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By Michael S. Laclair  
Staff Writer

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## Students don't clean up in Wayne Hall

By Sherri Sage  
Staff Writer

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According to Loren Shepard, manager of Wayne Hall, extra money is being spent to pay staff to clean up the trays students leave on the tables of the dining hall. Approximately 90 hours per week are devoted to cleaning up the trays, said Shepard. The labor it takes to bus all of the tables and keep them clean costs almost \$1000 per week.

According to Shepard, the money could be better spent on other things, such as keeping the orange juice machine on throughout the day, which is more expensive to run than the soda machines. Shepard said some money could also be used to create a "hotcake hotline," where pancakes would be served all day long with a variety of toppings.

One step that is being taken to get students to clean up the trays



photo by Carolyn Fuge

The student pictured above is trying to study at a table filled with dirty trays which students did not remove on their own. The administration is trying to figure out a way to get students to clean up after themselves, seeing that it is costing more to have hired help clean up.

on their own is placing "Did you know?" table tents making students aware of the problem on the tables. Another possible approach is to talk to those students who are not cleaning up their trays.

Most students say that they have the privilege to leave their trays on the tables, or that they pay enough for the meal plan, so they don't have to do menial work. Shepard said that WPU is the only campus he has worked at with this problem.

However, student Patti O'Kane

said, "I think it's obnoxious that we expect people to clean up after us. It's disgusting, and we should show a little respect to the people who work in Wayne Hall."

Shepard said that a raffle will be held to reward those students who bring their trays up. This has been done in the past, according to Shepard. "It's doesn't catch everyone's attention, only the

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## WCRN having problems in SGA

By Sophia A. Brooks  
Staff Writer

For students aspiring to work in the field of radio stations, WCRN, William Paterson University's own radio station, has been giving students the opportunity to become their own disc jockey or radio show host for many years. However, for the past semester now that has not been the case. WCRN was deemed inactive three weeks into the fall 1997 semester by the Student Government Association (SGA).

According to SGA President Bobi Lee Messer, the club became inactive because the past president of WCRN failed to fulfill club requirements.

Every club is asked to be at executive meetings, but no one represented the club at any of the

meetings for "over three consecutive weeks," according to Messer. The club received penalty points followed by a letter from SGA's Executive Vice President Curtis Fields which stated that they were inactive.

Mike Dominique, a member of the radio station, was asked by WCRN's former president to manage the station. "I was not informed of my responsibilities to the SGA," said Dominique. "I did not know."

In addition to the club being deemed inactive, \$3500 worth of equipment was reported stolen from the station last semester. Dominique stated, "that's not true at all."

According to Dominique, "at least \$2000 of the \$3500 worth of equipment reported stolen is still at the station." Since WCRN has

such a small area, they sometimes put some of their equipment in the WPSC (the WPU off-campus radio station) office, but according to Dominique, the SGA said that is considered stolen. The rest of equipment, worth approximately \$1500, has not yet been accounted for.

The concern of the SGA was that they were given false information about the whereabouts of the equipment which they were responsible for. "This equipment is bought with students' money, we need to know where it is," said Messer.

"Equipment was being loaned to WPSC without the knowledge of SGA. Equipment bought for WCRN

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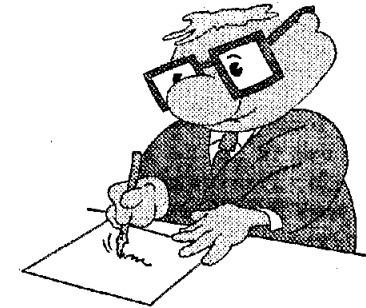
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# Beacon Sports

## Pioneer Women's Basketball

William Paterson University 68  
(11-1, 7-0 NJAC) Ramapo College  
62 (5-7, 2-5 NJAC)

The William Paterson Lady's Pioneer  
basketball team rolled over the lady  
Roadrunners of Ramapo College  
Wednesday night at the Recreation  
Center on the WPU campus.

Sophomore Guard Megan Renna  
lead the Pioneers in scoring and  
assists with 18 points and 3 assists.  
Junior forward Dana Feltz scored 14  
points and lead the pioneer team  
with 8 rebounds. Senior guard,  
Kathy Sinram added 10 points to cap  
off the pioneer trio scoring in double

digits.

Freshman guard Dawn Vida of  
Bayonne led the roadrunners in  
scoring with 24 in the losing effort.  
Freshman Kim Stephans also  
added 16 points and added 7  
rebounds.

The win posts the lady Pioneers  
record at 11-1 and leaves them  
undefeated in the New Jersey  
Athletic conference with a record of  
7-0.

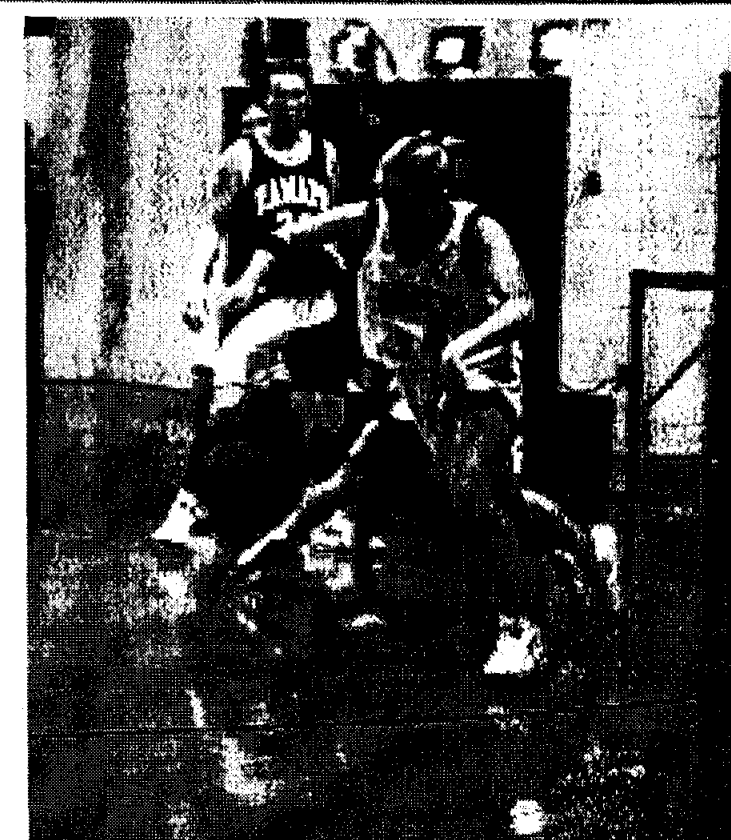


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Junior guard Stephanie Arrigo from Flemington is pictured above  
from the game against Ramapo on Wednesday, January 14. The  
Lady Pioneers defeated Ramapo 68-62.

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**room 310 in the Student Center.**

## Pioneer Men's Basketball

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The William Paterson Men's basketball team won a close game over the Roadrunners of Ramapo College Wednesday night in the Recreation Center on the WPU campus.

6-6 Junior David Coleman of the Pioneers led all scorers with 20 points and tied fellow Pioneer Justin Frederick with 10 rebounds. Junior Oriental Swain added 14 points for the pioneers.

Forward Sean Hawkins of Paterson had 12 points and 8 rebounds to lead the Roadrunners in both categories. Guard Kevin Bianco added 8 points and 5 assists for Ramapo.

The win brings the Pioneers to a 6-6 overall record and 3-4 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference.



photo by Sylvana Meneses/Beacon

Freshman starting guard Anthony Kalafut, from Bayonne, is pic-  
tured above in action from the game against Ramapo on Wednesday,  
January 14. The Pioneers defeated the Roadrunners 59-56.



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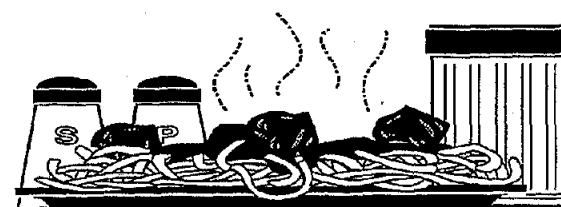
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### The Bouncing Souls: Sailing on Bigger Waters

Ed Erlenmeyer  
Assistant Insider Editor

New Brunswick, N.J. was the former home to the recently crowned punk rock stars the Bouncing Souls. After two highly successful albums released on BYO Records, the band has now released their debut on Epitaph, the label that brought bands like The Offspring and Rancid into millions of homes across the country. With a style all their own, the Souls have taken their show on the road. The Insider caught up with the band's drummer, Shal, at a recent gig in Philadelphia.

**The Insider:** A brief history of the Bouncing Souls?

**Shal:** We grew up together, went to grade school and high school together, formed after high school, we've been together ever since. When was the first Bouncing Souls show?

That would have to be in March 1989 at a high school battle of the bands.

**How did it go?**

We lost out to a Rush cover band. How did you hook up with Epitaph?

That's a better question. Most people say, "Why did you leave BYO?" but our contract ran out with BYO and we were just sort of floating and before we really started floating, Brett (the owner at Epitaph) came and invited us out to Los Angeles. He showed us around for three days and went into detail explaining how his

label worked. What was really cool about it is this man became a multi-millionaire and he still acts and behaves like a punk rocker. That's how he ran the label and everyone at the label was super happy and into what they were doing. It's just on a larger scale and I think that's one of the things people don't understand about Epitaph is that they are a punk label, just on a larger scale now. So we were like "Great! Let's go with it."

**Do you play the song "East Coast, Fuck You" out West and how does it go over?**

Good, especially people who moved out West and are at the shows.

**Have you heard the whole sell-out thing for signing on with Epitaph?**

You know, it comes in different forms. It's funny because if people call us sellouts, I don't know how it affects anyone else, but me, it doesn't affect me because we've been doing everything the way we want to. It's not like somebody said "do this and I guarantee you're going to be a success." We've been making decisions on how to run the band.

**Have you been catching slack for that?**

You're always going to catch slack, no matter what you do. You probably get slack for what you do. You can't please everybody. If people just listened to the music and forgot about everything else, that would make a total difference. What does the Bouncing Souls



East Coast pride stem from?

It seems that there's been a huge wave from the West Coast, all the punk bands and the Southern California sound, and then you had Berkley (CA) exploding a few years back so there hasn't been much of a movement from the East so we decided to start one.

**Should anyone take the Bouncing Souls seriously?**

No. Take what you want out of it. That's it?

Yeah, how could you tell someone how to form a perspective? They've got to do it themselves.

**What's punk these days?**

There is no punk these days. It was more easily definable 10-15 years ago. Somebody would say "What is punk rock?" and you could say "Punk rock is this." Now

I think it's more of an attitude, a way to live your life, a way of expressing yourself. That doesn't necessarily mean "Hey, fuck you man" (it's) just a way of how you carry yourself.

**How would you describe the Bouncing Souls' sound?**

I can't. (Laughter) I would say four guys lost in four different genres of the eighties and trying to make one cohesive sound out of it. Do you think that straight edge is more of a fad these days?

Whatever anyone's beliefs are, I totally respect it. For some reason I don't understand mixing restrictions with music. It's like "I love this band because I can contain myself and not drink and not smoke and not eat meat." Who the hell ever thought of going to a

show and thinking about those things? I thought going to a show was like "lets be happy, lets jump around, lets listen to how great the band sounds" and all of a sudden you walk away from a show and go "hey, that's pretty cool, I'm not going to drink milk anymore." (Laughter) Which is fine, but geez, I'd imagine that it's one of those places that you can let loose and feel free and run around 6 or 7 or 16 again. If somebody's into it, than I can respect it, but it's a strange concept.

**Tell me something about the band that would surprise people.**

I don't know. There's got to be something. We're fooling the world.

### Under the Microscope

Sublime  
Second hand Smoke  
(MCA)

As the second release by Sublime on MCA, and the first after the death of Brad, *Second hand smoke* becomes a collection of rare songs as well old boring ones. I've heard alot about this c.d. being boring, and full of lame songs, but really i'm going to tell you it's not. It contains many songs only found on bootlegs, or imports, and some even more rare.

Starting off with an upbeat

ska version of "doing time" full with keyboards and band friend Tim Wu on saxophone. The disc just goes on from there. A remix of "get out", a song off the original discontinued version of 49oz. to freedom finds its way on here also. *Smoke* also contains some of Sublime's best material, which although unreleased are not extremely hard to get your hands on. Songs like "Romeo", "had a dat", and "slowride" become a good example of that.

The only problem with this album is that they include

some songs that just don't belong on here. Songs like "Badfish" and "Saw Red" to name two, are the same versions as in the past and get annoying mixed in with the other material. Still, out weighing the bad are songs like the cover of Bob Marley's "Trenchtown rock" and the english version of the song "chico mi tipo". All these and more make *Second hand Smoke* worth the money. Most the songs that are on here do form to make a nice collection of some obscure stuff.

### IN THE ROPES

By Tim Bornemann

Hello, and welcome to the first in a weekly column that I will dedicate to the wonderful world of professional wrestling. As this is the debut of this column I thought it would be nice to give you a little background information.

First off, this column (for the most part anyway) will only deal with WCW wrestling. The reason being, quite simply, it's much better than WWE. And since this is the federation that I watch, it makes for easier writing. Each week I'll recap some of the most important events that happened on the past weeks wrestling programs. I'll also share some rumors and news that I come across. In addition I'll also give my slant on

what's going on. Just so you know, if you think this column is an incredibly stupid idea, yell at Tracy, it was her idea (though I jumped at the chance to write it!)

Just to let you know where things stand now in WCW: There is no heavyweight champion. The belt was held up due to controversies during the two meetings between "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan and Sting (No, not the singer). During their first meeting at Starrcade '97, Hogan pinned Sting for a three count. But it was later decided that referee Nick Patrick (Formerly a Member of the New World Order (nWo)) gave a fast three count. The match was then made to continue and Sting beat Hogan.

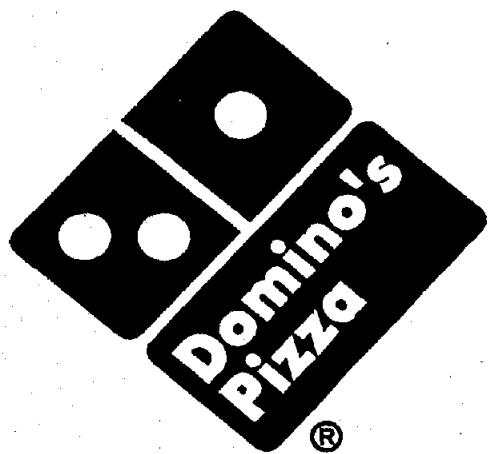
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According to Loren Shepard, manager of Wayne Hall, extra money is being spent to pay staff to clean up the trays students leave on the tables of the dining hall. Approximately 90 hours per week are devoted to cleaning up the trays, said Shepard. The labor it takes to bus all of the tables and keep them clean costs almost \$1000 per week.

According to Shepard, the money could be better spent on other things, such as keeping the orange juice machine on throughout the day, which is more expensive to run than the soda machines. Shepard said some money could also be used to create a "hotcake hotline," where pancakes would be served all day long with a variety of toppings.

One step that is being taken to get students to clean up the trays



photo by Carolyn Fuge

The student pictured above is trying to study at a table filled with dirty trays which students did not remove on their own. The administration is trying to figure out a way to get students to clean up after themselves, seeing that it is costing more to have hired help clean up.

on their own is placing "Did you know?" table tents making students aware of the problem on the tables. Another possible approach is to talk to those students who are not cleaning up their trays.

Most students say that they have the privilege to leave their trays on the tables, or that they pay enough for the meal plan, so they don't have to do menial work. Shepard said that WPU is the only campus he has worked at with this problem.

However, student Patti O'Kane

said, "I think it's obnoxious that we expect people to clean up after us. It's disgusting, and we should show a little respect to the people who work in Wayne Hall."

Shepard said that a raffle will be held to reward those students who bring their trays up. This has been done in the past, according to Shepard. "It doesn't catch everyone's attention, only the

see WAYNE HALL page 5

## WCRN having problems in SGA

By Sophia A. Brooks  
Staff Writer

For students aspiring to work in the field of radio stations, WCRN, William Paterson University's own radio station, has been giving students the opportunity to become their own disc jockey or radio show host for many years. However, for the past semester now that has not been the case. WCRN was deemed inactive three weeks into the fall 1997 semester by the Student Government Association (SGA).

According to SGA President Bobi Lee Messer, the club became inactive because the past president of WCRN failed to fulfill club requirements.

Every club is asked to be at executive meetings, but no one represented the club at any of the

meetings for "over three consecutive weeks," according to Messer. The club received penalty points followed by a letter from SGA's Executive Vice President Curtis Fields which stated that they were inactive.

Mike Dominique, a member of the radio station, was asked by WCRN's former president to manage the station. "I was not informed of my responsibilities to the SGA," said Dominique. "I did not know."

In addition to the club being deemed inactive, \$3500 worth of equipment was reported stolen from the station last semester. Dominique stated, "that's not true at all."

According to Dominique, "at least \$2000 of the \$3500 worth of equipment reported stolen is still at the station." Since WCRN has

such a small area, they sometimes put some of their equipment in the WPSC (the WPU off-campus radio station) office, but according to Dominique, the SGA said that is considered stolen. The rest of equipment, worth approximately \$1500, has not yet been accounted for.

The concern of the SGA was that they were given false information about the whereabouts of the equipment which they were responsible for. "This equipment is bought with students' money, we need to know where it is," said Messer.

"Equipment was being loaned to WPSC without the knowledge of SGA. Equipment bought for WCRN

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Meets every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Women's Center, Student Center room 214. For more information contact Meryle Kaplan at x2946.

**Women's Center** - Very important Open Planning Meeting for Women's History Month. Groups and individuals are welcome to attend and participate as we finish our planning. Stop by from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Contact Meryle Kaplan at x2946.

**Wednesday, January 21**

**Women's Center** - Welcome back! Join us for our spring 1998 Open House from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Women's Center, SC 214. Contact Meryle Kaplan for more information.

**The Spanish Club** - "A Night of Variety" - mandatory meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Student Center 203, 204, 205. For more information contact Linda Diaz at 720-5029. We will also be planning, "A trip to Venezuela," for five nights in Margarita Island, and three nights in Caracas, March 7-March 15. Contact Claudia at (973) 840-0676.

**Wednesday, January 28 & Thursday, January 29**

**Study Abroad Program** - General information session about study abroad opportunities. Former participants will answer questions about their experience. (Application deadline for fall 1998 is February 17.) Meeting will be at 12:30-1:45 p.m. both dates, in Student Center room 213. For more information contact Professor G. Satra, Atrium 211, x3044.

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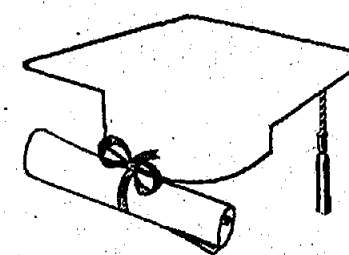
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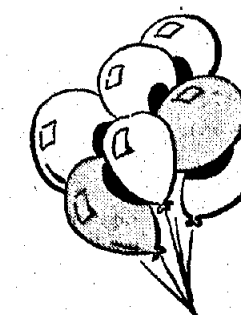
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# University graduates first class



*"Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the 'heart, mind and soul of William Paterson University." -- WPU President Arnold Speert.*

photos by Sylvana Meneses



By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

Students lined up outside in the snow thinking about the moment ahead of them, as parents and friends filled the Recreation Center on Sunday afternoon to witness the first commencement ceremony of William Paterson University.

When asked what her most memorable experience was at

a permanent job by September.

John McCormack, a student who has been highly active in the SGA and the entire school, said he enjoyed, "...the whole experience. I got a lot out of being a resident, and of course I got a tremendous amount from the student government."

With the sound of the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance," the floor was soon covered with students dressed in their caps and gowns, a total of 712 undergraduates and 69 graduates anxiously waiting to receive their degrees.

The event began as graduating senior Michael Malanga gracefully sang the National Anthem. WPU President Arnold Speert introduced the faculty seated behind him, and then invited Senior Class President Brenda Sanabria to address the students. She spoke of a trip she took to San Francisco, and how the experiences she has had at WPU have been very influential in her life, helping her along with the "maturing process."

Addressing the students, "With the skills you have obtained here, you now have more self esteem and the ability to pursue your dreams, and make them reality," said Sanabria. She also chose to leave the students with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." In closing, she chose these positive

words: "Graduates, continue to strive and enjoy more of life."

The guest for the ceremony, Dr. Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., president of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, was honored by WPU with an honorary degree.

"I believe that being asked to be

by a word, commencement, which relates to the beginning of the responsibilities of life after college."

Seeing that the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the following day,

Speert decided to quote from an article which King wrote for a 1968 edition of Look Magazine:

"The American people are infected with racism -- that is the peril.

Paradoxically, they are your commencement speaker for January 1998 brings with it an added honor, one that I cherish and will always remember and share

*"Your individual accomplishments are important to you, to us and to the future of William Paterson University." -- President Speert*

with you the graduates," said Bergen. "Take a moment to savor the day, your accomplishments and success and feed your soul -- the inner person."

Speert chose to reflect upon the meaning of commencement as, "It marks the finishing of all degree requirements and yet is referred to

also infected with democratic ideals -- that is the hope. While doing wrong, they have the potential to do right...To end poverty, to extirpate prejudice, to free a tormented conscience, to make a tomorrow of justice, fair play, and creativity -- all these are worthy of the American ideal."

Naturally, he followed that quote by stating, "Remember your experience here, and use what you have learned to foster tolerance, understanding and harmony."

Provost Chernoh M. Sessay then began the presentation of degrees, with the graduate students going first and then the undergraduates. The crowds went wild with cheers and applause as the students received their degrees.

Graduates Stacy Brennan and Kim Mesiti beautifully sang the WPU Alma Mater to end the ceremony. Crowds poured out of the building, searching for their family members and friends



to congratulate, as students were seen with smiles on their faces while proudly carrying their degrees.

Oliver Baptiste was relaxing outside in the cold weather after the ceremony, thinking about his aspirations as a graduate. He is hoping to, "...be in a rock band and be a superstar, but until then get a job."



# Congratulations Class of 1998!

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### Commentary

## Make use of your SGA

**Bob Lee  
Messer**

I just wanted to take a moment to welcome back my fellow students to what promises to be both an exiting and constructive semester. As always, the Student Government Association is off and running in an attempt to bring real changes about for the students.

I would like to thank all of the students who gave so much of their time, talent and dedication to the SGA last semester for many of our accomplishments would not have come about without them. I would also like to thank Dr. Chernob Sessay our Provost, Mark Evangelista our SGA Advisor, and Roland Watts, our Dean of Students for their infinite energy, continuous words of encouragement and for understanding behind the truth — **Students First!**

Your SGA is a group of "Ordinary individuals with extraordinary ideas." We also realize that "Without struggle, there is no progress!" We need all of you to help us move forward into 1998 doing the right thing — **representing you to the best of**

#### our ability.

Additionally, the SGA is not the only student asset on campus. Our various clubs and organizations are as diverse as our student body and offer an array of opportunities for personal and social growth.

I urge all of you to make use of Your SGA and the services we provide, i.e. Pharmacy Plan, in-house Attorney, Planned Parenthood Voucher Program, National Student Discount Card etc. We are here for you — elected by you to represent you. Please let us know what you think! Your agenda and our agenda are one in the same — **YOU!**

We realize that many of you are busy. For your convenience there are suggestion boxes located at the Student Center Info desk and in the SGA Office. We are housed in Student Center Room 332 and can be reached at (973) 720-2157. Feel free to write, stop by, or call — whatever suits you. But always know that your SGA is working hard to make William Paterson a better place — for you!

Bob Lee Messer is  
President of the Student  
Government Association

## An embarrassing incident

Blank checks belonging to the Student Government Association were stolen from the Student Activities Office, which oversees the SGA, either before or during November. And those checks were cashed at two New York City banks during the month of November. That much is clear.

But as for the suspect or suspects responsible for the crime and the amount of money the checks were cashed for, that has not been released as not to impede with the on going investigation.

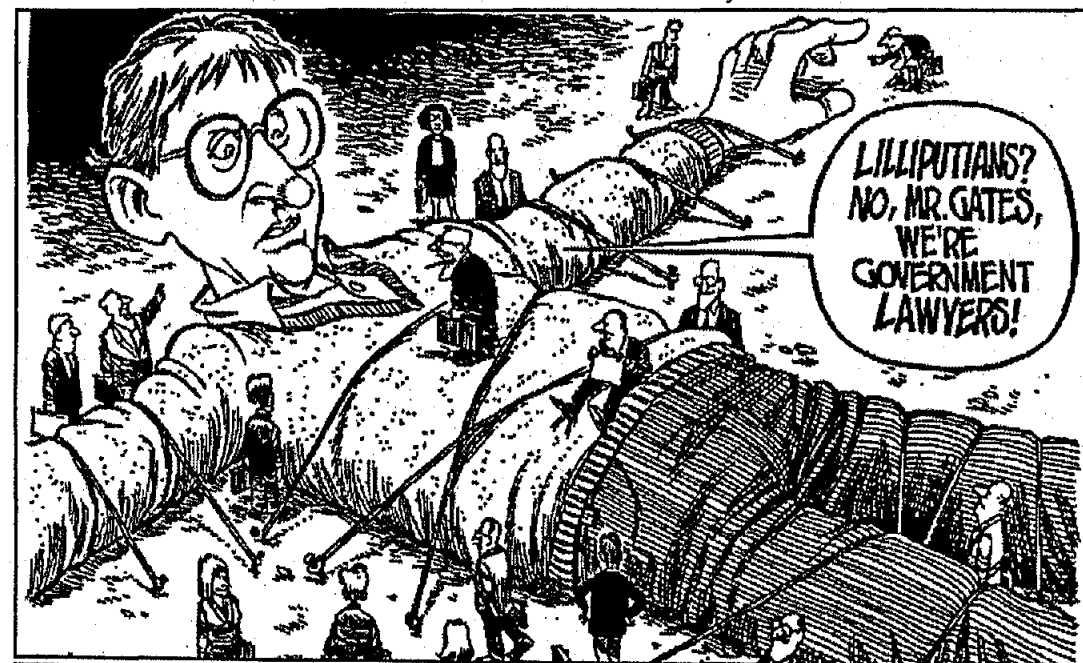
Furthermore, it has not yet been established exactly how the checks were stolen. But clearly there are only two scenarios in which this could have occurred. Either the checks were left in an insecure location or someone working in the Student Activities Office who had access to the checks, violated the trust with which they were given.

Either scenario paints a rather displeasing portrait of the individuals trusted to handle a portion of the

money students at WPU part with at the start of every semester. Money which students can be heard sluggishly protest departing with, whether buying books or eating in Wayne Hall.

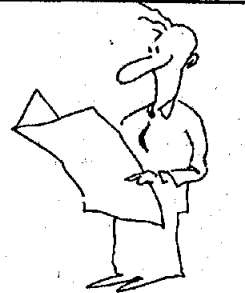
"I give enough money to this University," is how the argument usually begins, "tuition, room and board, and all those fees." In particular, Student Activity fees; i.e. Student Activity office i.e. stolen checks.

It is hard to say how this incident will effect student's faith in their SGA, which, as mentioned above, is overseen by the Student Activities Office. Being that the money has been replaced perhaps feelings of uneasiness will not linger. However, most of us know not to leave our check books where other people have access to them; and if someone does, we know what to think of them. Perhaps Bobi Lee Messer the president of the SGA put it best when she said, in a recent interview with The Beacon, "This incident embarrasses me and my entire administration."



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## Campus Police over stepping their bounds

**Ira P.  
Thor**

As a student attending a university, I like the feeling of safety. And from a man's point of view, I feel that the campus police adequately perform that task. As a human being, I do not appreciate the feeling of being taken advantage of. I think our campus police — the same ones we pay for out of our pockets to protect us, are trying as hard as they can to screw us.

In the United States there is such a thing as due process of law. Amendment V of the United States Bill of Rights states "no person shall be deprived of life liberty, or property, without due process of law." What does this sacred national law have to do with our insignificant university? How about the deprivation of my money?

Over winter break, our campus

police sent out letters to members of the college community who "owed" them outstanding fines for "parking violations". They threatened that if the fines were not paid in full that students would be reported to a collection agency and their continued registration at the institution would be in jeopardy.

My first point has to do with the appeal process, if you want to call it that. When you receive a ticket for a parking offense, you have seven days to file an appeal at police headquarters. Then, supposedly, a panel sits down every so often to discuss the appeals, and make determinations. This is a farce. First off, I, Ira Thor, was one of two students appointed to that "panel" last year as a member of the Student Government Association. Never once, was I contacted for a meeting.

I have an off-campus apartment in Prospect Park. When I went on

vacation early January, I contacted the borough's police and notified them my car would be parked on the street, so, as I would not receive a ticket during Thursday street cleanings. When I returned, on January 11, there was a ticket on my windshield. Someone made a mistake. You know what I am doing? Going in front of a JUDGE, and, in person, appeal the ticket. That's the way the REAL WORLD operates.

William Paterson University thinks it is the real world, and in a way it is, because the idea of college, is to help students prepare for the real world. Many students, such as myself, who are independent from their parents, already are citizens of the real world. The campus police feel as if they are a real police force — and in many ways they are. But if you are going to try to do things officially, then operate the way the rest of the

world does. If not, you do not have any business sending out letters threatening students — the same students you are paid to protect — not ruin the financial lives of.

Most college students are barely scraping by. They can't afford to be punished like this. But the problem with parking is a well-known problem, without a known solution. But sending your students to a collection agency for something they have very little chance of fighting because of the way they operate the appeals process — come on, get real. Most students could never pay something off in full anyhow. And to threaten their enrollment and financial life, including their credit records? I don't know about you, but I feel that I've been taken advantage of. The campus police have overstepped their bounds. This time they've gone too far, and something must be done. The most important thing is to have a means of judging students. And that doesn't mean sending your cases to the

town of North Haledon or Wayne, as is commonly done in other situations. If it happens on your campus, decide it on your campus, where someone will accurately understand the situation. William Paterson needs a judge and court. If things are going to be considered official, then do things the right way.

Personally, I do not intend to pay for these tickets. I have contacted a lawyer, and have been advised to sue the university first, if it comes to that. I think its time that we stop being picked on by those hired to keep us safe. If you have any comments about this, you can e-mail me directly at irapthor@frontier. Better yet, contact your SGA President Bobi Lee Messer. Her e-mail address is quetila@frontier. We elected Bobi to fight for us. In life, you have to know when to pick your fights. Now's not a bad time.

Ira P. Thor is a junior

## Circle K needs more to serve WPU and community

By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

For all those students who enjoyed being members of their high school community service clubs, William Paterson University has been offering the opportunity for students to share their love for community service on campus.

Circle K is a nationally known, college level community service club, part of the Kiwanis family.

Years ago, WPC had a Circle K up and running. However, for some reason the club lost its charter and did not exist on campus for many years. The time has come again to bring community service opportunities back to WPU students.

"It was surprising," said Circle K President Keith Platt, when he heard that WPC had the largest

Circle K in the mid-1980s, and hasn't been working since then.

Platt began running the club at WPU in September and is eager to get it nationally chartered by February. In order for a club to be nationally chartered, there must be a total of 20 members.

Currently, the WPU chapter has 13 members who have paid their dues to be chartered, but Platt is confident that more people will join at their next membership drive on Tuesday, January 20. Although they haven't had many events, Platt is confident that the group will succeed.

"This has been the building block year," said Platt.

In cooperation with the Kiwanis club, Circle K holds many service projects within the community. So far, the WPU members have done projects with places like the

Wayne Boys and Girls Club and the Paterson Hospital Children's Wing.

However, currently Platt finds his group in financial strain. Being that the group is categorized in the Student Government Association (SGA) as a group "C" club, they will not receive any financial support from the SGA. The only way they can raise funds is by doing their own fundraisers, and from collecting dues from the members.

They held a pool tournament in November at WPU which benefited the Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD), and worked with Habitat for Humanity in December.

Around the holiday season, some members went to a local nursing home and helped patients make ornaments.

Currently, there is a five member board: Platt, president; Kristie Mucha, vice president; Keri Sinisi, secretary; Pamela Vaughn, treasurer; and Maryanne Molo, newsletter editor. In addition to the board, there are five committees which operate for the club: service, fundraising, K-family, scrapbook, and the membership development and education committees.

Different chapters of Circle K meet every year at a convention to present awards and attend workshops. This year, the convention will be from March 11-13 at the

Sheraton Tara in Parsippany. Members will also be elected to district offices. The group meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in Student Center room 215, and membership dues is \$30. This fee helps to lower the cost for the convention.

Platt remembers the days when he was in high school working with the service club there, and said, "I loved it a lot, so I decided I wanted to come back and do this."

## Radio station loses equipment and remains inactive

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should not be loaned to WPSC," said Messer.

Ian Lainof, a concerned student from WCRN said, "I have sent a proposal to Bobi (Messer), and will appear before the SGA Executive Board next Thursday, in hopes to bring WCRN back on the air, and in the future to take steps to insure the security of the sta-

tion.

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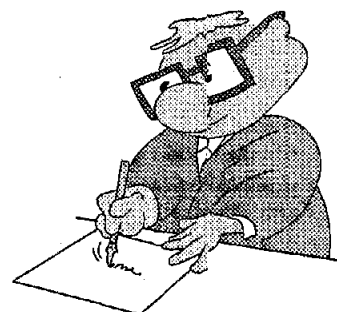
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# Beacon Sports

## Pioneer Women's Basketball

William Paterson University 68 digits.  
(11-1, 7-0 NJAC) Ramapo College  
62 (5-7, 2-5 NJAC)

The William Paterson Lady's Pioneer basketball team rolled over the lady Roadrunners of Ramapo College Wednesday night at the Recreation Center on the WPU campus.

Sophomore Guard Megan Renna lead the Pioneers in scoring and assists with 18 points and 3 assists. Junior forward Dana Feltz scored 14 points and lead the pioneer team with 8 rebounds. Senior guard, Kathy Sinram added 10 points to cap off the pioneer trio scoring in double

Freshman guard Dawn Vida of Bayonne led the roadrunners in scoring with 24 in the losing effort. Freshman Kim Stephens also added 16 points and added 7 rebounds.

The win posts the lady Pioneers record at 11-1 and leaves them undefeated in the New Jersey Athletic conference with a record of 7-0.



photo by Sylvana Meneses/Beacon

Junior guard Stephanie Arrigo from Flemington is pictured above from the game against Ramapo on Wednesday, January 14. The Lady Pioneers defeated Ramapo 68-62.

#### Women

WPU 68 Ramapo 62

	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pts
Feltz	32	4-11	6-9	2-8	1	3	14
Sinram	35	1-10	8-8	4-7	2	4	10
Kane	20	2-5	0-0	1-5	1	3	4
Rocks	21	3-8	0-0	0-2	2	0	9
Renna	33	5-8	8-9	2-4	3	2	18
Moscufo	13	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	4
Arrigo	31	2-6	0-0	0-3	2	4	6
Schubert	15	1-4	1-2	0-2	1	4	3

3pt Sinram 0-4, Rocks 3-5, Arrigo 2-2

#### Men

WPU 59 Ramapo 56

	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pts
Bewa	11	0-3	0-1	1-2	1	2	0
Sain	34	5-13	4-6	2-3	5	1	14
Friedrick	32	4-7	6-7	4-10	2	3	14
Slesinger	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Coleman	38	8-15	2-4	2-10	1	0	20
Kafut	16	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Fanning	16	2-4	0-0	1-1	0	0	4
Luer	8	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Kekle	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Olz	4	1-3	2-4	1-1	0	1	4
Hiriguez	12	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Vison	23	1-3	1-5	4-5	1	3	3

3: Coleman 2-4

#### Ramapo

	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pts
Van Cleef	32	4-11	0-0	0-4	1	3	2
Stephens	14	2-5	2-6	3-5	1	5	6
Durango	40	3-12	4-4	1-3	5	3	10
Vida	38	6-16	6-6	4-9	2	1	
21							
Collins	9	0-4	1-2	1-1	0	1	1
Stephens	32	7-12	1-3	2-7	1	4	
16							
Reigner	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ross	29	1-4	4-4	3-8	2	3	6
Hernandez	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0

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#### Ramapo

	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pts
Hawkins	21	5-9	2-4	1-8	0	3	12
Mer	30	3-7	0-0	1-4	1	2	7
Bianco	36	2-5	2-2	1-5	8	1	8
Crroll	28	3-8	0-0	4-5	1	3	8
Vga	10	3-5	0-0	1-2	0	1	7
Bown	32	3-14	2-3	3-5	0	1	8
Dains	35	4-8	0-0	2-4	1	4	8
Bhop	6	0-2	0-0	1-1	1	1	0
Jmah	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

3: Miller 1-4, Bianco 2-3, Vega 1-2

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## Pioneer Men's Basketball

William Paterson University 59 (6-6, 3-4 NJAC) Ramapo College 56 (1-12, 0-7 NJAC)

The William Paterson Men's basketball team won a close game over the Roadrunners of Ramapo College Wednesday night in the Recreation Center on the WPU campus.

6-6 Junior David Coleman of the Pioneers ed all scorers with 20 points and tied fellow Pioneer Justin Frederick with 10 rebounds. Junior Oriental Swain added 14 points for the pioneers.

Forward Sean Hawkins of Paterson had 12 points and 8 rebounds to lead the Roadrunners in both categories. Guard Kevin Bianco added 8 points and 5 assists for Ramapo.

The win brings the Pioneers to a 6-6 overall record and 3-4 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference.



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Freshman starting guard Anthony Kalafut, from Bayonne, is pictured above in action from the game against Ramapo on Wednesday, January 14. The Pioneers defeated the Roadrunners 59-56.



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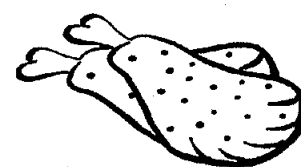
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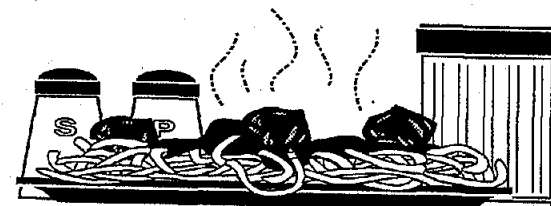
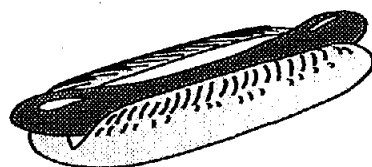
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## The Bouncing Souls: Sailing on Bigger Waters

Ed Erlenmeyer  
Assistant Insider Editor

New Brunswick, N.J. was the former home to the recently crowned punk rock stars the Bouncing Souls. After two highly successful albums released on BYO Records, the band has now released their debut on Epitaph, the label that brought bands like The Offspring and Rancid into millions of homes across the country. With a style all their own, the Souls have taken their show on the road. The Insider caught up with the band's drummer, Shal, at a recent gig in Philadelphia.

**The Insider: A brief history of the Bouncing Souls?**

**Shal:** We grew up together, went to grade school and high school together, formed after high school, we've been together ever since.

**When was the first Bouncing Souls show?**

That would have to be in March 1989 at a high school battle of the bands.

**How did it go?**

We lost out to a Rush cover band. How did you hook up with Epitaph?

That's a better question. Most people say, "Why did you leave BYO?" but our contract ran out with BYO and we were just sort of floating and before we really started floating, Brett (the owner at Epitaph) came and invited us out to Los Angeles. He showed us around for three days and went into detail explaining how his

label worked. What was really cool about it is this man became a multi-millionaire and he still acts and behaves like a punk rocker. That's how he ran the label and everyone at the label was super happy and into what they were doing. It's just on a larger scale and I think that's one of the things people don't understand about Epitaph is that they are a punk label, just on a larger scale now. So we were like "Great! Let's go with it."

**Do you play the song "East Coast, Fuck You" out West and how does it go over?**

Good, especially people who moved out West and are at the shows.

**Have you heard the whole sell-out thing for signing on with Epitaph?**

You know, it comes in different forms. It's funny because if people call us sellouts, I don't know how it affects anyone else, but me, it doesn't affect me because we've been doing everything the way we want to. It's not like somebody said "do this and I guarantee you're going to be a success."

We've been making decisions on how to run the band.

**Have you been catching slack for that?**

You're always going to catch slack, no matter what you do. You probably get slack for what you do. You can't please everybody. If people just listened to the music and forgot about everything else, that would make a total difference. What does the Bouncing Souls



**East Coast pride stem from?**

It seems that there's been a huge wave from the West Coast, all the punk bands and the Southern California sound, and then you had Berkley (CA) exploding a few years back so there hasn't been much of a movement from the East so we decided to start one.

**Should anyone take the Bouncing Souls seriously?**

No. Take what you want out of it. That's it?

Yeah, how could you tell someone how to form a perspective? They've got to do it themselves.

**What's punk these days?**

There is no punk these days. It was more easily definable 10-15 years ago. Somebody would say "What is punk rock?" and you could say "Punk rock is this." Now

I think it's more of an attitude, a way to live your life, a way of expressing yourself. That doesn't necessarily mean "Hey, fuck you man" (it's) just a way of how you carry yourself.

**How would you describe the Bouncing Souls' sound?**

I can't. (Laughter) I would say four guys lost in four different genres of the eighties and trying to make one cohesive sound out of it. Do you think that straight edge is more of a fad these days?

Whatever anyone's beliefs are, I totally respect it. For some reason I don't understand mixing restrictions with music. It's like "I love this band because I can contain myself and not drink and not smoke and not eat meat." Who the hell ever thought of going to a

show and thinking about those things? I thought going to a show was like "lets be happy, lets jump around, lets listen to how great the band sounds" and all of a sudden you walk away from a show and go "hey, that's pretty cool, I'm not going to drink milk anymore." (Laughter) Which is fine, but geez, I'd imagine that it's one of those places that you can let loose and feel free and run around 6 or 7 or 16 again. If somebody's into it, than I can respect it, but it's a strange concept.

**Tell me something about the band that would surprise people.**

I don't know. There's got to be something. We're fooling the world.

## Under the Microscope

Sublime  
Second hand Smoke  
(MCA)

As the second release by Sublime on MCA, and the first after the death of Brad, *Second hand smoke* becomes a collection of rare songs as well old boring ones. I've heard alot about this c.d. being boring, and full of lame songs, but really i'm going to tell you it's not. It contains many songs only found on bootlegs, or imports, and some even more rare.

Starting off with an upbeat

ska version of "doing time" full with keyboards and band friend Tim Wu on saxophone. The disc just goes on from there. A remix of "get out", a song off the original discontinued version of 40oz. to freedom finds its way on here also. *Smoke* also contains some of Sublime's best material, which although unreleased are not extremely hard to get your hands on. Songs like "Romeo", "had a dat", and "slowride" become a good example of that.

The only problem with this album is that they include

some songs that just don't belong on here. Songs like "Badfish" and "Saw Red" to name two, are the same versions as in the past and get annoying mixed in with the other material. Still, out weighing the bad are songs like the cover of Bob Marley's "Trenchtown rock" and the english version of the song "chico mi tipo". All these and more make *Second hand Smoke* worth the money. Most the songs that are on here do form to make a nice collection of some obscure stuff.

## IN THE ROPES

By Tim Bornemann

Hello, and welcome to the first in a weekly column that I will dedicate to the wonderful world of professional wrestling. As this is the debut of this column I thought it would be nice to give you a little background information.

First off, this column (for the most part anyway) will only deal with WCW wrestling. The reason being, quite simply, it's much better than WWF. And since this is the federation that I watch, it makes for easier writing. Each week I'll recap some of the most important events that happened on the past weeks wrestling programs. I'll also share some rumors and news that I come across. In addition I'll also give my slant on

what's going on. Just so you know, If you think this column is an incredibly stupid idea, yell at Tracy, it was her idea (though I jumped at the chance to write it!).

Just to let you know where things stand now in WCW: There is no heavyweight champion. The belt was held up due to controversies during the two meetings between "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan and Sting (No, not the singer). During their first meeting at Starrcade '97, Hogan pinned Sting for a three count. But it was later decided that referee Nick Patrick (Formerly a Member of the New World Order (nWo)) gave a fast three count. The match was then made to continue and Sting beat Hogan.

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## In the Ropes continued...

Obviously there was a huge controversy. After a return bout on the following Monday Nitro which resulted in even more controversy, the heavyweight belt was held up. As of now, no plans have been made on how WCW will determine the next Heavyweight Champion of the world.

**The Outsiders** (Scott Hall and Kevin Nash) are the current Tag Team champions after beating the **Steiner Brothers** on this past week's Nitro. As per usual when the nWo is wrestling, outside interference was the reason the Outsiders were able to defeat the Steiners. Though, the Steiners have been have internal problems of their own. Word has it that **Scott Steiner** may be joining the nWo. Stay tuned.

Speaking of the nWo, they have their own internal problems. A feud between **Randy "Macho Man" Savage** and Kevin Nash is brewing. It's disrupting the entire New World Order. Look for Savage to not stay in that group too much longer.

In my opinion the best match of the week was the contest between

**"The Canadian Crippler" Chris Benoit** and **"The Iceman" Dean Malenko**. This match went back and forth for the duration. It was a fair fight, no cheating, no nonsense. It's no secret that Benoit is my favorite wrestler, and Malenko is definitely in my top 5. This was hands down, one of the best matches I've seen. Benoit eventually gained the upperhand and forced Malenko to submit with Benoit's signature submission move, the Crippler Crossface.

The victory was short lived though, as **Raven's Flock** once again gang attacked Benoit. The attack ended with Benoit on the receiving end of a Raven DDT. Malenko then got up and was also attacked by the Flock. In addition to rumors of Malenko joining the Four Horsemen, I think that Malenko and Benoit will see some tag team action in the near future (They were tag team champions together in ECW).

Starting next week I'll begin the regular column, updating the week's activities. Hope you enjoy.

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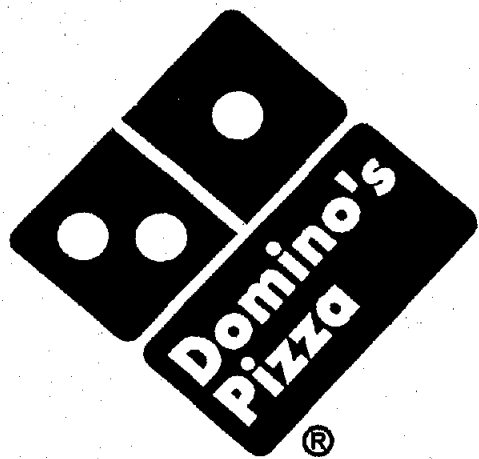


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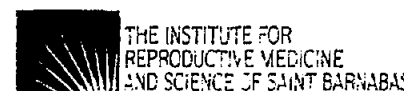
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**Wednesday, January 21**

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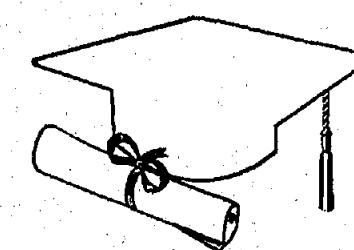
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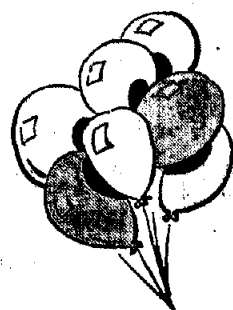
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## University graduates first class



By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

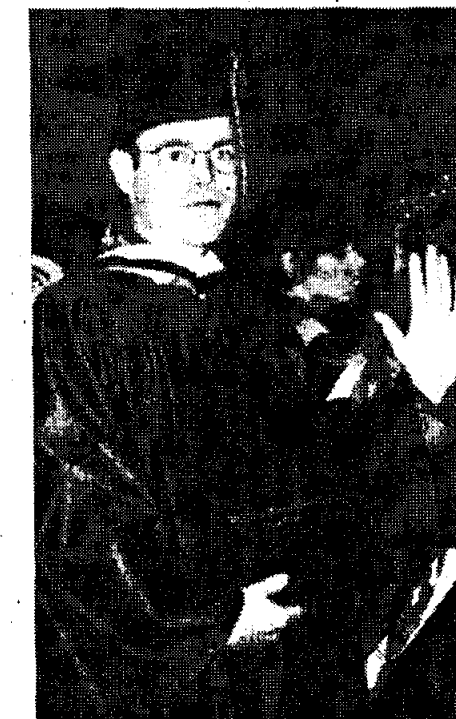
Students lined up outside in the snow thinking about the moment ahead of them, as parents and friends filled the Recreation Center on Sunday afternoon to witness the first commencement ceremony of William Paterson University.

When asked what her most memorable experience was at

a permanent job by September.

John McCormack, a student who has been highly active in the SGA and the entire school, said he enjoyed, "...the whole experience. I got a lot out of being a resident, and of course I got a tremendous amount from the student government."

With the sound of the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance," the floor was soon covered with students dressed in their caps and gowns, a total of 712 undergraduates and 69 graduates anxiously waiting to receive their degrees.



**"I want to make a  
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McCormack**

WPU, graduate Michelle Catodgio, 27, said, "My best memory is being able to pass Dr. Goldstein's class. I made good friends in that class because we really had to work together to pass the class." Catodgio, a Special Education graduate, hopes to find

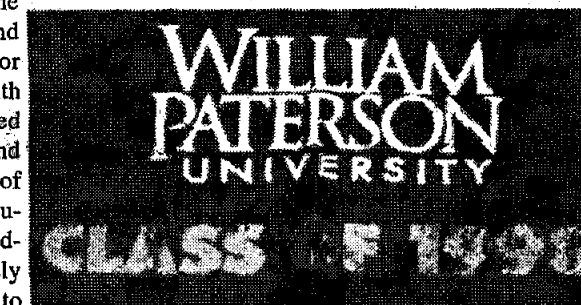
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with you the graduates," said Bergen. "Take a moment to savor the day, your accomplishments and success and feed your soul -- the inner person."

Speert chose to reflect upon the meaning of commencement as, "It marks the finishing of all degree requirements and yet is referred to



by a word, commencement, which relates to the beginning of the responsibilities of life after college."

Seeing that the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the following day, Speert decided to quote from an article which King wrote for a 1968 edition of Look Magazine:

"The American people are infected with racism -- that is the peril. Paradoxically, they are also infected with democratic ideals -- that is the hope. While doing wrong, they have the potential to do right...To end poverty, to extirpate prejudice, to free a tormented conscience, to make a tomorrow of justice, fair play, and creativity -- all these are worthy of the American ideal."

Naturally, he followed that quote by stating, "Remember your experience here, and use what you have learned to foster tolerance, understanding and harmony."

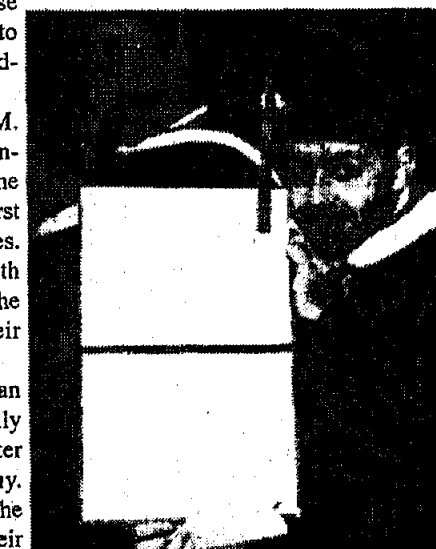
Provost Chernoh M. Sesay then began the presentation of degrees, with the graduate students going first and then the undergraduates. The crowds went wild with cheers and applause as the students received their degrees.

Graduates Stacy Brennan and Kim Mesiti beautifully sang the WPU Alma Mater to end the ceremony. Crowds poured out of the building, searching for their family members and friends



to congratulate, as students were seen with smiles on their faces while proudly carrying their degrees.

Oliver Baptiste was relaxing outside in the cold weather after the ceremony, thinking about his aspirations as a graduate. He is hoping to, "...be in a rock band and be a superstar, but until then get a job."



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### Commentary

## Make use of your SGA

**Bob Lee Messer** I just wanted to take a moment to welcome back my fellow students to what promises to be both an exciting and constructive semester. As always, the Student Government Association is off and running in an attempt to bring real changes about for the students.

I would like to thank all of the students who gave so much of their time, talent and dedication to the SGA last semester for many of our accomplishments would not have come about without them. I would also like to thank Dr. Herman Sessay our Provost, Mark Mangalita our SGA Advisor, and Roland Watts, our Dean of students for their infinite energy, continuous words of encouragement and for understanding behind the truth — **Students First!**

Your SGA is a group of Ordinary individuals with extraordinary ideas. We also realize that "Without struggle, there is no progress!" We need all of you to help us move forward into 1998 doing the right thing — **representing you to the best of**

our ability.

Additionally, the SGA is not the only student asset on campus. Our various clubs and organizations are as diverse as our student body and offer an array of opportunities for personal and social growth.

I urge all of you to make use of Your SGA and the services we provide, i.e. Pharmacy Plan, in-house Attorney, Planned Parenthood Voucher Program, National Student Discount Card etc.! We are here for you — elected by you to represent you. Please let us know what you think! Your agenda and our agenda are one in the same — **YOU!**

We realize that many of you are busy. For your convenience there are suggestion boxes located at the Student Center Info desk and in the SGA Office. We are housed in Student Center Room 332 and can be reached at (973) 720-2157. Feel free to write, stop by, or call — whatever suits you. But always know that your SGA is working hard to make William Paterson a better place — for you!

**Bob Lee Messer**  
President of the Student Government Association

## An embarrassing incident

Blank checks belonging to the Student Government Association were stolen from the Student Activities Office, which oversees the SGA, either before or during November. And those checks were cashed at two New York City banks during the month of November. That much is clear.

But as for the suspect or suspects responsible for the crime and the amount of money the checks were cashed for, that has not been released as not to impede with the on going investigation.

Furthermore, it has not yet been established exactly how the checks were stolen. But clearly there are only two scenarios in which this could have occurred. Either the checks were left in an insecure location or someone working in the Student Activities Office who had access to the checks, violated the trust with which they were given.

Either scenario paints a rather displeasing portrait of the individuals trusted to handle a portion of the

money students at WPU part with at the start of every semester. Money which students can be heard sluggishly protest departing with, whether buying books or eating in Wayne Hall.

"I give enough money to this University," is how the argument usually begins, "tuition, room and board, and all those fees." In particular, Student Activity fees; i.e. Student Activity office i.e. stolen checks.

It is hard to say how this incident will effect student's faith in their SGA, which, as mentioned above, is overseen by the Student Activities Office. Being that the money has been replaced perhaps feelings of uneasiness will not linger. However, most of us know not to leave our check books where other people have access to them; and if someone does, we know what to think of them. Perhaps Bobi Lee Messer the president of the SGA put it best when she said, in a recent interview with The Beacon, "This incident embarrasses me and my entire administration."



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## Campus Police over stepping their bounds

**Ira P. Thor** As a student attending a university, like the feeling of safety. And from a man's point of view, I feel that the campus police adequately perform that task. As a human being, I do not appreciate the feeling of being taken advantage of. I think our campus police — the same one's we pay for out of our pockets to protect us, are trying as hard as they can to screw us.

In the United States there is such a thing as due process of law. Amendment V of the United States Bill of Rights states "no person shall be deprived of life liberty, or property, without due process of law." What does this sacred national law have to do with our insignificant university? How about the deprivation of my money?

Over winter break, our campus

police sent out letters to members of the college community who "owed" them outstanding fines for "parking violations". They threatened that if the fines were not paid in full that students would be reported to a collection agency and their continued registration at the institution would be in jeopardy.

My first point has to do with the appeal process, if you want to call it that. When you receive a ticket for a parking violation, you have seven days to file an appeal at police headquarters. Then, supposedly, a panel sits down every so often to discuss the appeals, and make determinations. This is a farce. First off, I, Ira Thor, was one of two students appointed to that "panel" last year as a member of the Student Government Association. Never once, was I contacted for a meeting.

I have an off-campus apartment in Prospect Park. When I went on

vacation early January, I contacted the borough's police and notified them my car would be parked on the street, so, as I would not receive a ticket during Thursday street cleanings. When I returned, on January 11, there was a ticket on my windshield. Someone made a mistake. You know what I am doing? Going in front of a JUDGE, and, in person, appeal the ticket. That's the way the REAL WORLD operates.

William Paterson University thinks it is the real world, and in a way it is, because the idea of college, is to help students prepare for the real world. Many students, such as myself, who are independent from their parents, already are citizens of the real world. The campus police feel as if they are a real police force — and in many ways they are. But if you are going to try to do things officially, then operate the way the rest of the

world does. If not, you do not have any business sending out letters threatening students — the same students you are paid to protect — not ruin the financial lives of.

Most college students are barely scraping by. They can't afford to be punished like this. But the problem with parking is a well-known problem, without a known solution. But sending your students to a collection agency for something they have very little chance of fighting because of the way they operate the appeals process — come on, get real. Most students could never pay something off in full anyhow. And to threaten their enrollment and financial life, including their credit records? I don't know about you, but I feel that I've been taken advantage of.

The campus police have overstepped their bounds. This time they've gone too far, and something must be done. The most important thing is to have a means of judging students. And that doesn't mean sending your cases to the

Ira P. Thor is a junior

## Circle K needs more to serve WPU and community

By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

For all those students who enjoyed being members of their high school community service clubs, William Paterson University has been offering the opportunity for students to share their love for community service on campus.

Circle K is a nationally known, college level community service club, part of the Kiwanis family.

Years ago, WPC had a Circle K up and running. However, for some reason the club lost its charter and did not exist on campus for many years. The time has come again to bring community service opportunities back to WPU students.

"It was surprising," said Circle K President Keith Platt, when he heard that WPC had the largest

Circle K in the mid-1980s, and hasn't been working since then.

Platt began running the club at WPU in September and is eager to get it nationally chartered by February. In order for a club to be nationally chartered, there must be a total of 20 members.

Currently, the WPU chapter has 13 members who have paid their dues to be chartered, but Platt is confident that more people will join at their next membership drive on Tuesday, January 20. Although they haven't had many events, Platt is confident that the group will succeed.

"This has been the building block year," said Platt.

In cooperation with the Kiwanis club, Circle K holds many service projects within the community. So far, the WPU members have done projects with places like the

Wayne Boys and Girls Club and the Paterson Hospital Children's Wing.

However, currently Platt finds his group in financial strain. Being that the group is categorized in the Student Government Association (SGA) as a group "C" club, they will not receive any financial support from the SGA. The only way they can raise funds is by doing their own fundraisers, and from collecting dues from the members.

They held a pool tournament in November at WPU which benefited the Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD), and worked with Habitat for Humanity in December.

Around the holiday season, some members went to a local nursing home and helped patients make ornaments.

Currently, there is a five member board: Platt, president; Kristie Mucha, vice president; Keri Sinisi, secretary; Pamela Vaughn, treasurer; and Maryanne Molo, newsletter editor. In addition to the board, there are five committees which operate for the club: service, fundraising, K-family, scrapbook, and the membership development and education committees.

Different chapters of Circle K meet every year at a convention to present awards and attend workshops. This year, the convention will be from March 11-13 at the

Sheraton Tara in Parsippany. Members will also be elected to district offices. The group meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in Student Center room 215, and membership dues is \$30. This fee helps to lower the cost for the convention.

Platt remembers the days when he was in high school working with the service club there, and said, "I loved it a lot, so I decided I wanted to come back and do this."

## Radio station loses equipment and remains inactive

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should not be loaned to WPSC," said Messer.

Ian Lainof, a concerned student from WCRN said, "I have sent a proposal to Bobi (Messer), and will appear before the SGA Executive Board next Thursday, in hopes to bring WCRN back on the air, and in the future to take steps to insure the security of the sta-

tion. When everything has been evaluated, and WCRN gets back on the air, Messer stated that she will work hand in hand with Lainof to, "make sure that what happened in the past will not happen again."

## In the Ropes continued...

Obviously there was a huge controversy. After a return bout on the following Monday Nitro which resulted in even more controversy, the heavyweight belt was held up. As of now, no plans have been made on how WCW will determine the next Heavyweight Champion of the world.

**The Outsiders** (Scott Hall and Kevin Nash) are the current Tag Team champions after beating the **Steiner Brothers** on this past week's Nitro. As per usual when the nWo is wrestling, outside interference was the reason the Outsiders were able to defeat the Steiners. Though, the Steiners have been have internal problems of their own. Word has it that **Scott Steiner** may be joining the nWo. Stay tuned.

Speaking of the nWo, they have their own internal problems. A feud between **Randy "Macho Man" Savage** and **Kevin Nash** is brewing. It's disrupting the entire New World Order. Look for Savage to not stay in that group too much longer.

In my opinion the best match of the week was the contest between

**"The Canadian Crippler" Chris Benoit** and **"The Iceman" Dean Malenko**. This match went back and forth for the duration. It was a fair fight, no cheating, no non-sense. It's no secret that Benoit is my favorite wrestler, and Malenko is definitely in my top 5. This was hands down, one of the best matches I've seen. Benoit eventually gained the upperhand and forced Malenko to submit with Benoit's signature submission move, the Crippler Crossface.

The victory was short lived though, as **Raven's Flock** once again, gang attacked Benoit. The attack ended with Benoit on the receiving end of a **Raven DDT**. Malenko then got up and was also attacked by the Flock. In addition to rumors of Malenko joining the Four Horseman, I think that Malenko and Benoit will see some tag team action in the near future (They were tag team champions together in ECW).

Starting next week I'll begin the regular column, updating the week's activities. Hope you enjoy.

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## Sesay harassment suit finalized

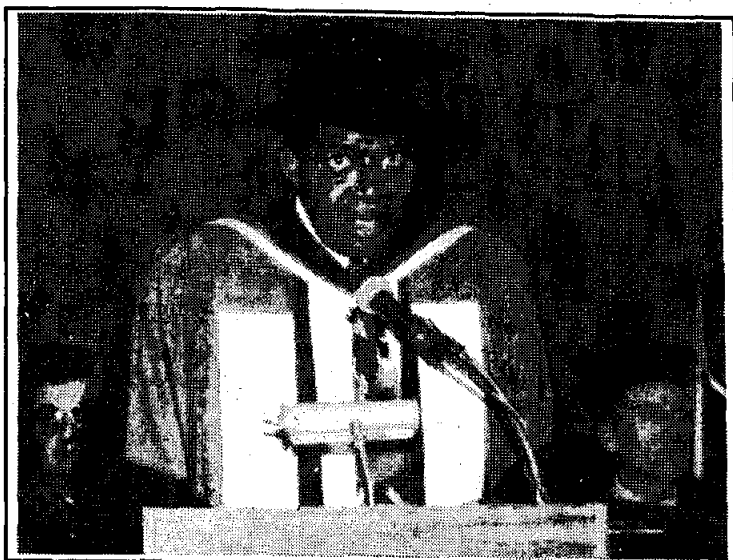


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Provost Chernoh M. Sesay, pictured above from the winter commencement ceremony, has denied sexual harassment charges from Chicago State University in 1993.

By Michael S. Laclair  
Staff Writer

Professor Emily Bryson of Chicago State University was awarded \$200,000 on Tuesday

December 12, 1997 for a sexual harassment suit from 1993, which involved current William Paterson University Provost Chernoh Sesay.

According to an article from the

October 11, 1996 edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Bryson, a professor of library and learning resources, sued Chicago State University for sexual harassment.

"She claimed that she had been denied committee assignment and had lost her in-house title of special assistant to the dean of the library because she had spurred the advances of the university's provost at the time, Chernoh M. Sesay."

In an article printed in the October 14, 1996 edition of the *Beacon*, "Sesay claimed Bryson had made the charges after unsuccessfully pressuring him and the college's president to promote her to a post in the administration."

Sesay explained he had been cleared of the charges, "by the Illinois Chancellor of Education Office, The Illinois Department of Human Rights, and the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity

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## Residence halls adopt new guest policy for students

By Robyn Caputo  
News Contributor

Effective as of this semester, a new guest policy is being enforced within the residence halls and the apartments. All guests entering the premises now need to present their school IDs when they sign in and the resident they are visiting must come down to greet them. This new system, which was originally going to be started last semester, uses a new phone system and a higher level of security. Residents can now have a better sense of community and safety.

Both Maximina Rivera-Burrowes, the associate director of Residence Life, and Anne Betowski, the assistant director agree this is the next level for the

residence halls. Surrounding schools, such as Montclair State University, have a similar system in their halls. Rivera-Burrowes noted how beneficial this policy is and how now the students have more control.

However, she commented that students need to take the initiative. "We need all students to cooperate," said Rivera-Burrowes.

Students' reactions to the new policy have varied. While most students feel it is a good idea to be more aware of who is in the buildings, some argue that this new arrangement is an inconvenience.

Nicole, a junior who lives in the apartments, said, "As long as you're a student here you should

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## Art exhibit to feature African American artwork

By Sophia A. Brooks  
Staff Writer

In celebration of African Heritage Month, the William Paterson University Ben Shahn art galleries will have art and printmaking done by African American artists on display.

The display began with a reception on Sunday, January 25, and will continue until February 27.

Curlee Raven Holton, an assis-

tant professor of art at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, is the curator of this event. As a printmaker himself, Holton sees this exhibit as, "an effort to present the work of African American artists who have been in the shadows."

Contributions for the exhibit comes from a number of places such as Robert Blackburn's Printmaking workshop in New York City; the Lewis Tanner

Moore Collection in Warrington, PA; and the Experimental Printmaking Institute which Holton founded and directs at Lafayette College.

The work of well known artists such as Lois M. Jones, Norman Lewis, Romare Bearden, Faith Ringgold, Betye Saar, Henry O. Tanner, Hale Woodruff and nineteen others will be represented.

Their art work takes the audience through a period of more than 80

years.

It displays a variety of mediums, and depicts the "political advocates of the 1940s to the most acclaimed painters of the 19th and 20th centuries." Lewis Tanner Moore, whose great grand-uncle was well known artist Henry Ossawa Tanner, will also have several pieces on display.

"It's a good idea," said Charmaine Jones, a WPU student of African heritage, "because it

will allow people from other nationalities to be aware of the art history of the African people."

Another student, Miranda Gadsden, said, "Most people just know us as being athletes, musicians and filmmakers, so it's a good idea to see another side."

The Ben Shahn Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and there is no admission fee.

## Two WPU students excel in college theater competition

By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

Out of the seven William Paterson University students who traveled to Buffalo during the week of January 12 through 17, two students Shane Taylor and Alicia Simmons, have earned the only two runner-up positions available out of 180 students from around the Northeastern area of the United States who were competing in the American College

Theater Festival (ACTF).

With the large amount of financial support from the provost's office and from Ofelia Garcia, dean of the college of Arts and Communications, seven students were able to travel to Buffalo to compete with 180 students in the region including colleges and universities from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania,

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## Political satirist coming to WPU



Political satirist Dave Barry will speak in Shea this Friday night.

By Sherri Sage  
Staff Writer

On Friday, January 30, political humorist Dave Barry will be speaking at William Paterson

University as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series. The lecture will be held in Shea Center at 8:00 p.m.

According to Judith Linder, assistant director of special events, this year's Distinguished Lecturer Series is focused on government and politics in celebration of WPU's new status as a university.

Barry's commentary, "A Humorist Confesses: 'Thank Goodness for Politics,'" will give an "overview of the news of the day spiced with his unique brand of humor and perspective of life including politics," said Linder.

After graduating Haverford College in West Chester, Pennsylvania, Barry eventually got a job as a municipal reporter for a local paper. He then worked for a firm that specialized in teach-

ing effective writing for people in business. In 1983, after writing free-lance humor columns, Barry began working for the Miami Herald and had his first book published.

Barry, a columnist for the Miami Herald, received a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1988. His column appears in 150 newspapers across the country.

Barry is also the author of numerous books including, "Dave Barry Turns Forty," and "Dave Barry Slept Here: A Sort of History of the United States," which have both reached best seller lists, and a television show based on his books was aired on CBS for several seasons.

According to Linder, the lecture

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