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Legal action taken against SGA President



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SGA Vice President Curtis Fields explains to legislature at a meeting on September 9 why he decided to press legal charges against President Bobi Lee Messer.

By Pamela Langan
News Editor

At the Student Government Association (SGA) legislation meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, Curtis Fields, SGA vice president, explained to those present at the meeting his reasons for sending out a letter dated

September 3 to various school officials regarding SGA President Bobi Lee Messer's alleged fraudulent actions.

Messer admitted to signing her fellow board members' names to a resolution on August 12 prior to the legislation meeting. She also apologized repeatedly for offend-

ing her colleagues. However, Fields was disturbed by her "malicious act of fraud" and decided to take legal action.

"I just want to make everyone aware that personally I decided to press charges and file a complaint," said Fields. He did not bring the matter into any further

discussion. However, after his agenda had already been covered and the meeting was to proceed to the next item, Adam Beder, the Arts and Communications legislative representative, questioned Fields about his actions.

"Are you seeking anything specific with these charges?" asked Beder. Fields replied, "No, nothing specific, just the way of justice."

Even though this is a SGA problem, Messer could be brought up to the University Board, according to the 1997-'98 William Paterson University Handbook. Under the Student Code of Conduct section II entitled "Institutional Authority to Ensure Fulfillment of the University's Mission," section B states, "Disciplinary action may be taken against students for violation of University policies, rules and regulations including, but not limited to, those listed below." Under item O states: "Forgery, autho-

rized alteration or unauthorized use of any University document or instrument of identification."

Included in the handbook are regulations regarding matters which can be brought up to the University Board. "Cases that are serious enough to warrant suspension or expulsion are required to be heard by the University Board. Alleged violations that are not deemed serious enough to warrant

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suspension or expulsion will normally be handled by the Dean of Student Development's Office designee."

The Interim Dean of Students Roland Watts stated that currently, "We have no plans beyond veering it as an SGA matter." According to Watts, the situation regarding Messer committing a student code of conduct violation is "being reviewed."

Residence halls overcrowded

By Sherri Sage
News Contributor

Due to the overwhelming amount of residence students enrolled this semester at William Paterson University, many double rooms have been made into triple rooms in the Towers Complex. According to Joe Cafarelli, director of residence life, the last time this situation occurred was in 1993.

Patricia Whiteman, also of residence life, said that because the institution continued to accept new freshmen this summer, the number of late requests for housing increased. This caused residence life to turn to overflow housing. There are double rooms available for 1,849 students but there are currently 1,866 residents enrolled. Whiteman said that students whose housing contracts were received in June, July, and August are those who have been tripled. Residence life arranged to have a certain number of triple rooms that would eventually be brought back to doubles. Students who were not given any housing are on a waiting list according to the date of their contracts.

Carolina Rosario, a freshman in the Towers, said it is very uncomfortable living with two other roommates. "It's not right to have three people in a room intended for only two. It's too tight," said Rosario. She said that residence life sent her a letter asking her to meet with someone to help get her out of the situation.

On the other hand, Lazara Paz, also a

freshman in the Towers, is living in a double room with no roommate. She said it's unfair that some students have to be tripled. "I think I should be given a roommate just because of overcrowding, not because I necessarily want one," she said. "No one has even mentioned anything about a roommate yet." Paz said that two other students on her floor are also living alone.

According to Whiteman, problems like this are probably due to the fact that a number of continuing students who paid their housing deposits later decided not to return, and never officially withdrew.

"When we hear that individuals are not coming back, Patricia will substantiate it and we will begin the de-tripling process," Cafarelli added.

Out of the 60 students who were originally tripled, 25 have already had their rooms de-tripled.

Paul Moreau, a Resident Assistant (RA) Hillside Hall, works for residence life. "There shouldn't be as many triples as there are," said Moreau. "I think the school wanted more people on campus and let too many in the dorms than there is room. Residence life is trying to be as expedient as possible to rectify the situation by putting students in rooms as spaces open up," Moreau added.

In addition to the triples in the Towers, other students are also experiencing overcrowding on campus. Moreau said that lines during common hour in the food court area



Carolyn Fuge/the Beacon

Some double rooms in the Towers have added an extra mattress to accommodate a third person. The last time triple rooms were needed at WPU was in 1993. They were long last year but are much longer this year.

Some students are also having problems at Wayne Hall. Paz said it bothers her to wait in line so long for food which isn't that good. Stephanie Petrucelli and Rebecca Breuscino, freshmen in Hillside, agree that lines are too long in Wayne Hall. One possible reason for the overcrowding in Wayne Hall, said Whiteman, may be that many apartment residents who do not need to have meal plans have decided to retain them this

Whiteman said that residence life is trying to keep people on the same floor if there is space or at least within the same building so they're not uncomfortable moving to another area. She wanted students to realize that this is only a temporary situation and that triples should be receiving letters about the de-tripling process in their mailboxes.

Club Fair represents activities on campus

By Stacie Caputo
News Contributor

Now that William Paterson is a university, many students are looking to get more involved on campus with clubs and organizations. At the Club Fair this past week, students got the chance to see some of the organizations and what they represent.

The event was held in the back of the Student Center in Caldwell Plaza during common hour on Tuesday, September 9. Club tables were set up with representatives to show off banners, give out flyers and freebies, as well as try to raise money for their organizations.

The Student Activities Planning Board (SAPB) gave out key chains, mini flashlights and magnets, and the Student Government Association (SGA) gave out shirts for all the new university students.

Many of the organizations that

were represented were the fraternities and sororities, promoting their Rush weeks coming soon. Other clubs that were there included the Caribbean Student Association (CARIBSA), Catholic Campus Ministry, the Coalition of Lesbians, Gays and Friends (COLGAF), Essence/English Club, Education Club, the Music & Entertainment Industry Students Association (MEISA), Feminist Collective, Student Art, Business Exceptional Citizens Club, and WPU TV.

Students at the fair commented mainly on collecting t-shirts, and conversing with the SGA's talking robot. Many felt that this was a good way to get involved, seeing the variety of different clubs one could join. Those already in the groups were glad to be a part of them, making the students more aware of the activities.



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New room change process in dorms

Compiled from Beacon Staff Reports

According to the Office of Residence Life, the process of Open Room Change will change this year.

In past years, resident students were allowed one week per semester to request room changes.

However, due to the current overcrowding situation that exists in the Towers, students in triple rooms will be on the top of the list when it comes to room changes.

"There are 50 rooms that are still triples in the Towers," said Patricia Whiteman, assistant director of Residence Life. "We need to take care of those students

first before we deal with students wanting to switch rooms."

In addition to the students living three to a room, there is a substantial waiting list of students who are initially waiting just to get into campus housing.

According to Whiteman, students are on this list for a variety of reasons.

"Some students turned their housing contracts in too late and others are experiencing delays in their financial aid," she said.

Students having problems in their current housing situations will not be left out in the cold.

According to Whiteman, resi-

dents having roommate difficulties are encouraged to speak to their resident assistants (RA's). The RA's will then decide whether or not the situation warrants intervention by the resident director.

"We will encourage students to communicate with each other and with their RA's to try to solve problems," said Whiteman.

Exceptions will be made for students who are willing to do even room swaps, or residents who smoke living with non-smokers.



Womens' Studies department expands

By Christine Damasceno
News Contributor

It took 25 years, but finally the women's studies program has become a department, giving the "New U" the opportunity to take women studies as a major.

Barbara Sandberg, chairperson of the women studies department, feels that with "a different kind of status," they are hoping to initiate much more community action along with developing the students' interest in taking women studies as a double major.

According to Joan Griscom,

professor of women studies, the program has had a strong presence at William Paterson mainly because of the race and gender courses that are required of every student, but with more power and resources the curriculum is in the process of expanding.

"The development of the department will fit into the structure of the university in a clear, defined way," said Griscom.

In an effort to widen the range of interest among students, many new courses will be introduced according to Nancy Galimi, secre-

tary of the Womens Studies Department.

"Committees are being set in place now to set new curriculum for the spring semester," said Galimi.

Some of the courses that are already developed for the spring semester by the Womens Studies Department range from Women and Aging, Self Defense for Women, and Media representation of Lesbian and Gays.

According to Galimi, the new department plans to broaden the curriculum with new courses such

as Spirituality of Women, The Working Woman, and Women in Literature.

Paula Rothenberg of the New Jersey Project, who was once the Director of WPU's Womens Studies Program is very excited about the change.

"The department will add dimension to the education of the William Paterson University students," said Rothenberg.

With a new office located in Hunziker Hall, the Women Studies Department now offers a resource room that is fully staffed and

equipped with books for student use.

"The doors are always open for students who need to have private talks or need help with scheduling," said Galimi.

What began as a project in 1973 has evolved into a department and according to the women of this new department it was a great accomplishment. "It was a triumph for us!" said Sandberg.

Opinions & Review

Playing politics makes it hard to do what's right

One has to admire the irony of the situation. What was originally intended to be a symbol of the Student Government Association's (SGA) solidarity has merely highlighted its complete lack thereof. SGA Executive Vice President Curtis Fields has now gone so far as to file a criminal complaint in Wayne against SGA President, Bobi Lee Messer for allegedly forging his signature on resolutions passed on August 12.

But perhaps Fields has grown weary of waiting for administrators to administrate. Despite the

fact that Messer has admitted to forging Board members signatures both in an Executive Board meeting and in *The Beacon* last week, she has not yet been formally charged of any wrongdoing by the University.

In fact, it seems as though WPU administrators are pretending they have no part in disciplining Messer for her act of willful deceit. Is it possible they have forgotten that forgery is a major violation of the "Student Code of Conduct"; have they joined Messer in her rationalization of her actions as, just a mistake; or, could it be that the

administration is once again too busy playing politics to do what's right?

As Messer pointed out "we left off last year with an impeached SGA president, do we need to start off the year with another impeached SGA president? How does that make us look in our vision of a university?"

Perhaps we do need to start off the year with another impeached SGA President. Perhaps then, William Paterson will not only appear to be a University filled with administrators that do what's right, but one in which administrators actually do what's

right. Messer's questions are morally speaking, very simple; however, politically speaking they are very difficult. But perhaps the

administration should disregard the political implications of these questions, just as Messer did when she forged her executive board members' signatures.

Mailbag

WPUNJ: A caring community

To the Editor:
Welcome to the William Paterson University of New Jersey and to the 1997 Fall Semester! We, your staff at the Catholic Campus Ministry, wish you a successful semester full of blessings and peace as you face the challenges and joys of higher education.

Once again, the generosity of the students, faculty, and staff of our university has proven WPUNJ to be a caring and sharing community. It is with great pride that I am happy to announce the results of last semester's "Shelter The Homeless" collection on behalf of Eva's Shelter and Project Youth Haven of Paterson. The total surpassed \$2,500! On Sunday, April 27th, a check was presented to representatives of each of the agencies, splitting the entire amount.

We are grateful to the Beacon, the Student Government Association with their support through their "Outreach Fund", the Greek community of our campus, and YOU, WPUNJ for your generous concern on behalf of the homeless. Your generosity allows us to give every dollar collected to the agencies, with no overhead expenses, advertising, supplies, etc. I also would like to thank Joanne DePasquale, my associate, who coordinated the collection with the Catholic Campus Ministry Club.

As this semester begins, our first as a university, I hope you take pride in the fact that WPUNJ is a community of caring, generous people. Although at times some of our human weaknesses get in each other's way. Let's

remember, however, that we really are all **ONE** people. Thank you for being a caring people.

Father Louis J. Scurti
Director, Catholic Campus Ministry

P.S. Any outstanding collection cans can be brought to the CCM Center and we will send the funds to the agencies. Thank You!

Lighten up, give the new U a chance

To the Editor:

It appears that almost everyone has criticized the new university from head to toe especially the letter from Chris Pascka; however, I find the recent changes inspiring. Granted, most changes are cosmetic at this point but wait and see as the campus keeps perfecting the progress. Many of the new programs will get better as time rolls on. Hopefully, we will be rewarded as the standards slowly rise until our university is competing directly with the better private schools of the state. University status takes time to perfect as people compare the old and new against very high standards. I have seen great accomplishments take place in the last year starting with the way freshmen orientation has been handled and move in for the Towers. There was much less chaos with much more freshmen this year. The administration must be congratulated on these achievements among many others. As for higher standards being adopted in the classrooms and stabilizing tuition as we gain more students, only time holds the answers. As of now, lighten up everyone, and enjoy the new U.

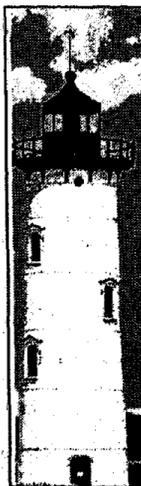
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Commentary

Voting the lesser of two evils

Alan C. Feder
In case you have been living in a bubble for the last few weeks and have not noticed the constant political advertisements on television and the radio, New Jersey is in the midst of a gubernatorial election year. In November, we will have the opportunity to make a choice of who we want to lead New Jersey into the next century; Christine Todd Whitman(R), or James McGreevey(D).

Many of you may believe that the incumbent governor, Mrs. Whitman, is the candidate who best represents the interests of New Jersey. She has, after all, increased the state funding to New Jersey state colleges and universities by 1.9% for fiscal year 1998, and added 2.5% into Tuition Aid Grant funding. She has also allowed New Jersey tax payers a 30% state income tax reduction, but please do not be fooled. Governor Whitman does not have your best interests at heart. Here is why:

- 1) Although she did reduce income taxes by 30%, she was forced to congruently reduce state funding to local municipalities. This caused many towns in New Jersey to radically raise their property taxes out of the reach of many families' with low or fixed incomes. The poor get screwed, the rich win.
- 2) In order to pay for her 30% tax reduction, Governor Whitman had to pass a multi-billion dollar bond bill. This means that instead of paying the

states expenses with our taxes on time, she has opted to borrow the money necessary to run New Jersey. This leaves our generation left to flip the bill for decades to. Generation X gets screwed, today's rich and powerful win.

3) Governor Whitman has a plan to lower your auto insurance rate by 30%. Instead of going after insurance companies who make billions off of New Jersey drivers, she is asking you to give up your legal right to sue someone for pain and suffering. This lets greedy insurance companies off the hook for your inflated auto insurance rates, and infringes on your right to justifiable compensation. The injured get screwed, insurance companies win.

So you see, Governor Whitman does not have your best interest at heart, unless you happen to be rich or an insurance company. So why does such a nice person want to harm you. It all comes down to the outcome on election day. According to numerous studies, the average voter in New Jersey is at least middle class, owns property, and is over 40 years old. The fact is, most of the individuals Christine Whitman is hurting by her policies stay home on election day, and in doing so, gives her the green light to pass legislation that benefits those that will vote for her. So if you want to make a difference, do what only 20% of college students did last year and register to vote. Then on November 4, vote for James McGreevey, the lesser of two evils.

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Rocket From The Crypt takes off

Rocket From The Crypt (Unannounced)/Delta 72/Sweet Diesel 8/10/97 Coney Island High, NYC

A week earlier the rumors started circulating. Rocket From the Crypt, unannounced, Coney Island High. It seemed to good to be true, but alas it was.

Coney Island was filled to capacity. The chants of "Rocket!" started almost immediately. Sweet Diesel took the stage first, but they would have found a more receptive crowd out on the sidewalk. The set was long and tedious. What they had in energy, they lacked in song, writing, talent, and originality. The only highlight of Sweet Diesel's set was when the band decided to leave the stage.

The Delta 72 band much better. Their off-center rock/country/punk/whatever was inter-

esting to say the least. The band had great stage presence and the lead singer kept most of the audience engaged with his off the wall antics. Few singers actually hang from the ceiling and invite the crowd on stage these days. It was a welcome change.

Finally, San Diego's finest emerged. All decked out in matching red button down shirts and black slacks, Rocket took the stage with grace, poise, and a new member. Apparently they've added a keyboard player. The crowd in attendance went ballistic as Rocket started things off with a bang with the song "Dropout." They then eased right into the super-hyper barn-burner, "UFO>UFO>UFO" The sheer power of Rocket From the Crypt live cannot be accurately described in mere words. They are just one of the loudest, craziest bands around.

After a couple more songs off

of *Scream, Dracula, Scream*, Rocket played 8 brand spanking new songs. Most of which were in the same vein as the last album. The best of which was a song called "When in Rome." With its catchy sing along chorus, there's definitely single possibility with this one.

The show was amazing, plain and simple. Rockets energy, tightness and humor all had a place this evening. From fighting with the lighting guy ("As much as we appreciate Van Halen's light set, we'd prefer you keep the lights at one level") to the trademark dance moves, Rocket From The Crypt has no equal live.

By Tim Bornemann



Erica Recto/For the Beacon

Under The Microscope

The Nixons
 S/T
 (MCA)

One has to wonder why The Nixons even bothered to put out this album. It seems as though they tried very hard to ripoff the "grunge" sound, and in doing so they show that they not only lack any shred of talent, but that they're stupid too. One has to wonder why they would try to imitate a sound that has been dead for years now.

The Nixons start off their album with the track "Baton Rouge", a noisy, pretentious, self-loathing song that lacks any originality. Sadly enough, that's the best track on the entire album. The band doesn't seem to have any identity at all, sounding like *Sound Garden* on some tracks and sounding like *Alice in Chains* on others. When The Nixons slow things down a bit and attempt a ballad, they come across as a country band. Bad grunge? Country? Either way, this album is just plain horrible.

Although this album by The Nixons is painful to listen to, the Nixons have experienced some success in the past, despite their generic sound. For anyone who bought their last album, don't make the same mistake twice. This album is not worth listening to. (DR)

Strife
 In This Defiance
 (Victory)

If there's one way that the straight edge band Strife channels their energy, it's into their music. While the bands first album *One Truth* remains one of Victory Records best selling albums, it still has been three years since it was released. In that time, they have been on numerous tours in support of bands like *Sepultura*, and found time to record another record.

In *This Defiance* wraps up every fear once had and forces it to the surface in a frenzied barrage of speed, melody and aggression. The disc also

has some big name guest appearances in the form of Chino Moreno from *The Deftones*, Diego Cazares from *Fear Factory*, and Igor Cavalera of *Sepultura*.

Lyrical, vocalist Rick Rodney tackles a range of messages like the downfall of modern society and self-empowerment. On "Force of Change" he speaks of commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. "I walk the path of true change/commitment sworn in the name/of those who will walk the straight edge/convictions held to my grave. Bill Clinton would be proud if he wasn't scared to enter the pit. This is one amazing album, expect big things to rise from the underground. (EE)

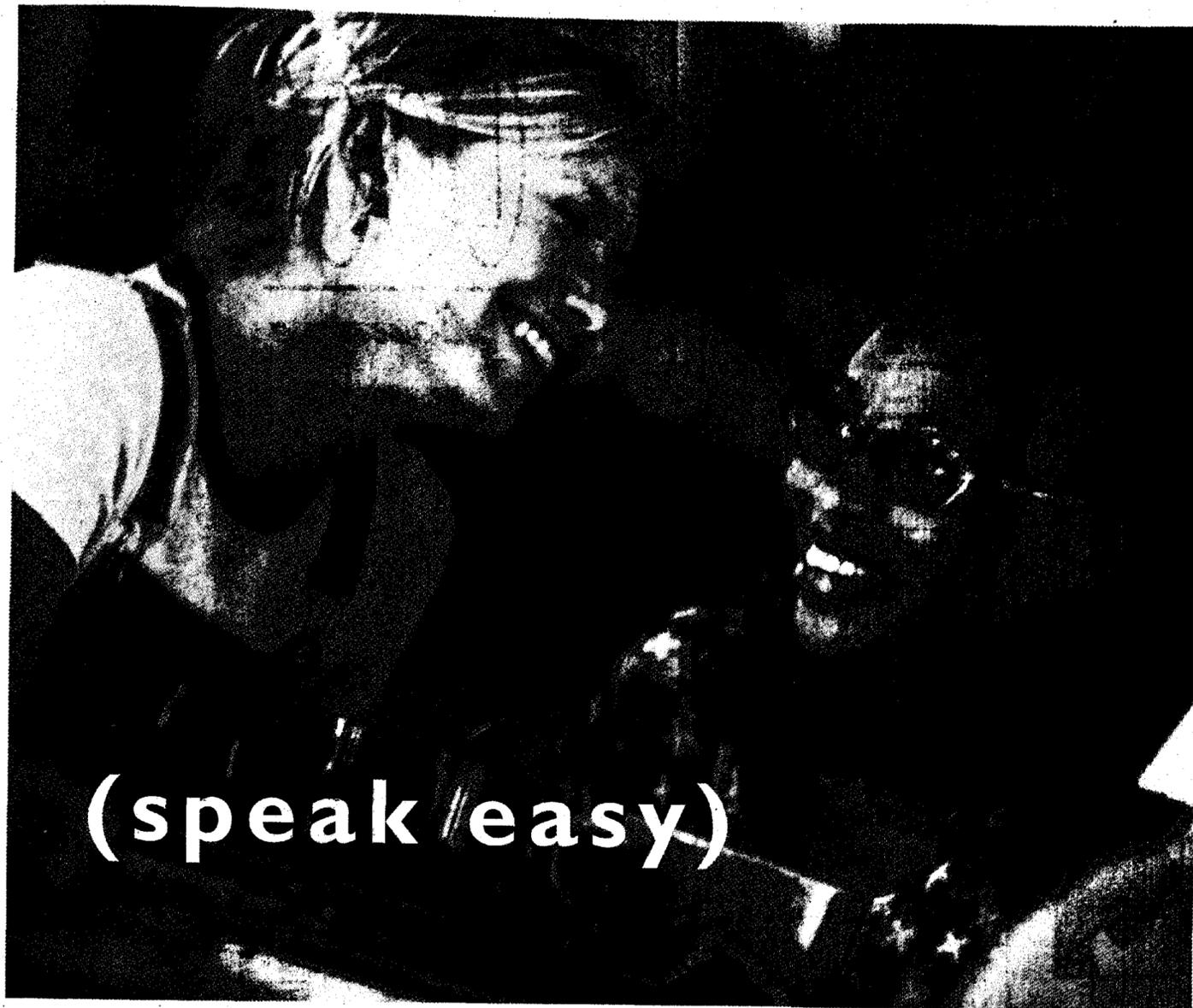
Trisha Yearwood
 Songbook (A Collection of Hits)
 (MCA)

How'd she know which songs to pick for this collection? It's a perfect blend of new and old. It's the type of album where after you listen you know it's a true gem.

The first new song, "How Do I Live" (from the Touchstone motion picture "Con Air") has already hit #1 on the charts. This song has an R&B sound to it while tying in the traditional country love song aspect. Another new song, "In Another's Eyes," a duet with *Garth Brooks*, is definitely going straight to the top of the charts. The voices of both artists compliment each other making the song a definite hit. "Perfect Love" is the final new song on the album. This song is the kind of up beat love song that will have people dancing all over the country.

Trisha Yearwood chose her "Collection of Hits" with great precision. Each and every song leaves you wanting to hear the next. When the album is over, it is almost impossible not to listen again. (DLR)

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Crocodile God- *Ladders*

Yet another obscure rock band from England (Liverpool to be exact) that deserves a listen. Really upbeat, tight and poppy songs with high pitched melodic vocals, suitable for framing. These guys get better with every release. You won't be disappointed here. (Crickle P.O. Box HP49, Leeds, LS6 4XL, UK)

Dog Piss- *Lay Off the Turps*

Jools from *Guns N Wankers* finally has a new band, which is very much in the same vein as the *Guns N wankers* songs (well, the Dog Piss stuff is slightly more comedic in approach). A little more production would go a long way with this release, but the song quality is there. The debut full length should be coming out shortly so grab this now and be the coolest kid on your block. Pick up the *Smells Like Canine Urine 7"* if you see that, too. (Rugger Bugger- P.O. Box 357, London, SE 191AD, U.K.)

Less Than Jake- *Muppets 7"*

Less Than Jake is one of those rare bands that have the clout to release pretty much any-

thing they want. Well, this one would have probably been better off if it had never happen. It's really low budget recording and it just sounds like no effort went into the learning of these songs. Covering 3 songs from the *Muppet Movie* ("Rainbow Connection," "Moving Right Along," "and Life's Like a Movie") sure sounds like a funny idea, but this time the joke's on Less Than Jake. Please redeem yourselves next time. (Liquid Meat- P.O. Box 460692, Escodido, CA 92046)

Sicko- *Three Tea*

At long last, the much anticipated *Sicko 7"* on Mutant Pop. The A-side is phenomenal, Sicko at their best. It's a fast paced straight up rocker. However the two B-sides are a bit lacklustre. They're a bit slower, and frankly just not as good. Although the song "Steven" (about Ean's talking dog) is pretty insane. (Mutant Pop- 5010 NW Shasta, Corvallis, OR 97330)

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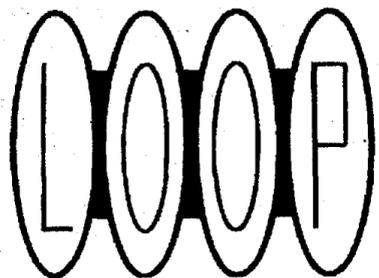
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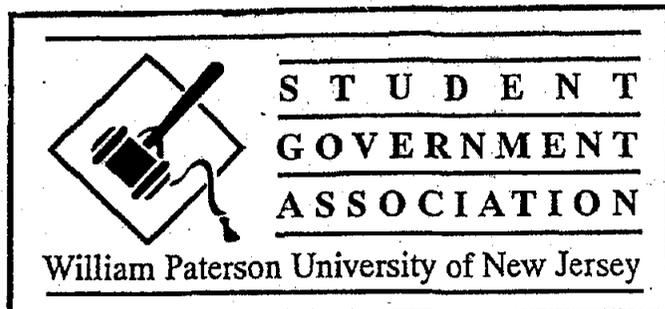
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Legal action taken against SGA President



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SGA Vice President Curtis Fields explains to legislature at a meeting on September 9 why he decided to press legal charges against President Bobi Lee Messer.

By Pamela Langan
News Editor

At the Student Government Association (SGA) legislation meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, Curtis Fields, SGA vice president, explained to those present at the meeting his reasons for sending out a letter dated

September 3 to various school officials regarding SGA President Bobi Lee Messer's alleged fraudulent actions.

Messer admitted to signing her fellow board members' names to a resolution on August 12 prior to the legislation meeting. She also apologized repeatedly for offend-

ing her colleagues. However, Fields was disturbed by her "malicious act of fraud" and decided to take legal action.

"I just want to make everyone aware that personally I decided to press charges and file a complaint," said Fields. He did not bring the matter into any further

discussion. However, after his agenda had already been covered and the meeting was to proceed to the next item, Adam Beder, the Arts and Communications legislative representative, questioned Fields about his actions.

"Are you seeking anything specific with these charges?" asked Beder. Fields replied, "No, nothing specific, just the way of justice."

Even though this is a SGA problem, Messer could be brought up to the University Board, according to the 1997-'98 William Paterson University Handbook. Under the Student Code of Conduct section II entitled "Institutional Authority to Ensure Fulfillment of the University's Mission," section B states, "Disciplinary action may be taken against students for violation of University policies, rules and regulations including, but not limited to, those listed below." Under item O states: "Forgery, autho-

rized alteration or unauthorized use of any University document or instrument of identification."

Included in the handbook are regulations regarding matters which can be brought up to the University Board.

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Curtis Fields

"Cases that are serious enough to warrant suspension or expulsion are required to be heard by the University Board. Alleged violations that are not deemed serious enough to warrant suspension or expulsion will normally be handled by the Dean of Student Development's Office designee."

The Interim Dean of Students Roland Watts stated that currently, "We have no plans beyond veering it as an SGA matter." According to Watts, the situation regarding Messer committing a student code of conduct violation is "being reviewed."

Residence halls overcrowded

By Sherri Sage
News Contributor

Due to the overwhelming amount of resident students enrolled this semester at William Paterson University, many double rooms have been made into triple rooms in the Towers Complex. According to Joe Cafarelli, director of residence life, the last time this situation occurred was in 1993.

Patricia Whiteman, also of residence life, said that because the institution continued to accept new freshmen this summer, the number of late requests for housing increased. This caused residence life to turn to overflow housing. There are double rooms available for 1,849 students but there are currently 1,866 residents enrolled. Whiteman said that students' whose housing contracts were received in June, July, and August are those who have been tripled. Residence life arranged to have a certain number of triple rooms that would eventually be brought back to doubles. Students who were not given any housing are on a waiting list according to the date of their contracts.

Carolina Rosario, a freshman in the Towers, said it is very uncomfortable living with two other roommates. "It's not right to have three people in a room intended for only two. It's too tight," said Rosario. She said that residence life sent her a letter asking her to meet with someone to help get her out of the situation.

On the other hand, Lazara Paz, also a

freshman in the Towers, is living in a double room with no roommate. She said it's unfair that some students have to be tripled. "I think I should be given a roommate just because of overcrowding, not because I necessarily want one," she said. "No one has even mentioned anything about a roommate yet." Paz said that two other students on her floor are also living alone.

According to Whiteman, problems like this are probably due to the fact that a number of continuing students who paid their housing deposits later decided not to return, and never officially withdrew.

"When we hear that individuals are not coming back, Patricia will substantiate it and we will begin the de-tripling process," Cafarelli added.

Out of the 60 students who were originally tripled, 25 have already had their rooms de-tripled.

Paul Moreau, a Resident Assistant (RA) Hillside Hall, works for residence life. "There shouldn't be as many triples as there are," said Moreau. "I think the school wanted more people on campus and let too many in the dorms than there is room. Residence life is trying to be as expedient as possible to rectify the situation by putting students in rooms as spaces open up," Moreau added.

In addition to the triples in the Towers, other students are also experiencing overcrowding on campus. Moreau said that lines during common hour in the food court area



Carolyn Fuga/the Beacon

Some double rooms in the Towers have added an extra mattress to accommodate a third person. The last time triple rooms were needed at WPU was in 1993. were long last year but are much longer this year.

Some students are also having problems at Wayne Hall. Paz said it bothers her to wait in line so long for food which isn't that good. Stephanie Petrucelli and Rebecca Breuscino, freshmen in Hillside, agree that lines are too long in Wayne Hall. One possible reason for the overcrowding in Wayne Hall, said Whiteman, may be that many apartment residents who do not need to have meal plans have decided to retain them this

Whiteman said that residence life is trying to keep people on the same floor if there is space or at least within the same building so they're not uncomfortable moving to another area. She wanted students to realize that this is only a temporary situation and that triples should be receiving letters about the de-tripling process in their mailboxes.

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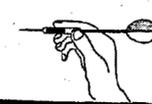
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The Volleyball Club -- 12:30 p.m. Contact Ira Thor at 201-381-4416 for more information.

The Women's Center -- "Condom Corner" Planned Parenthood's sale of condoms, dental dams, and other safe sex materials in the Student Center Lobby. 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17, 1997

The Women's Center - Open House, 4:30-7:00p.m. in SC 214. A great way to say hello and check us ou (and 9/18, 12 p.m.)

The Women's Center will again be hosting "Condom Corner" in the Student Center lobby.

Thursday, September 18, 1997

The Spanish Club -- "Los poesia Cubana en los Estados Unidos desde 1959" by Pro. De La Suaree. 12:30-1:45 p.m. in SC 203-4-5. For more information contact Linda Diaz 720-5029.

The Feminist Collective -- meetings every Thursday in SC 304 at 12:30. For more information contact Lisa Maciozi, President, at 595-2022.

The Haitian American Student Association -- first general meeting, 12:30-1:45 in Science 403. Open to everyone. For more information contact Ruth Jean-Marie at x4922.

Monday, September 22, 1997

WHIN (Women's Health Information Information Network) Fall Lecture Series will begin with a presentation by: Dr. Connie Bareford. Healthy Bones for a Lifetime -- Preventing Osteoporosis is a Women's Health Issue. 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Paterson Room, Library. For more information contact Meryle Kaplan in the Women's Center.

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Women's Discussion Group co-led by Joan Griscom of the Women's Studies Department, and Meryle Mahrer Kaplan, coordinator of the Women's Center. Explore personal and political issues. We welcome both weekly participants and individuals who choose to drop in occasionally. Meeting every Tuesday starting September 23in SC 214.

Saturday, September 27, 1997

SAPB will be hosting a bus trip to Grambling vs. Hampton at the Meadowlands. \$18.00 for WPU students; \$21.00 for all others. Bus leaves Lot 5 at 1:00p.m. For more information contact Rashelle at ext. 5096 or Lakeya at ext. 2817.

Haitian American Student Association is hosting a Carribean Fashion Show. Models Needed! Open to Everyone! The Fashion Show is Saturday November 9, 1997. 7-10 p.m. in the SC Ballroom. For more information contact Ruth at x4922.

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Club Fair represents activities on campus

By Stacie Caputo
News Contributor

Now that William Paterson is a university, many students are looking to get more involved on campus with clubs and organizations. At the Club Fair this past week, students got the chance to see some of the organizations and what they represent.

The event was held in the back of the Student Center in Caldwell Plaza during common hour on Tuesday, September 9. Club tables were set up with representatives to show off banners, give out flyers and freebies, as well as try to raise money for their organizations.

The Student Activities Planning Board (SAPB) gave out key chains, mini flashlights and magnets, and the Student Government Association (SGA) gave out shirts for all the new university students.

Many of the organizations that

were represented were the fraternities and sororities, promoting their Rush weeks coming soon. Other clubs that were there included the Caribbean Student Association (CARIBSA), Catholic Campus Ministry, the Coalition of Lesbians, Gays and Friends (COLGAF), Essence/English Club, Education Club, the Music & Entertainment Industry Students Association (MEISA), Feminist Collective, Student Art, Business Exceptional Citizens Club, and WPU TV.

Students at the fair commented mainly on collecting t-shirts, and conversing with the SGA's talking robot. Many felt that this was a good way to get involved, seeing the variety of different clubs one could join. Those already in the groups were glad to be a part of them, making the students more aware of the activities.



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New room change process in dorms

Compiled from Beacon Staff Reports
According to the Office of Residence Life, the process of Open Room Change will change this year.

In past years, resident students were offered one week per semester to request room changes.

However, due to the current overcrowding situation that exists in the Towers, students in triple rooms will be on the top of the list when it comes to room changes.

"There are 50 rooms that are still triples in the Towers," said Patricia Whiteman, assistant director of Residence Life. "We need to take care of those students

first before we deal with students wanting to switch rooms."

In addition to the students living three to a room, there is a substantial waiting list of students who are initially waiting just to get into campus housing.

According to Whiteman, students are on this list for a variety of reasons.

"Some students turned their housing contracts in too late and others are experiencing delays in their financial aid," she said.

Students having problems in their current housing situations will not be left out in the cold.

According to Whiteman, resi-

dents having roommate difficulties are encouraged to speak to their resident assistants (RA's). The RA's will then decide whether or not the situation warrants intervention by the resident director.

"We will encourage residents to communicate with each other and with their RA's to try to solve problems," said Whiteman.

Exceptions will be made for students who are willing to do even room swaps, or residents who smoke living with non-smokers.



Womens' Studies department expands

By Christine Damasceno
News Contributor

It took 25 years, but finally the women's studies program has become a department, giving the "New U" the opportunity to take women studies as a major.

Barbara Sandberg, chairperson of the women studies department, feels that with "a different kind of status," they are hoping to initiate much more community action along with developing the students' interest in taking women studies as a double major.

According to Joan Griscom,

professor of women studies, the program has had a strong presence at William Paterson mainly because of the race and gender courses that are required of every student, but with more power and resources the curriculum is in the process of expanding.

"The development of the department will fit into the structure of the university in a clear, defined way," said Griscom.

In an effort to widen the range of interest among students, many new courses will be introduced according to Nancy Galimi, secre-

tary of the Womens Studies Department.

"Committees are being set in place now to set new curriculum for the spring semester," said Galimi.

Some of the courses that are already developed for the spring semester by the Womens Studies Department range from Women and Aging, Self Defense for Women, and Media representation of Lesbian and Gays.

According to Galimi, the new department plans to broaden the curriculum with new courses such

as Spirituality of Women, The Working Woman, and Women in Literature.

Paula Rothenberg of the New Jersey Project, who was once the Director of WPU's Womens Studies Program is very excited about the change.

"The department will add dimension to the education of the William Paterson University students," said Rothenberg.

With a new office located in Hunziker Hall, the Womens Studies Department now offers a resource room that is fully staffed and

equipped with books for student use.

"The doors are always open for students who need to have private talks or need help with scheduling," said Galimi.

What began as a project in 1973 has evolved into a department and according to the women of this new department it was a great accomplishment. "It was a triumph for us!" said Sandberg.

Opinions & Review

Playing politics makes it hard to do what's right

One has to admire the irony of the situation. What was originally intended to be a symbol of the Student Government Association's (SGA) solidarity has merely highlighted its complete lack thereof: SGA Executive Vice President Curtis Fields has now gone so far as to file a criminal complaint in Wayne against SGA President, Bobi Lee Messer for allegedly forging his signature on resolutions passed on August 12.

But perhaps Fields has grown weary of waiting for administrators to administrate. Despite the fact that Messer has admitted to forging Board members signatures both in an Executive Board meeting and in *The Beacon* last week, she has not yet been formally charged of any wrongdoing by the University.

In fact, it seems as though WPU administrators are pretending they have no part in disciplining Messer for her act of willful deceit. Is it possible they have forgotten that forgery is a major violation of the "Student Code of Conduct"; have they joined Messer in her rationalization of her actions as, just a mistake; or, could it be that the

administration is once again too busy playing politics to do what's right?

As Messer pointed out "we left off last year with an impeached SGA president, do we need to start off the year with another impeached SGA president? How does that make us look in our vision of a university?"

Perhaps we do need to start off the year with another impeached SGA President. Perhaps then, William Paterson will not only appear to be a University filled with administrators that do what's right, but one in which administrators actually do what's

right. Messer's questions are morally speaking, very simple; however, politically speaking they are very difficult. But perhaps the

administration should disregard the political implications of these questions, just as Messer did when she forged her executive board members' signatures.

Mailbag

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Welcome to the William Paterson University of New Jersey and to the 1997 Fall Semester! We, your staff at the Catholic Campus Ministry, wish you a successful semester full of blessings and peace as you face the challenges and joys of higher education.

Once again, the generosity of the students, faculty, and staff of our university has proven WPUNJ to be a caring and sharing community. It is with great pride that I am happy to announce the results of last semester's "Shelter The Homeless" collection on behalf of Eva's Shelter and Project Youth Haven of Paterson. The total surpassed \$2,500! On Sunday, April 27th, a check was presented to representatives of each of the agencies, splitting the entire amount.

We are grateful to the Beacon, the Student Government Association with their support through their "Outreach Fund", the Greek community of our campus, and YOU, WPUNJ for your generous concern on behalf of the homeless. Your generosity allows us to give every dollar collected to the agencies, with no overhead expenses, advertising, supplies, etc. I also would like to thank Joanne DePasquale, my associate, who coordinated the collection with the Catholic Campus Ministry Club.

As this semester begins, our first as a university, I hope you take pride in the fact that WPUNJ is a community of caring, generous people. Although at times some of our human weaknesses get in each other's way. Let's

remember, however, that we really are all **ONE** people. Thank you for being a caring people.

Father Louis J. Scurti,
Director, Catholic Campus Ministry
P.S. Any outstanding collection cans can be brought to the CCM Center and we will send the funds to the agencies. Thank You!

Lighten up, give the new U a chance

It appears that almost everyone has criticized the new university from head to toe especially the letter from Chris Paseka; however, I find the recent changes inspiring. Granted, most changes are cosmetic at this point but wait and see as the campus keeps perfecting the progress. Many of the new programs will get better as time rolls on. Hopefully, we will be rewarded as the standards slowly rise until our university is competing directly with the better private schools of the state. University status takes time to perfect as people compare the old and new against very high standards. I have seen great accomplishments take place in the last year starting with the way freshmen orientation has been handled and move in for the Towers. There was much less chaos with much more freshman this year. The administration must be congratulated on these achievements among many others. As for higher standards being adopted in the classrooms and stabilizing tuition as we gain more students, only time holds the answers. As of now, lighten up everyone, and enjoy the new U.

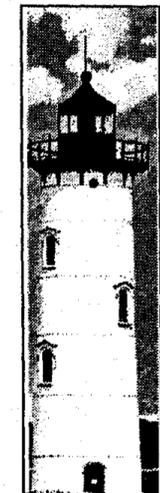
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Commentary

Voting the lesser of two evils

In case you have been living in a bubble for the last few weeks and have not noticed the constant political advertisements on television and the radio, New Jersey is in the midst of a gubernatorial election year. In November, we will have the opportunity to make a choice of who we want to lead New Jersey into the next century, Christine Todd Whitman(R), or James McGreevey(D).

Many of you may believe that the incumbent governor, Mrs. Whitman, is the candidate who best represents the interests of New Jersey. She has, after all, increased the state funding to New Jersey state colleges and universities by 1.9% for fiscal year 1998, and added 2.5% into Tuition Aid Grant funding. She has also allowed New Jersey tax payers a 30% state income tax reduction, but please do not be fooled. Governor Whitman does not have your best interests at heart. Here is why:

- 1) Although she did reduce income taxes by 30%, she was forced to congruently reduce state funding to local municipalities. This caused many towns in New Jersey to radically raise their property taxes out of the reach of many families with low or fixed incomes. The poor get screwed, the rich win.
- 2) In order to pay for her 30% tax reduction, Governor Whitman had to pass a multi-billion dollar bond bill. This means that instead of paying the

states expenses with our taxes on time, she has opted to borrow the money necessary to run New Jersey. This leaves our generation left to flip the bill for decades to come. Generation X gets screwed, today's rich and powerful win.

3) Governor Whitman has a plan to lower your auto insurance rate by 30%. Instead of going after insurance companies who make billions off of New Jersey drivers, she is asking you to give up your legal right to sue someone for pain and suffering. This lets greedy insurance companies off the hook for your inflated auto insurance rates, and infringes on your right to justifiable compensation. The injured get screwed, insurance companies win.

So you see, Governor Whitman does not have your best interest at heart, unless you happen to be rich or an insurance company. So why does such a nice person want to harm you. It all comes down to the outcome on election day. According to numerous studies, the average voter in New Jersey is at least middle class, owns property, and is over 40 years old. The fact is, most of the individuals Christine Whitman is hurting by her policies stay home on election day, and in doing so, gives her the green light to pass legislation that benefits those that will vote for her. So if you want to make a difference, do what only 20% of college students did last year and register to vote. Then on November 4, vote for James McGreevey, the lesser of two evils.



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Rocket From The Crypt takes off

Rocket From The Crypt (Unannounced)/Delta 72/Sweet Diesel
8/10/97
Coney Island High, NYC

A week earlier the rumors started circulating. Rocket From the Crypt, unannounced, Coney Island High. It seemed to good to be true, but alas it was.

Coney Island was filled to capacity. The chants of "Rocket!" started almost immediately. Sweet Diesel took the stage first, but they would have found a more receptive crowd out on the sidewalk. The set was long and tedious. What they had in energy, they lacked in song writing, talent, and originality. The only highlight of Sweet Diesel's set was when the band decided to leave the stage.

The Delta 72 fared much better. Their off center rock/country/punk/whatever was inter-

esting to say the least. The band had great stage presence and the lead singer kept most of the audience engaged with his off the wall antics. Few singers actually hang from the ceiling and invite the crowd on stage these days. It was a welcome change.

Finally, San Diego's finest emerged. All decked out in matching red button down shirts and black slacks, Rocket took the stage with grace, poise, and a new member. Apparently they've added a keyboard player. The crowd in attendance went ballistic as Rocket started things off with a bang with the song "Dropout." They then eased right into the super-hyper barn-burner, "UFO>UFO>UFO." The sheer power of Rocket From the Crypt live cannot be accurately described in mere words. They are just one of the loudest, craziest bands around.

After a couple more songs off

of *Scream, Dracula, Scream*, Rocket played 8 brand spanking new songs. Most of which were in the same vein as the last album. The best of which was a song called "When in Rome." With its catchy sing along chorus, there's definitely single possibility with this one.

The show was amazing, plain and simple. Rockets energy, tightness and humor all had a place this evening. From fighting with the lighting guy ("As much as we appreciate Van Halen's light set, we'd prefer you keep the lights at one level") to the trademark dance moves, Rocket From The Crypt has no equal live.

By Tim Bornemann



Erica Recto/For the Beacon

Under The Microscope

The Nixons
S/T
(MCA)

One has to wonder why Thixons even bothered to put out this album seems as though they tried very hard ripoff the "grunge" sound, and in doing so show that they not only lack any shred of talent, but that they're stupid too. One has to wonder why they would try to imitate a sound that has been dead for years now.

The Nixons start off their album with the track "Baton Rouge", a noisy, pretentious, self-loathing song that lacks any originality. Sadly enough, that's the best track on their album. The band doesn't seem to have an identity at all, sounding like Sound Garden some tracks and sounding like Alice in Chains on others. When The Nixons slow things down a bit and attempt a ballad, they come across a country band. Bad grunge? Country? Either way, this album is just plain horrible.

Although this album by The Nix is painful to listen to, the Nixons have experienced some success in the past, despite their gric sound. For anyone who bought their last album, don't make the same mistake twice. This album is not worth listening to.
(DR)

Strife
In This Defiance
(Victory)

If there's one way that the straightedge band Strife channels their energy, it's in their music. While the band's first album *One* remains one of Victory Records' best selling albums, it still has been three years since it was released. In that time, they have been on numerous tours in support of bands like Sepultura, around time to record another record.

In This Defiance wraps up every once in a while and forces it to the surface in a frenzied barrage of speed, melody and aggression. The disc also

has some big name guest appearances in the form of Chino Moreno from The Deftones, Dino Cazares from Fear Factory, and Igor Cavalera of Sepultura.

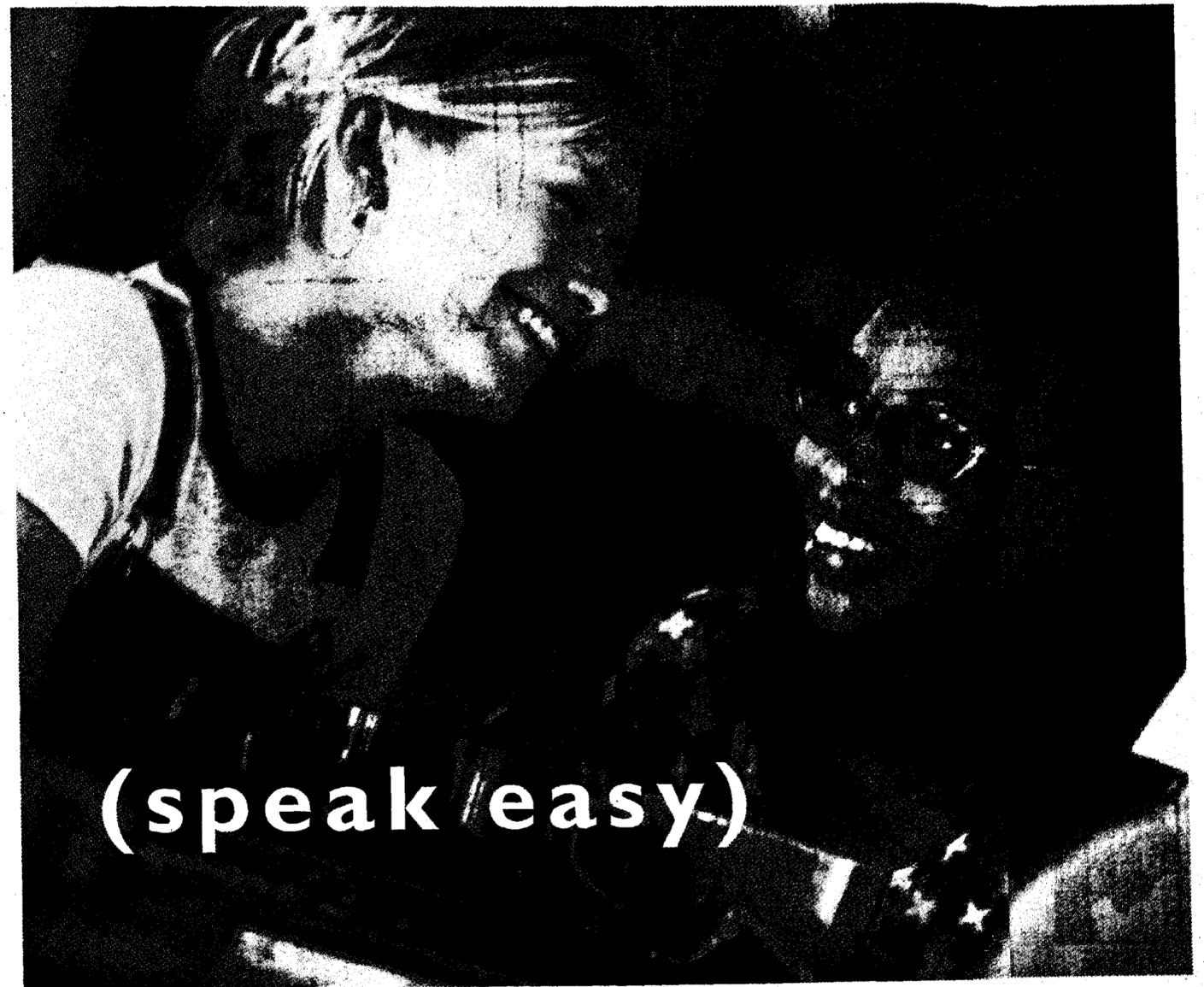
Lyricaly, vocalist Rick Rodney tackles a range of messages like the downfall of modern society and self-empowerment. On "Force of Change" he speaks of commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. "I walk the path of true change/commitment sworn in the name of those who will walk the straight edge/convictions held to my grave." Bill Clinton would be proud if he wasn't scared to enter the pit. This is one amazing album, expect big things to rise from the underground.
(EE)

Trisha Yearwood
Songbook (A Collection of Hits)
(MCA)

How'd she know which songs to pick for this collection? It's a perfect blend of new and old. It's the type of album where after you listen you know it's a true gem.

The first new song, "How Do I Live" (from the Touchstone motion picture "Con Air") has already hit #1 on the charts. This song has an R&B sound to it while tying in the traditional country love song aspect. Another new song, "In Another's Eyes," a duet with Garth Brooks, is definitely going straight to the top of the charts. The voices of both artists compliment each other making the song a definite hit. "Perfect Love" is the final new song on the album. This song is the kind of up beat love song that will have people dancing all over the country.

Trisha Yearwood chose her "Collection of Hits" with great precision. Each and every song leaves you wanting to hear the next. When the album is over, it is almost impossible not to listen again.
(DLR)



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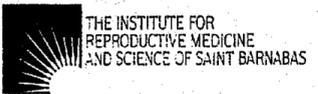
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Less Than Jake - *Muppets 7*
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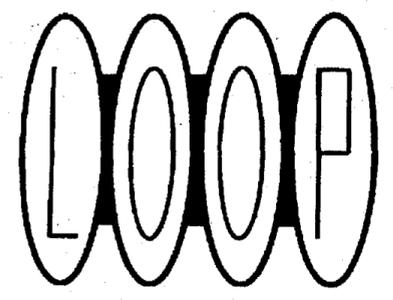


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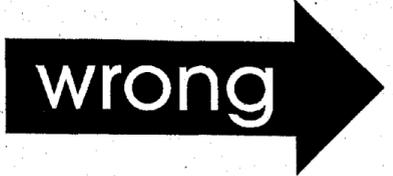
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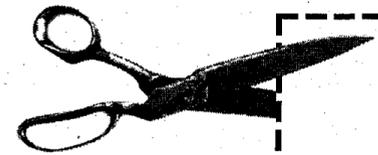
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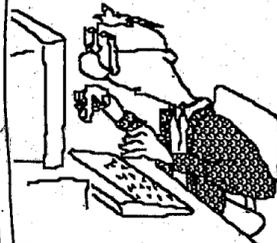


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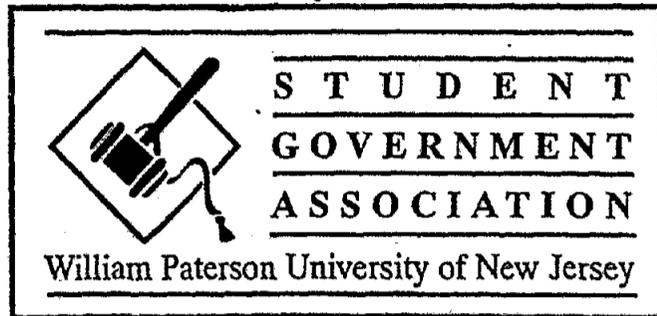
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