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University welcomes class of 2001

By Pamela Langan News Editor

With so many changes happening on the William Paterson University campus, the Freshman Orientation committee decided to spruce up the process of introducing the freshmen to the campus this summer

According to Deborah Spina, assistant director of Campus Activities, Freshman Orientation improved greatly this year in many ways. In previous years, orientation was held after freshman residents had already moved onto campus,

some time in late August. This year the orientation committee decided to start things earlier, giving students a head start to getting to know the school, familiarizing themselves with the campus and getting to know some of their fellow classmates.

The incoming freshmen were

given the choice of attending one of two scheduled orientations, on June 25 to 26, or on July 16 to 17. Each of these consisted of a two-day program held from 9 a.m. Wednesday until 12:30 p.m. on Thursday. For the first time in the history of Freshman Orientation, it was mandatory that all freshmen, including commuters, stay overnight in a residence hall.

"This gave the feeling of being a resident for the day," said Spina. "It was a good experience for them."

In addition to letting freshman experience dorm life, this plan also benefited Residence Life. In previous years, the residence halls were used for orientation right before school began, thus not allowing enough time for repairs and cleanings. By holding orientation earlier, there was enough time allotted for preparation for residents.

At the beginning of Day One all students arrived and automatically checked into Hillside Residence Hall. Afterwards, all freshmen assembled in front of the Student Center and met their Orientation Leaders and were assigned to groups. Everyone then moved to Shea Auditorium for an Introduction and Welcoming to Orientation. Throughout the day the students were addressed by faculty, Campus Police, representatives from financial aid, and guest speaker Mike Green, a former professional athlete. Following the sessions, the students were invited to an All-College Barbecue, and were then given social time with their Orientation Leaders to end the day's events.

The students were awakened bright and early the following morning to attend breakfast in Wayne Hall cafeteria. After breakfast the students assembled again in front of the Student Center for an academic advisement session which lasted for the remainder of the morning. The students got the chance to talk to their advisors about their schedules and registration, and to ask any questions they had. Registration followed at 12:30 p.m., and the students were then allowed to check out of the residence halls and leave campus.

In previous years the students were given free T-Shirts at the end of orientation which contained their class logo on them. However, according to Spina, the decision to change orientation interrupted the committee's plans and there wasn't a chance to receive the shirts in time.

Parents were also given the opportunity to join their children at orientation. However, they did not attend all of the same events. While students were splitting up into groups the parents were attending a Welcome Luncheon. On Day Two they shared breakfast with the students, but later attended informal workshops and tours while their children registered for the Fall 1997 semester.

In addition to the process of changing orientation, the focus of the program was also geared in a different direction than before. According to Spina, there was a more academic focus this year. This provided the students with a better opportunity to research the courses offered before registering for the fall

Orientation was more, "... fine tuned," said Spina, therefore providing this year's freshmen with a good experience and positive attitude about coming to WPU.

Watch Your Step



Construction began in July in front of Wayne Hall and the Student Center. According to the Office of Administration and Finance, this area will be turned into an amphitheater with sitting areas for the campus community.

The steps leading from Wayne Hall to the Student Center will be removed and new ones will be built into the amphitheater.

The plan is to be complete in early October.

New dorm set to open

By Pamela Langan News Editor

As of August 30, William Paterson University will officially open a new residence hall on campus. White Hall, formerly an academic building, has been under construction since the Spring 1997 semester, rebuilding it into a new residence hall for students.

Students ages 21 and over were eligible to apply for a room in White Hall. According the Joe Cafarelli, Director of Residence Life, this building is a more academic and community-service based dormitory. The majority of students living in this building will be graduate students, National Exchange Students and those students who are heavily involved in academics and in the campus community.

For the first year, the students will have the same privileges as those residing in the apartments. Alcohol will be allowed in the building due to the age of the students, and overnight guests will be allowed any night provided they have a pass. If things run smoothly with these students, as Cafarelli hopes they will, the building will enforce these rules permanently.

"I think everything will be fine

due to the ages of these students," said Cafarelli. "If it works well then we'll institute the same for Matelson in September 1998."

One difference between White Hall and the apartments is the set up of the rooms. In White Hall there are suites of four and suites of two. Due to the size of White Hall, there are only 73 students allowed to reside in the building, which includes four resident assistants.

All students interested in living in White Hall were required to submit essays along with their applications. According to Patricia Whiteman, Residence Life, the essay did not have a specific title. "They had to submit one page," said Whiteman, "describing how they could contribute to the college community as well as to their own community. They also had to list their experience in service, such as involvement in academic clubs and community service work."

The essays are being used mainly by the resident assistants in the building to help devise programs for the semester.

Unlike other residence halls, White Hall's entertainment programming will largely be done by the students in the building, depending on what they are willing to provide. It is usually the resident assistants' responsibility to plan all activities.

For example, Whiteman explained that there are several musicians who will be living in White Hall. After reading their essays, it came up that a group of people could meet every so often and have a music review.

Along with the musical side of the hall, there were a number of individuals who expressed deep interests in literature and history within their essays. These students may decide to meet and have book reviews on a regular basis.

All of these activities will depend on the dedication of the students in

Any students who have been accepted into the building without submitting an essay will complete them as soon as possible so programs can begin.

Cafarelli hopes this will prove to be, "a unique experience," on the WPU campus.

Freshmen take over WPU residence halls

By Pamela Langan News Editor

With the opening of a new dormitory and many other changes on the William Paterson University campus, where do the new freshmen residents go and what do they do when they get here?

According to Joe Cafarelli, director of Residence Life, there are approximately 500 new residents moving into the WPU residence halls for the Fall 1997 semester, most of them freshmen. The majority of freshmen are assigned to the Towers for their first semester, although they are able to apply for the Hillside residence hall as well. The Pioneer and Heritage apartments and the newly renovated White Hall are only available for those students who are 21 and over.

Room selection was held in April, and all freshmen were assigned to rooms and roommates. However, returning students were given first choice in selecting rooms and roommates

Today these freshmen will be taking over the Towers and preparing for the residence life experience at WPU. The "moving in" process will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. When students arrive, the first item on the agenda will be to receive their keys. One of the next advisable steps is to straighten out their phone access, and receiving a keys for their mailboxes in the lobby. Along with the many steps to be taken, students will be handed information about WPU such as Residence Life handbooks and University Day material. "That part is quite painless," said Cafarelli. "Lugging all of their things in later is the harder part,"

The process of moving items into the residence halls will be handled on a first-come-first-serve basis. However, students won't be doing this all on their own. Orientation Leaders will lend a helping hand throughout the day to make sure the freshmen move in without a hitch.

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- DO BRING ALTERNATIVE READING MATERIAL TO CLASS.
- DO INSTALL EXTRA BUMPER FOR PARKING FIGHTS.
- DO BRING FOOD FROM HOME.
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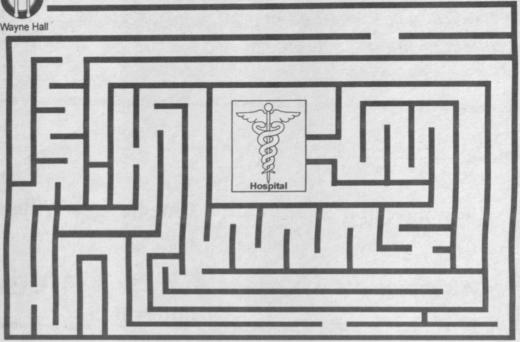
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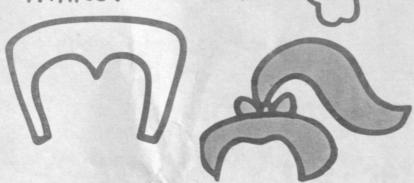




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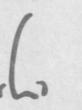
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