are reasonable and correctly balance the rights of the patients to be free from intimidation and harassment and the rights of the Defendants to protest. The Plaintiff also contended that the obnoxious behavior of the Defendants necessitated the restrictions.

The case presents important first amendment questions in the context of the inflamatory issue of abortion, thus making it difficult to separate reason from emotion. Lower court judges in a case such as this now must struggle to preserve the peace and yet protect sacred first amendment rights.

The decision in Schenk which is several months away will impact upon free speech rights in general regardless of the context. For example, if the 15 foot buffer is upheld, will a future court establish a similar buffer for street people or for union picketers?

The danger in restricting first amendment rights in any degree is that even a slight erosion could evolve over time into a major disintegration of the most fundamental of our rights. However, those who choose to exercise a legal right to enter an abortion clinic have a right to do so free of harassment. The law is a balancing act. It's just when first amendment rights are ar stake the balancing is so much more delicate.

(Material for this article came from an article by Thomas E. Baker in the October 14,1996 issue of the New Jersey Law Journal.)

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Crisis in De-'mock'-racy

If both parties "reform" campaign finances

they're worth less than two million dollars!

finances, not the major parties. We can not

trust them at all. Their "reforms" will only

reform. If you don't believe me, ask your-

major parties are concerned, the civil rights

movement is dead. They gave a little, long

overdue, and consider the case closed. The

same with labor unions, when the US used

to have any. There is no reason to believe

that Democrats and Republicans will act

differently with campaign financing. Of

self, "How did America deal with labor

unions or civil rights?" As far as both

the way they "reformed" welfare, people

will not be allowed to vote anymore if

The people must reform campaign

diffuse the people's desire to get real



arious political pundits have spun out their interpretations of this year's election results. Most have said that the people like gridlock. People want one party in the White

House and one party controlling Congress. The pundits talked about the gender gap and how women elected Bill Clinton president. For each claim these political "gurus" can claim convincing "facts." I would argue that the pundits are dead wrong.

Facts are that 51 percent of the public did not vote. Of those that did, over nine mil-

lion people (about 9.5%) voted for a candidate other than Dole or Clinton. Sixty percent of those that voted, or could have, rejected the major parties. Now ask yourself, did you vote for Dole or Clinton because you like everything about them, or was it a choice between "the lesser of the two

course, as long as this nation is capitalist The More Money A Candidate Spends, the More Votes the Candidate Earns

we will deny people their civil rights, labor unions will be smashed, and our political process will be bought, sold, and owned by corporate America (sorry, Marlin Fitzwater - corporations are not us, what's good for GM is not good for America). The only good

news I could see

from the election came from the campaigns of people who lost. For everyone who thinks the world is free now that Clinton won, please remember that Newt Gingrich, Strom Thurmond, and Jesse Helms won also. Ralph Nader ran on only five thousand dollars. His name was on the ballot in only twenty-one states and the District of Columbia. Unlike libertarian candidate Harry Browne who had spent millions and was on the ballot in all fifty states, he did not write a best selling book to fleshout his campaign which Browne did. Nevertheless, Nader came in fourth, having one hundred thousand votes more than Browne. Nader's campaign openly rejected corporate greed, money, and culture.

As far as I am concerned, the people lost in this election. The good news is that the 549,950 people who voted for Green Party. candidate Ralph Nader know why.

An Inspirational Fight



t was a typically sweltering and sticky summer day in New Jersey. I was 15 years old on June 27, 1988 — impressionable, full of promise and overloaded hormones. The everswelling gathering of teenage angst at my buddy Dave's house was typical. His parents' humble abode was the center of the universe to our group of friends and his brother's cast of violent buddies and assorted rejects. But there we were, friend and fiend alike, huddled before a big screen TV, waiting to catch a glimpse of some

21-year-old boxing phenom called Iron Mike Tyson.

That's about all we got too — a glimpse. It was hardly a third of the way into the first round when former champ Micheal Spinks seriously misjudged a wild overhand right. Slightly off-balance, this damn-near no one from Brooklyn through a hard, short right that sent Spinks spinning frenetically to the canvas and Tyson soaring into the history books. At least half of my friends missed the whole thing, fooling around, sneaking beers around the side of the house or using the facilities.

Ninety-one seconds was all the newest pugilistic deity needed to dismantle a former world champion. The fourth shortest match in history, it was both boxing and Tyson at his best - hungry, determined and screaming for blood. If he wasn't the baddest man on the planet, he was surely the meanest. The youngest champ in history, he defined what was great about boxing: that anyone who works hard and stays focused can move the biggest of mountains. It disputed the common notion that if two people are

Tyson Held Holyfield So Many Times They Should Have Been At A Candlelight Dinner

fighting in a ring, the fix is in.

Then came the fall. Undesputed and without any contenders comparable of Tyson's determined fury, he got cocky. He ditched his managers and promoters, hopping in bed with the man most visibly responsible for boxing's need for a bath - Don King. His next fight, against an unassuming Buster Douglass, was to be like every other 'easy-as-pie' club chump. Obviously out of shape and totally unprepared, Iron Mike got his hiney beat. Bad. About a year later, he was in jail for the rape of a beauty show queen.

When he returned, Don King set up chump fight after chump fight. Before this Saturday, the only challege facing Tyson was where to spend his gargantuan prize purses. Avid boxing fans to the last, my friends and I had lost faith in a man we saw as the embodiment of the American Dream.

Our faith was restored by Evander Holyfield. A respectable fighter and worthy opponent, 'The Real Deal' had always lacked the awe and mystique that floated around Tyson and stung like Ali. He was a technician, a skillful boxer who lacked the head-splitting power of a Foreman. But this was the exact reason he was able to make a birthday gift of Tyson on Saturday.

In fact, Holyfield had to play second banana all night, despite his obvious dominance. It was too much of a joy to watch Tyson get his fat cat clock cleaned. It wasn't until the first round of the fight that we saw him for what he was - a schoolyard bully. He did what he always does, coming out like a ton of bricks; but this time it was different. Evander failed to do what nearly every fighter since Spinks had done -- lay down and die of intimidation.

Tyson held Holyfield so many times they should have been at a candlelight dinner.

The defining moment came when Tyson, having a quarter-inch cut, blatantly headbutted Evander in the 6th. Trying vainly to have the doctor stop the fight and go to the cards, this swan song showed Mike as an obviously bloated ego who has little business being in the ring with a real fighter.

I wouldn't count him out just yet, though. If there is any scrap of the old Tyson left in this pampered club fighter, Evander will have to run for the hills the next time around. If not, Iron Mike will be remembered as a tragic hero, a lesson for everyone to learn by. Never be too sure of yourself. Just ask Rocky.

evils," the candidate who would hurt you the least? I might dare say then that 80 percent truly reject both parties in reality.

Did the female vote win Clinton re-election? Yes and no. Yes, more women voted than men this election, most of their support going to Clinton. What is more accurate is to claim that no particular group, besides corporations/elite, elected anybody. The common citizenry did not vote for anybody. Every major election in this country, and in Western Europe, is won by the candidate who spends the most money. The more money a candidate spends, the more votes the candidate earns, or buys. It's not people who elect candidates, it's money corporate money that does.

No one had to vote for president on November 5. The winner could be, and was determined, by who had the largest war chest. And to think that now both parties, which are bought and owned by corporations and the elites, want campaign reform!

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