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Residence hall sustains two fires in one week

By Pamela Langan
News Editor

The William Paterson University Campus Police are hoping a dangerous prank hasn't begun in the Towers residence halls after two similar fires occurred over last week in the South Tower.

On Tuesday, January 27, Campus Police responded to a fire alarm on the G floor of the South Tower at approximately 10:30 p.m. According to Sergeant Russ

Stengel from WPU Campus Police, papers were burning in the trash chute and in the trash compactor.

The Wayne Fire Department responded to the call, and the fire was extinguished with water, and no damage was reported.

According to students in the building, there was a light smoke haze between the G and H floors, and was being cleared away after the fire.

Student Josh Sternberg said he was outside for 10 to 15 minutes

before fire trucks had arrived.

"Had this been a real fire, someone would have died," said Sternberg.

However, Stengel said the police and fire department arrived as soon as they heard the alarm. Students were allowed back into the building at approximately 11:25 p.m.

A similar fire occurred two days later on Thursday evening. At around 8:45 p.m., the police again responded to a fire alarm from the South Tower. Upon arrival, they

found a trash chute emitting smoke, and fire coming from the trash compactor on the G floor. The sprinkler system had already been activated in the trash compactor area.

The two officers who responded to the scene made sure the fire was out and re-activated the sprinkler system. The fire department was put on stand-by.

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Student arrested for assault in White Hall

By Pamela Langan
News Editor

A William Paterson University student was arrested early Wednesday morning when Campus Police responded to a report of assault in White Hall.

According to Sergeant Russ Stengel from Campus Police, at 12:15 a.m. on January 28, someone called from White Hall with a complaint that a student was assaulting a contract guard on duty.

When police arrived, the attacker, later identified as Joseph Jordan from Plainfield, N.J., stole identification cards from the guard's hand and fled in his car.

However, he neglected to take

his own driver's license with him. The police followed the car and stopped him near Zone Six of campus, investigated the situation and arrested Jordan.

According to reports, Jordan, 23, was aggravated when the guard wouldn't let him enter White Hall.

He was automatically charged with aggravated assault, seeing that he had attacked an on-duty guard. He was also charged with theft of property.

Jordan was taken to Wayne Municipal Court where he was arraigned with no bail, and was released on his own recognizance. A pre-indictment processing hearing has been set for a later date in Paterson.

Lady Pioneers defeat Montclair State

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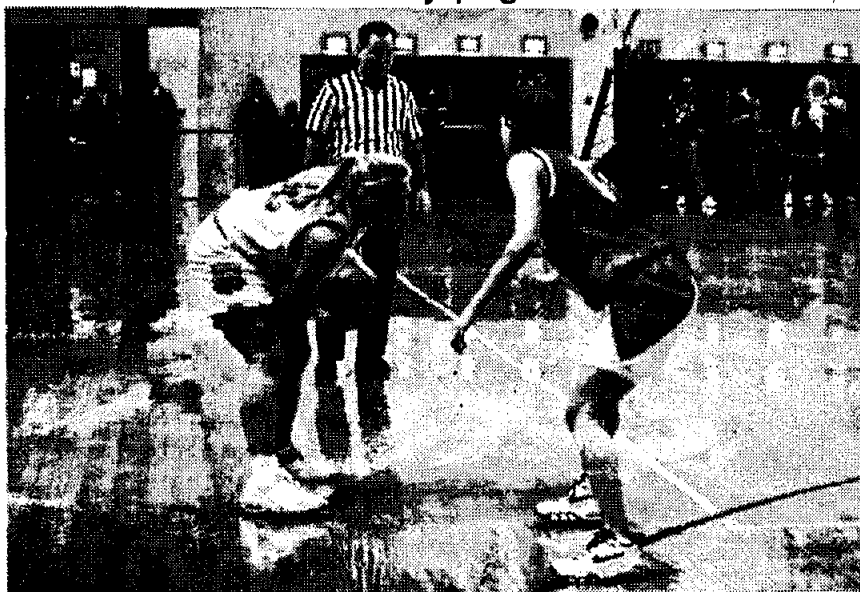


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The Lady Pioneers defeated rivals Montclair State University Redhawks with a score of 82-44 on Wednesday, January 28. This brings them up to 15 wins.

Student involved in Pioneer Hall drug bust

By Amy Elizabeth Briggs
News Contributor

Jamian J. Kazazian was arrested by William Paterson University campus police on Saturday, January 17 for several drug related offenses.

Three WPU officers were responding to a complaint regarding the smell of marijuana coming from one of the apartments in Pioneer Hall.

When Kazazian opened the door for the police, "the officers were practically bowled over by the odor of marijuana," said Sergeant Russ Stengel, and, "they observed marijuana in plain view."

Kazazian, 22, of Rutherford, gave consent to the officers for entrance and a search of the apartment wherein they found between three-fourths of a pound to a pound of marijuana packaged in plastic bags, drug paraphernalia, a small scale, and over \$500 in cash. All of the evidence was confis-

cated. Kazazian was charged with possession of marijuana over 50 grams, possession with intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kazazian was arraigned at the North Haledon Municipal Court and then remanded to the county jail.

Currently, Kazazian is out of jail after posting \$15,000 bail.

On February 2, he faces a pre-indictment processing hearing at the Passaic County Superior Court where he will be advised of his rights and charges against him. Any plea bargains will be made there, and it will be decided whether or not his case will be forwarded to a grand jury.

Although a formal hearing must take place to decide Kazazian's ultimate future on the WPU campus, he is not allowed in the residence halls at this time, but he is still attending classes.

According to Joe Cafarelli, Director of Residence Life, "all students have a right to due process."

The procedure for drug offenses on campus includes a rule that anyone caught with drugs is removed for a certain time based on the seriousness of the offense.

Residence Life is not making any drastic changes to step up security after this incident.

"You can't search every student and every bag that comes in the doors," says Cafarelli. "Prevention becomes very, very difficult."

Cafarelli feels that the best way to prevent incidents like this from happening is to keep the students educated and he feels that, "the institution does a real good job trying to educate."

According to Cafarelli, the administration and campus police have been, and will continue to try to make the campus a secure place to be.

By Amy Elizabeth Briggs
News Contributor

For students looking to make a difference in the campus community while earning some extra money, becoming a 1998 orientation leader may be the answer.

Orientation leaders work together to show new students, both freshmen and transfers, the WPU campus and its resources.

The Campus Activities Office is looking for residents, Greeks, transfers and especially commuters who want to help freshmen make the transition from high school to college easier; and make the adjustment to WPU for transfer students both convenient and satisfying.

The benefits of being an orientation leader include leadership experience as well as confidence.

Debbie Spina, assistant director of Campus Activities said, "the orientation program is a stepping

stone to becoming involved on campus."

There are usually between 50 to 60 orientation leaders each session, and according to Spina, one of the greatest advantages of being an orientation leader is, "meeting so many people from all over campus."

LaKeya Hix, senior and former orientation leader, joined the program because of her freshman orientation leader Dennis Roberts.

"He helped me out when I didn't really know anybody and I wanted to return the favor," said Hix. "I like giving the incoming students a familiar face they can count on when they need it."

Hix also said that besides having had so much fun, the best parts of being an orientation leader were, "meeting new people and helping people adjust to the campus."

Students of all years and levels
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Career Development Center - Teacher Certification Information, in Morrison Hall, Room 146, from 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Contact the Career Development Center at x2281, x2282, or x2440.

Black Student Association - General Meeting in Towers Pavilion at 8:00 p.m. Contact Nicole at x4843.

Tuesday, February 3

Career Development Center - Resume Writing, in Morrison Hall, Room 146, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Contact the Career Development Center at x2281, x2282, or x2440.

Women's Center - Women's Discussion Group, led by Professor Joan Griscom and Meryle Kaplan, Coordinator. Meets in SC 214 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Contact the Women's Center at x2946.

Women's Center - Women's History Month final poster copy, co-sponsorship discussion. Meets in SC 214 at 2:00 p.m. Contact the Meryle Kaplan at the Women's Center at x2946.

Black Student Association - African Heritage Month Kick-off Celebration, in the SC Ballroom. Contact Nicole at x4843.

COLGAF - General Meeting in SC 326 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Joseph at x5109.

Wednesday, February 4

Career Development Center - Interview Techniques, in Morrison Hall Room 146 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Contact the Career Development Center at x2281, x2282, or x2440.

Thursday, February 5

Career Development Center - Interview Techniques, in Morrison Hall Room 146 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Contact the Career Development Center at x2281, x2282, or x2440.

COLGAF - Discussion Group/Open Forum, in SC 214 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Joseph at x5109.

African Heritage Month - Bob Marley Day, in SC Ballroom from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Admission: \$3 for students with ID, \$5 others.

Sunday, February 8

African Heritage Month - Catholic Campus Ministry celebrates African Heritage Month in SC Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. Mass will feature WPU Gospel Choir.

Upcoming Events

Freshman Orientation 1998 - Be a Leader! Applications now available in SC 315. Deadline is February 13. Contact Debbie Spina, x2271.

United Science Club - Trip to NYC and the American Museum of Natural History - Feel free to join us at the museum or enjoy a free day in New York City; \$2 WPU students (with ID), \$4 WPU Faculty, Alumni, Staff (with ID), all others \$5. For tickets or more information, contact Jay at x4923 or Scott at 973-773-1928.

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Sexual assault lecture begins semester information series

By Sherri Sage
Staff Writer

At a recent lecture entitled "Sexual Assault Issues," Hally Fessler, a sexual assault counselor at the Passaic County Women's Center, discussed various aspects dealing with sexual assault.

The lecture was held in the Paterson Room of the Sarah Byrd Askew Library at 12:30 p.m. on January 28. It was the first talk of the spring semester in a series sponsored by the Women's Health Information Network (WHIN).

The topics covered by Fessler at the lecture include defining what rape actually is, different types and causes of rape. According to Fessler, the three types of rape are acquaintance, stranger, and date rape. Of these, the most prevalent is date rape, said Fessler.

In a study done by Ms. magazine, published in "I Never Called it Rape" by Robin Warshaw, it was reported that 57.4 percent of rapes happened on dates and 84 percent of rape victims knew their attack-

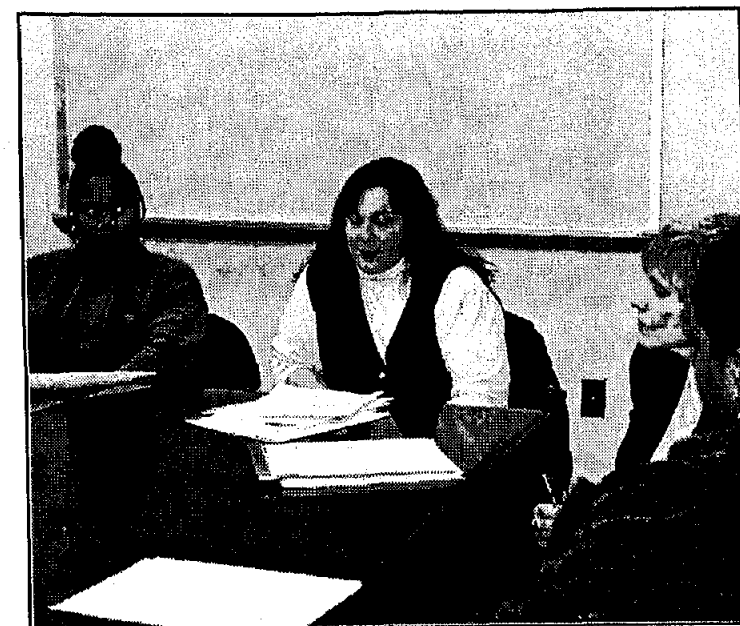


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Pictured above, counselor Hally Fessler (center) spoke about issues dealing with sexual assault on January 28. This lecture was the first talk of the Women's Health Information Network (WHIN) for the spring semester.

ers.

The causes of rape given by Fessler are the societal level that supports rape, cultural values and

institutional influences.

During the lecture, students also raised questions pertaining to rape. For example, a discussion was

brought up about whether or not the way a woman dresses affects her chances of being raped.

According to Fessler, most people who are raped do not dress provocatively. Fessler also told students if they are unsure at any moment whether or not a woman or man wants to have sex, they should clear it up by asking, "Do you want to have sex?" That way, they will get a definite yes or no answer.

According to the Ms. study, one out of four women are victims of rape or attempted rape, but one out of 12 men admits to committing acts that meet the legal definition of rape.

The survey also found that 27 percent of women who were raped identified themselves as victims, 42 percent told no one about the assault, 5 percent reported it to the police, and 5 percent sought help at crisis centers.

Another point Fessler brought up was once a person is victimized, he or she is more likely to become victimized again.

When asked if they thought that William Paterson University had a safe place they could turn to if sexually assaulted, most students feel that there is. However, one student said that the campus is not ready to deal with rape.

In a previous sexual assault incident, it was said that Residence Life and the WPU Campus Police did not really know how to handle the situation. According to Meryle Kaplan, director of the Women's Center, training for dealing with sexual assault cases was given following that event.

"The lecture was informative," said student Dahlia Bibb. "There were a lot of things I didn't know. It brought up issues I was going to research about."

Raymond Warren, a sophomore, also said he "got a better awareness" from the program.

Although Fessler's center only serves people from Passaic County, she did mention that this free service is also available in other centers throughout the other counties in New Jersey.

Two officers trained for WPU Community Policing Unit

By Robyn J. Caputo
News Contributor

The William Paterson University Campus Police have been involving their officers since 1991 in a new Community Policing training course, which is designed to promote teamwork between the police and the campus community.

The first two officers to complete this two week course at Bergen County Police and Fire Academy were Lieutenant Joseph Henderson and Sergeant Melvin Mason.

Henderson has been with the

WPU Campus Police for 19 years. He also has over 35 years of military service, both active and reserve for the air force and the army. Currently he is a student at WPU working towards earning an English degree.

Mason has been a member of the campus police for the past nine years. He is also a graduate of the Bergen County Police Academy.

At the moment, the program is still in the beginning stages. However, plans have already been made to speak to specific groups on campus such as the Student Government Association (SGA) and Residence Life in order to gain

some input.

The community police officers plan to meet with these groups once a month for regular interaction and participation. Each officer will be assigned a specific group within the next few weeks, and group meetings will follow soon after.

Henderson and Mason are only the first two of 12 officers scheduled to complete this training course by the end of the spring semester. Currently in the training is Officer Dennis Johnston and Officer Neil Lamonico.

This training course, which is being funded and conducted by the

Federal Government and run locally through the New Jersey Regional Community Policing Institute, is being taught by local college professors, police officers, and members of the medical and business community.

It focuses on the cooperation of both the community and the police to promote awareness of existing problems and to share ideas about how to address these concerns. This course teaches the police how to get involved in the community and how to have a successful program.

Mason commented, "it can work as long as we can get everyone to

work together on this. But, like anything, it is going to take time."

Although community policing has been in effect on this campus since 1991, this new program is designed to promote more of a community awareness and involvement.

The department's goal is to have an attendance of 80 percent in this course which will give the police an official designation as a Community Policing Department.

"If everything goes the way it should, things should get a lot better," said Henderson. "All of us together can improve the quality here."

Campus Police hope fires in South Tower are not pranks

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"We have no idea if it was an accident or a prank," said Stengel. The Campus Police hope this situation does not become a prank, as Stengel compared it to the graffiti incidents in the residence halls last semester.

"This type of stuff is dangerous," said Stengel. He hopes both

incidences were accidental.

At this moment the police have no information about the fires, and don't have anyone who has information. "You're dealing with people's lives," said Stengel.

However, Stengel said all students should remain hopeful that the residence halls are safe.

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Orientation leaders needed for incoming freshmen tours

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of experience are encouraged to apply. The guidelines for interested students are that they must have at least a 2.0 grade point average upon application and at the end of the spring semester.

Applicants must have at least 12 WPU credits by the end of the spring semester and they cannot be on academic, disciplinary or extracurricular probation.

Orientation leaders must be able to attend all training sessions although students do not have to be eligi-

ble for financial aid to be approved as a leader.

For more information, to pick up or drop off applications, interested students should contact Spina in the Campus Activities Office in Student Center room 315 or call 720-2271.

Applications are also available at the Student Center information desk. The deadline for applications is noon on Friday, February 13.

Beacon Corrections

In the January 26, 1998 edition of the Beacon, it is stated from the Chronicle of Higher Education in the article entitled "Sesay harassment suit finalized" that Professor Emily Bryson had "spurred the advances of the university's provost at the time, Chernoh M. Sesay." It should be stated that she had "spurned the advances of the university's provost at the time, Chernoh M. Sesay."

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Commentary

Making a mockery of the system

Michael S. Laclair Once again the president of the United States of America is in the middle of a sexual scandal that seems to be threatening his presidency.

First, there was Gennifer Flowers. There were allegations he had an affair with her. Of course, our good honest president said he was never involved with her. This would later come out to be a lie and he ended up admitting to this.

Now, we are in the middle of the Paula Jones case. She claims the president, while governor of Arkansas, sexually harassed her. Once again the president takes a stance of denial.

Monica Lewinsky comes into the picture next. There are stories that Lewinsky participated in sexual acts with the president while she was an intern in the White House. Of course, Lewinsky and the president both deny any wrong doing. But this is only part of the story. There is a report that the president told Lewinsky to lie about any sexual activities.

In a press conference on Monday, January 26, The president said, "But I want to say one thing to the American people. I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again: I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky. I never told anybody to lie, not a single time. Never. These allegations are false and I need to go back to work for the American people."

The question is, how does our president portray the United States to the rest of the world? Since we

are generally the rest of the worlds police force, this is quite important.

The question leads us to the possibility that the U.S. is breaking down morally in the eyes of the world.

The president of the U.S. is supposed to be a role model for the American people, yet he might just be making a mockery of the system. He is supposed to support the morals of the American people and follow them, but it seems he has proven to be a liar and an unfaithful husband.

But according to a New York Times survey, we still support our president. 56 percent of the American people still approve of the way Clinton is handling his presidency.

What is even more striking is that the people do not blame the president for this. 51 percent of the people blame it on his political enemies.

So, are the actions that the president is committing a reflection of the morals in America today? For our sakes and our children's we should hope not. We need a person in the White House who has good morals so he or she can spread his or her wisdom to the people.

The president must straighten out his personal life and I don't think he can do it while he is serving as our president. I do not think he can continue to take us on this ride of moral wrongs. If he is lying, he should admit it and resign. But instead, the president will probably continue to make the U.S. the laughing stock of the world.

Michael S. Laclair is the Beacon Sports Editor

The Towers' latest 'prank'

Every Crowd of young guys has its little games to prove if you're punk or not," wrote Jim Carroll during the summer of '64. "My cousin in Newark plays 'chickie,' which is two cars heading towards each other at about 80 mph. The first driver to swerve out of the way is, of course, the chicken. On the lower east side they'd make you press a lit cigarette onto your arm and have it burn all the way up to the filter without the slightest flinch."

It is amazing how little things change. Here we are, more than 30 years later, gazing out onto the horizon of the next millennium, with no end in sight to such self-defeating rituals. Although, here at William Paterson University, similar behaviors are not part of the foreground which composes everyday life, our campus is in no way immune to such type of incidents.

For instance, the sight of a couple hundred students standing out in the cold waiting to enter the Towers

residence halls because someone found it necessary to pull a fire alarm, at 2:00 in the morning, is a common occurrence. But it appears as if "simply" pulling an alarm doesn't have the same kick as it used to.

On Tuesday, January 27, a fire in the South Tower trash chute forced Towers residents out into the cold for about an hour. Had a similar incident not occurred two nights later, in the same building perhaps, it could have easily been written off as an accident. But it is rather difficult to believe that the latter incident was unintentional.

If this is the latest "prank" in the residence halls, then it needs to be stopped — immediately. Any person or persons responsible for such incidents need to realize they are not participating in a game — they are participating in a crime, where the consequences include being expelled from school and being charged with arson. This is not a game.

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Constitutionality of drug testing in schools is checked

Gerald R. Brennan, Esq. At its annual delegate assembly this past November, the New Jersey School Board Association (NJSBA) adopted a policy endorsing mandatory drug testing of student athletes.

The endorsement came in the wake of a growing tide of cases which have permitted drug testing in public schools. Foremost is the 1995 United States Supreme Court case of *Veronia School District v. Acton*, in which the court found that a public school district's drug testing policy for student athletes did not violate the students' constitutional right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.

The justices reasoned that public school students have a lesser expectation to privacy than private citizens concerning medical procedures and that student athletes had even a lesser expectation to privacy. The court also found that based upon past drug problems in the schools, the district had legitimate concern about student athletes' using drugs.

Last October, a New Jersey superior court judge, in the case of *Wilson v. Ridgefield Park Board of Education*, enjoined a school district from implementing a random drug testing policy. Unlike the *Veronia* case where the school district had evidence of student athletes' using drugs the *Ridgefield Park* Board had no such evidence. In order to justify the policy, the court ruled that the district had to produce proof of drug use.

The NJSBA delegate assembly voted overwhelmingly to give local school districts the authority to adopt drug testing policies for all students and not just student athletes. Several members of the delegate assembly explained their support for the drug testing by sighting the pervasive drug problem in public schools.

In dealing with drug testing cases, the courts are concerned with two basic individual constitutional rights: the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the right to privacy, which emanates from the penumbra of the rights found in the First Amendment.

Public school students, because they are minors for the most part and because the schools stand as a type of substitute parent, are not afforded the same constitutional rights as adult citizens. While it is true that with certain First Amendment rights public school students do not leave their constitutional rights at the door, that is

not as true when Fourth Amendment rights are involved. A line of locker search cases and the drug testing cases attest to that.

The interesting question is to what extent the case of *Veronia* and drug testing cases such as *NJSBA's* will affect public college or university students. Admittedly college students are generally over the age of 18 and a college does not exercise the same degree of oversight that a public high school does. Still could a public college sustain a policy of drug testing if the college could show a drug problem on campus?

Could not a public college argue that as a condition for participating on a college sports team, a student athlete must submit to drug testing? Doesn't a college have the same concerns for student health and safety that a public high school does? Conversely, however, college students are not minors and their expectation of privacy is much greater than high school students'. Still if a public college could prove that it had a severe drug problem, a court might sustain a drug testing policy.

In the attempt to battle drugs on all fronts, public school districts have adopted policies that subsume the rights of the individual to the greater policy objective of a drug free environment. Currently, under New Jersey law, a school district doesn't have unfettered discretion to implement such policies without evidence of a drug problem.

That, however, might change and it may be a short time before a public institution of higher learning, bolstered by precedents established by NJSBA and school districts like *Ridgefield Park*, attempt to implement a drug testing policy.

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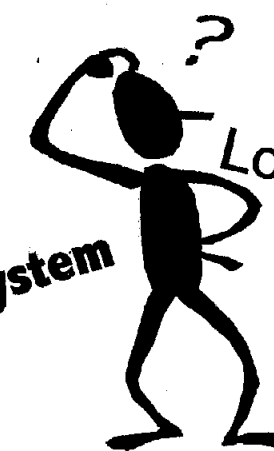
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from **SCENE** page 7 rave about. I liked the use of the zoom. The camera took you in and out of the conversations as if you were right there. That was something to rave about.

§ The symbolism throughout the movie was used very well. The director had a very creative way of establishing Robert DeNiro's character as almost anonymous. Throughout the movie he is asked, and as an audience member you ask, who is he? Robert DeNiro gave an outstanding performance as well as Dustin Hoffman. The supporting cast, other than Heche, was very solid. There were some funny moments and creative dialogue. Like I said before, the lighting and the camera work was incredible. Unfortunately, the storyline was a little too slow for my tastes. Although, the movie for some reason, seemed a little familiar? Huh?

• Overall, this was a great political satire movie. The timing between DeNiro and Hoffman was dead on. Very funny. Heche's performance augmented the performances of those actors and Woody Harrelson's cameo appearance was extremely amusing. This movie's worth the \$7.00. Check it out.

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The Pixies
Death to the Pixies
(Elektra)

Death to the Pixies contains two discs, the first one being a collection of some of their best songs off of the albums they released between '87 and '91, and the second disc a previously unreleased live recording of a 1990 Dutch concert. Although The Pixies career was relatively brief, they made a huge impact in the music world, and *Death to the Pixies* clearly shows why. The Pixies, with their experimental style, were playing "alternative" music way before the genre was brought to national attention via MTV culture.

Disc One was put together extremely well, containing everything from "Caribou" to "U-Mass" to "Monkey Gone to Heaven." Although the seventeen songs on this disc barely scratch the surface of what the Pixies had to offer, the disc does show the diversity and uniqueness that characterized The Pixies. Also, the songs chosen for this disc were balanced well, each album The Pixies released receiving equal representation.

Disc Two surpasses the first disc, mainly because the energy The Pixies emanate isn't easily captured in a studio. **Black Francis** and **Kim Deal** alternate on vocals, each one equally adept at getting the audience into the show. Several songs, including "Debaser," "Here Come Your Man," "Gouge Away" and "Where is My Mind," are also on the first disc, so you can see for yourself the difference between their live recordings as compared to their studio recordings. "Gigantic" is also on the second disc, and is sung with unimaginable intensity by Deal. The super-poppy, upbeat song "Wave of Mutilation," which can also be found on the first disc, is turned into a slow, beautiful ballad on Disc Two.

Remnants of the Pixies still remained after their breakup, mainly Frank Black's solo career and the

fifteen minutes of fame **The Breeder's** enjoyed with Kim Deal on vocals. Even years after their breakup, their eclectic style is still influencing bands today. Although the Pixies were, and still are to a certain extent, underappreciated, they do deserve their place in rock history, as these two discs clearly demonstrate.

(DR)

Marcy Playground
Marcy Playground
(Capitol Records)

"Amazingly average," is one of the best phrases one could use to describe the self titled debut album, *Marcy Playground*. But, "a waste of money" has got to be a close second.

Out of the 12 songs on the album 10 of them are total sleepers. The album just has that, "we're entirely too accustomed with marijuana terminology" sound to it. And there is a complete lack of musical variety.

Although the lyrics are somewhat redeeming they are only *somewhat* redeeming. Take for instance the lyrics to "Ancient Walls of Flowers." "Ancient walls of flowers/tumblin' down/black cat petals and a smiling clown/I like to keep in a jar beside/just enough to mess my/mind inside." As imaginative as the lyrics are, Shakespeare himself could not keep this album afloat. The music is just that dull.

In fact, the only song on this album worthy of some real recognition is "Sex and Candy," which happens to be receiving quite a bit of recognition. There's nothing in particular which makes "Sex and Candy" great. But any time the words "dig" and "mama" are in a song it can only mean good things.

With all of their talent and all of their mediocrity, Marcy Playground has all it needs to fade away as one of the many one-hit-wonders.

(NCD)

from **DEFTONES** page 7 actual style or genre," adds bassist Chi Cheng.

Perhaps the distinct style of the Deftones is influenced by the band's multi-ethnic make up. As Moreno describes, "We're two Mexicans, a Chinese and a white boy. Metal and punk don't have to be white, anymore than rap has to be black."

The band not only is loved by its fans (*Around the Fur* debuted on the Billboard album chart at #29), but is also hailed by critics. The *Los Angeles Times* called the record "the bracing blend of extremes."

To kick off the release of *Fur*, the guys did a small string of club dates in California, including an intensely hot and sweaty sold-out gig at the infamous Viper Room (where River Phoenix died) in Los Angeles. It has been reported that fans were moshing away and singing along as if the new album was already implanted into their heads.

From there, the Deftones went on to Europe to play its first ever headlining tour. The overseas trek kicked off in Wolverhampton, in the United Kingdom. The band played another sold-out show in front of 800 screaming fans who had been waiting two years to see the group perform.

The Deftones also got a chance to play in France, Sweden,

Holland, Denmark, and Scotland for the first time. Once the two-week tour ended, the Deftones took on the United States and Canada.

In the span of two months, Moreno and his bandmates zig-zagged around the country heading up and down and all over the place. One night the boys were in Vancouver and exactly one week later they were playing the second of two shows in Dallas.

Sandy Masuo of the *Los Angeles Times* noted of a show at The Whiskey in L.A.: "Stephen Carpenter's guitar gouged into the groove one minute, then peeled out of it the next, boosting the undulating rhythms of songs such as 'Lifter' with relentless repeating riffs."

The Deftones plan to spend a lot of time on the road in the next year. During their tour for *Adrenaline*, the band went on three headlining tours, did a stint on the Warped tour and played a number of shows with bands like **Bad Brains**, **Korn**, and **White Zombie**.

The guys are currently in Europe again and plan to tour the States again within the next couple of months.

Their live show is unrivaled, so pick up *Around the Fur* and then go and check out the band the next time they reach our neck of the woods.

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Pioneer women's basketball stays 'in the zone'

WPU 82 Montclair State 44



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Senior guard Kathy Sinram is pictured above in the Pioneer/Redhawk game. She is the captain of the Lady Pioneers.

By Keith Platt
Sports Contributor

Despite a sluggish shooting performance and sloppy ballhandling, the Lady Pioneers obliterated the roughhousing Redhawks of Montclair 82-44.

Meghan Renna led the way for William Paterson with 22 points on 9 of 11 shooting.

Co-captain Stephanie Arrigo added 21, including three 3-pointers as the Lady Pioneers improved to 15-1 overall and 11-0 in NJAC play. Marlena Lawrence led the Redhawks with 12 points.

With the win, the Lady Pioneers are likely to retain their #1 ranking in the Atlantic Region of the NCAA's Division III, while moving up the national rankings from their current 8th ranking. Although William Paterson cruised past the clearly overmatched

Redhawks, Coach Erin Shaughnessy said "Even though we won, we still made mistakes."

Arrigo agreed, "We didn't play our best game."

Arrigo, who dished out five assists, added, "it's not too hard to play hard against a rough team like Montclair."

Shooting up the national rankings won't cause the team to get too confident as they head into the homestretch of their schedule.

"We have to keep it up and not let our heads get too big," said Renna.

With a game against undefeated Staten Island and a return bout at Rowan looming in the immediate future, overconfidence shouldn't be a problem.

This is the pioneer's 15th win in a row. The streak dates back to the second game of the season. Their only loss came from Western Maryland.

WPU cheerleaders make their mark in Florida

By Keith Platt
Sports Contributor

Fresh off of a great showing in their first national tournament, the Pioneers are looking strong as they head into the regional competition.

No, it's not the basketball team, nor the track team. It's the Cheerleading Team.

Led by Coach Kathy Gasalberti, the Pioneer Cheerleaders are ranked number 1 in National Collegiate Athletics Association Division III Cheerleading.

Cheerleading isn't just jumping around shaking pom poms. The intense

routines that the athletes perform require practice 3 times a week for 3 1/2 hours a day.

In addition to a competition season that stretches from January to April, the team also performs at Pioneer Football and Men's and Women's Basketball games.

In a recent national competition, the Pioneers competed against NCAA Division II schools and finished 11th out of an 18 team field.

"We did very well, considering that the teams we competed against are able to give their athletes scholarships," said Coach

Gasalberti.

Teamwork and camaraderie are an important aspect to a team's success.

"The people on this team are like brothers and sisters to me," said junior Matt Ferri, a co-captain on the team.

Added co-captain Jenn Heffernan, "I love being with these guys and being part of such a diverse group."

For those that are interested in joining the team, open tryouts will be held April 6-9 in Wightman Gym. Men are especially encouraged to tryout.



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The WPU cheerleaders competed in a NCAA cheerleading competition in Florida where they finished 11th out of an 18 team field. In addition to competing, they also perform at Pioneer football games, and men's and women's basketball games.

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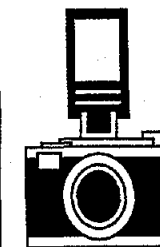
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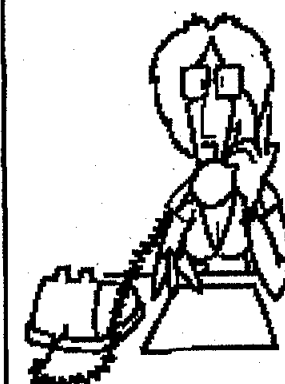
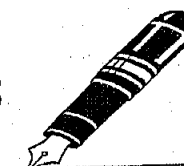
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