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Five students arrested outside Hillside dorm last week

Members of Lambda Theta Phi found not guilty of possession of firearms; victim falsifies information

By Robyn J. Caputo
Staff Writer

Five students were pulled over by Campus Police and held at gunpoint outside Hillside dorms early Saturday morning, March 28. The officers were responding to a report of aggravated assault in which a student at William Paterson University was supposedly doused with gasoline and then set on fire while held at gunpoint.

The five individuals were pledges to the Latin Fraternity Lambda Theta Phi who happened to fit the description given to the

police. The fraternity held a party that evening in the Student Center Ballroom, at which three of the responding officers were present. Many of the students were also dressed similar to the description due to the occasion.

The students were stopped based solely on the complainant's description and the officers on the scene followed felony stop guidelines. All individuals were taken out of the car and then each individual and their vehicle was searched for a weapon.

The students were detained outside of Hillside at approximately 2

a.m. for under twenty minutes, and then taken down to headquarters to be identified by the complainant. When the victim clearly stated those men were not his attackers, the students were then released being completely exonerated of any and all charges.

Despite an apology from the officers, and a full release of all individuals, many members of the fraternity are still upset.

Robert Dominguez, a member of the organization stated, "We got pulled over, then we asked for at least an explanation and they wouldn't give it to us. I feel

harassed on this campus. The police are supposed to be here to protect the students," said Dominguez.

Dominguez was not in the car that was stopped, but he was on the scene to witness the incident. He claimed the officers used verbal abuse towards the group and even threatened them with pepper spray.

According to Dominguez, the pledge master of the fraternity was also handcuffed after he verbally expressed his anger toward the officer's actions at the scene. Dominguez felt they were all treated like criminals.

According to WPU Associate Vice President Charles Croce, the Campus Police were acting under

proper guidelines. "Based on the information the police had, they felt it was a justified stop which followed procedure."

The investigation is not yet officially closed, but according to reports, this incident was all a hoax. The alleged victim was questioned by Campus Police and also by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office. Both found some "inconsistencies" in his story.

"He then admitted it was a hoax," said Croce. The student now faces both legal charges of filing a false report, and also faces disciplinary action from the university.

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To celebrate the end of March as Women's History Month, the Women's Center sponsored a program in the Student Center Ballroom on Tuesday, March 31 called "The Celebration of WPUNJ Women." At this event, Political Science professor Carole Sheffield, pictured above, was presented with a special award of thanks for all of her work during the month of March. See more pictures from the ceremony on page 13.

Fires on campus cause minor damage

Sherri Sage
Staff Writer

A brush-fire which broke out around 12:15 p.m. burned several acres of land near the William Paterson University campus Pioneer and Heritage apartments on Sunday, March 29.

Haledon and North Haledon fire departments responded quickly and the fire was under control within 15 minutes, said Sergeant Anthony Fasolas of Campus Police. However, it took about an hour and a half for firefighters to make sure the fire was completely extinguished, said Lieutenant Robert MacFarlane.

Someone who saw smoke on the

mountain called the North Haledon Fire Company. The North Haledon Police Department then proceeded to call the Campus Police about the incident, said MacFarlane.

According to MacFarlane, the fire was probably started by a cigarette butt that was left lit in the woods.

He said the fire took place off of Dorms Hill Road by the cliffs near the apartments where people go drink alcohol. There is a no trespassing sign posted in that area and people "can be arrested for going out there," MacFarlane said.

No one was at the site when the fire broke out and the apartment properties were not endangered,

according to MacFarlane. He said that there were no signs of arson present.

If there were, a major burn would be found in one spot. If someone was caught, however, the charge would be arson, not aggravated arson because no lives were involved, MacFarlane said.

The actual cause of the fire is still unknown and is no longer being investigated, he added.

Fasolas said he wouldn't consider the fire to be very destructive. It was a long line of mostly dried leaves contained to a small area.

"There was no danger to anybody during the incident," said Fasolas.

Nineteen candidates selected for SGA elections; urge WPU students to vote

By Rebecca Green
News Contributor

The Student Government Association will hold elections on April 20 and 21 this year in the Student Center Lobby. Nominations for the election opened on March 23 and were accepted until April 3. This year there are a total of 19 candidates running for the SGA Legislative Positions.

The members job is to "administer election workshops, discuss rules and regulations, guidelines, the constitution and the dos and don'ts of campaigning," said Thema Hodge, Elections Chair.

The Election Committee, which consists of six members, was formed several weeks ago. The committee meets once a week to talk about the weeks past and what's coming up.

"Members make sure no mudslinging goes on, flyers are in the correct places, make a decision if someone is campaigning illegally. We set the time for the election and workshops and encourage people to run," said committee member Anna Lazic, senior.

"We look out to make sure everyone is following the guidelines and we answer any questions about elections and the position they are running for," said Hodge. "If we find any infractions the committee meets to decide what

action to take."

The committee sets boundaries and provides order for the election process. The job of the Elections Chair involves getting together a committee and delegates jobs within the committee.

All candidates were required to attend one of the workshops which were held during the nomination period. During the workshops information was given on campaigning policies, the SGA constitution, the various positions, public relations and how votes are counted.

According to committee member, Mark Harrison, senior, "The workshop let's you know the rules of the game. It puts everybody on the same page."

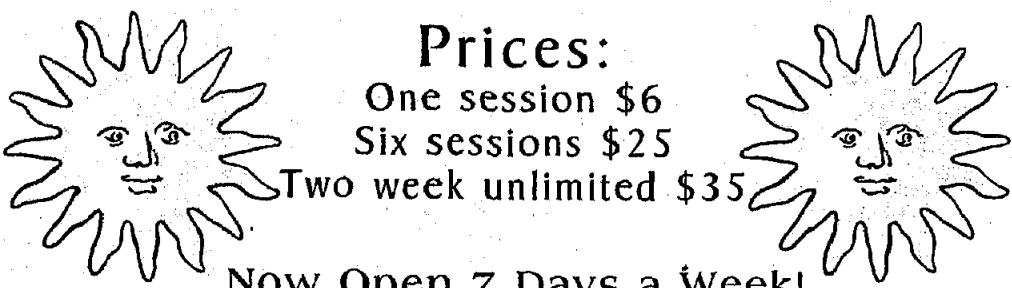
Last year there was some controversy over the election. During campaigning the devices used by Bobi Lee Messer's ticket which included the current executive vice president, treasurer and Board of Trustees Representative, were attacked.

A local restaurant, Brother Bruno's gave them permission to offer a 15% discount to students and their campaign gave out discount cards. This practice, although never used before, did not violate the SGA rules for campaigning and no sanctions were

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Tuesday, April 7, 1998

The Accounting Society The Battle of the CPA Review Courses- Find out which course is best for you. 12:30-1:45 Raubinger Hall Room 301 Contact Joe for further info. (973)720-4029.

Thursday, April 9, 1998

Feminist Collective- General meeting All Welcome! TAKE BACK THE NIGHT to be discussed. Student Center 304, Common Hour. Contact MEZZY (973)720-4302.

International Student Services- Students attending WPU on a non-immigrant visa have several options for on-campus and off-campus employment opportunities. Please plan to attend this information session to find out more about: Employment authorization based on severe economic hardship, Curricular Practical Training, and Optional Practical Training. April 9, 1998 12:30-1:30 Student Center 326.

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Honor Society induction Tuesday

By Angela M. Calabro
News Contributor

Certain Communication students at William Paterson University will be inducted as members into the National Communication Honor Society, Lambda Pi Eta.

The induction ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in the Nicholas Martini Teleconferencing Room at Hobart Hall on Tuesday, April 7.

The Beta Xi Chapter was first chartered in 1994 by founding President Brian Yaworski, now a graduate student at WPU, and former Chapter Advisor Dr. Tony Maltese. Yaworski will be honored as a special guest and speak at the ceremony Tuesday evening.

The purpose of Lambda Pi Eta is to recognize, foster, and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies, promote and encourage professional development among communication majors, and give students a chance to explore options for graduate education in the field.

According to Dr. Pixy Ferris, the Beta Xi Chapter advisor, in order to become a member, students must be Communication majors, have an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0, with at least a 3.25 GPA in Communication, and be active in the field of Communication.

Every Tuesday morning, the members of Lambda Pi Eta have a bagel sale in the lobby of Hobart Hall.

"It gives the members a chance to work together, communicate, and raise funds for the Beta Xi Chapter while offering snacks and beverages for those on the go," said Stephen Canova, Chapter vice president.

Following the bagel sale, they hold their weekly meeting which provides an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication and establish and maintain closer relationships and mutual understanding between communication studies faculty and students.

This semester's ceremony will

be conducted by the current executive board, consisting of President Rachel Blanken, Vice President Stephen Canova, Treasurer Maria DiSalvo, and Secretary/Reporter Angela Calabro.

During the ceremony, the new inductees will be presented with a certificate of membership and an honor cord to be worn later during their graduation ceremony.

The new members include Mary Durda, Kizinga Fleming, Brad Kubis, Sean Mooney, Giovanni Mortillaro, Christina Murkovic, Gabriella Radujko, and Lorena Vega.

As an accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), Lambda Pi Eta has over 160 active chapters at colleges and universities across the United States.

For more information about becoming a member of Lambda Pi Eta's Beta Xi Chapter, contact Chapter Advisor Ferris.

University Career Fair '98 welcomes all

Workshops on interviewing techniques and other career-related topics will be offered as part of the 1998 University Career Fair at William Paterson University.

The event, scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 in the Student Center, is designed to provide students with information relative to available jobs and internships in the metropolitan area.

Alice Eckstein of Office Mates will conduct the "Interview Techniques" workshop at 9 a.m. in Student Center room 213. Other scheduled workshops include "How to Perform a Job Search," with Ken Servis of Norrell Services, at 9 a.m. in Student Center room 324; "Resume Writing and Critique," led by Julie Sommer of Enterprise Rent-a-Car at 10 a.m. in Student Center room 324; and "Marketable Skills Every Student Should Have," with Dana Yodlosky of Office Team at 11 a.m. in Student Center room 213.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center

Ballroom, representatives of more than 60 companies/organizations will be available to discuss career opportunities with undergraduate and graduate students. Among the groups registered for the event are the FBI, State Farm Insurance Co., Liberty Science Center, Merrill Lynch Video Network, the Peace Corps, Atlantic Health System, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), and the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

The fair is sponsored by WPU's Career Development Center and the Student Government Association. To help students get ready for the event, Career Development staff members will offer a "Career Fair Preparation Workshop" on Monday, April 6 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Morrison Hall room 146.

Information about the University Career Fair is available by contacting Erin Kelleher or Louise Albers at the Career Development Center, 720-3021.

Students arrested outside Hillside dorm dismissed of all charges

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Roland Watts, the Interim Dean of Students, commented on the action taken saying, "Speaking with Campus Police as well as the five individuals, all parties agreed that in a situation where there is suspicion of a weapon, all parties felt that Campus Police exercised the proper procedure."

However, members of Lambda

Theta Phi were not satisfied with the apology. Dominguez said, "This has been a turning point. As students we have to get together and do something about this because we can't let this keep happening."

Watts is doing what he can to make amends to the students and trying to prevent any future conflicts of this nature. He stated, "I would like to re-iterate again how unfortunate it was, the incident

that occurred to them. I have recently started the first of a series of meetings addressing Campus Police and some of their actions regarding Friday night," said Watts.

All of the individuals have been completely exonerated of all charges against them. However, exactly what the student who allegedly filed a false report faces has yet to be determined.

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Student Satisfaction Survey results being closely examined by Faculty Senate

By Jamillah Harvey
News Contributor

The Faculty Senate on campus recently reported and reacted to the Student Satisfaction Survey 1997. Results from the spring 1997 Student Satisfaction Inventory were discussed at the two Senate meetings last fall.

This discussion led to the formation of a committee of volunteers to examine the results more closely in order to identify issues the Senate might address.

In addition to concerns about facilities, equipment and course scheduling, a central theme in each of the class discussions was the lack of a service attitude toward students. An example of this is what one student described as "student pinball" -- getting bounced from one office to another.

Out of approximately 1,500 students, about 1,000 responded. "We basically asked them what aspects were most important, and how satisfied they were with the university," said Fountoukidis.

The committee then decided to approach the survey results systematically by focusing on survey items that met the following criteria: an importance rating of 6.0 or better (scale was 1-7, with 7 representing the most important); a gap of 2.0 or better between importance and satisfaction ratings; and a statistically significant difference, at the .001 level or greater, between WPU students' satisfaction and those of students at other peer institutions.

According to Director of Planning Research and Evaluation Donna Fountoukidis, there are two main things that have more importance and have to be worked on first.

The first is advisement. "We have known this for a while that it was a problem, but the survey reinforced it," said Fountoukidis. "The other concern was kind of vague to me," she added. "Students are not satisfied with the service they are getting from other offices. They get the run-around from one office to the next."

The Faculty Senate has already tried to remedy the problem with advisement by making it so that it is required to get a pin number from the student's advisor. That way the advisor and advisee will see more of each other, and the advisement problem will decline. They also plan to do more surveys to find out how everything is going.

As far as the service towards the students, they have started a program called "Connections" to train staff members how to treat students. "It's more like customer service training," said Fountoukidis. Some office hours have been extended to evening hours and some are open on Saturdays.

Campus Police have decided to add a survey to their Community Policing program to see how they can better help the students. The Student Speak Out was a previous attempt the administration made to hear the students and meet their concerns.

SGA elections ready to begin; committee prepares to enforce rules of campaigning

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given.

"Students are going to vote or not vote based on what they want to do. Promotions are not going to win or lose a race," said Bobi Lee Messer, SGA president. Hodge said the committee "will stick to all the rules and guidelines about infractions. We will try to deal with any situation as best as possible."

Candidates this year for the executive board are: for president: Sikirat Alli, Curtis Fields, Bobi

Lee Messer, and Paul Villani; executive vice president: Jamall Hall, Amanda Pittarelli, and Matt Tully; vice president: Paul Bonney, Samantha Lugo, and Robin Roderiguez; treasurer: Fiona Kramer, Otis Marcus, Joslyn Thompson, and Jan Michael Timonera; and Board of Trustees: Dana Feltz, Alejandro Gomez, Tuwisha Rogers, Ira Thor, and Richard Turner. There are a number of other open SGA Legislature positions that various students are running for.

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Mailbag

Poor choice of programming

To the Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my disgust at Residence

Life's recent funding of an excursion to see a taping of the "Montell Williams Show." Don't students already witness first-hand the kind of smut shown on this show here on campus and in our beautiful backyard of northern New Jersey?

Having endured many episodes of this show while humbly enjoying the fine cuisine of Wayne Hall, I fail to see any educational value in it.

Rather, I find the show degrading and sensationalistic (How else could it survive on television?).

The idea of a trip to be in the audience of this show becomes

even more ridiculous when one considers the fact that we live within twenty miles of what might possibly be the greatest hub of culture and knowledge in the entire world. Considering everything available in New York City, couldn't residence life have opted with an excursion that more corresponds with the idea of higher education that a university (note: I use this term lightly) such as WPU should stand for.

I believe this trip says a lot about the state of the university we attend and ask that the next time residence life decides to fund a trip using student money, they consider more carefully their responsibility to the the new "U", its staff, and its students.

Sam Sadigursky

Problems with parking persist

To the Editor:

This is in response to Dr. Evans' letter from the 3/30 edition.

While I can sympathize with Dr. Evan's problem of lack of parking spaces in the faculty lots because students park in them, I also feel the need to stand up for the students.

I have been going to WPU for 5 years and, every semester, while "hunting" for a parking spot, I see faculty parking in the student lots!

If students have to park in the Rec lot when all other lots are full, faculty should have to also.

I have 2 classes back to back this semester and I do not get out

The secret cult world of...

Every year William Paterson University holds a cultish event in which only 10% of students participate. Some students are actually able to participate early, but most all of the 1,000 students who participate do their dirty deed on one of two days.

The course the events usually take are as follows. Students form a line waiting with an overwhelming sense of anticipation for their turn. Then, one by one they go, first they must give their name and show their identification next they fill out a piece of paper. Finally, they go into a box, a curtain is drawn, and without warning, they leave.

What is this secret event which 'plagues' WPU for two days every year? It is called the Student Government Association Election and if you have never participated in it you have plenty of company (although, the company in which you are, may not necessarily be good).

Granted, voting may not be as cool as the producers of MTV's "Rock The Vote" would have one believe. But for those who stay informed by paying attention to the issues and voting according to the candidates stance on them, voting awards an opportunity to complain about the inconsistencies in a elected officials performance and their campaign promises. Or if the candidate one votes for looses, and the candidate elected does a poor job, then said voter has the right to say, "Don't blame me, I voted for the other person."

To put it conversely, if one does not vote, then one has no right to complain about the performance of an elected official. Therefore, if you are one of the many students who continuously complains that the SGA spends too much money on one thing and not enough on another, but you make no attempt to even vaguely affect the SGA positively by paying attention to the issues and voting accordingly then stop complaining. Shut up; or vote.



until 9:40pm, but if there are no parking spaces, I park in the Rec center rather than be late for class or take the chance of getting a ticket.

I can happily say that I have never received a parking ticket in the 5 years that I have been here. However, I have also never

parked in any space that was not meant for students, regardless of how many faculty were in our spaces. I am sorry, but I feel Dr. Evans parked in a reserved space that was not meant for her and now she needs to accept her ticket.

I understand students were

illegally parked, but she should have found a parking attendant to explain the situation and maybe he/she could have helped!

As I have always learned, two wrongs do not make a right!

Sharon Banks
Communications Senior

Just Bitter

Parking spaces, opinions, wiseman, and more

Robyn I. Caputo First off, let me explain the name of my column so that no one thinks I am this crotchety chick who sits at her computer all day and is pissed off at the world.

It all started long ago before I was attending this fine institution of learning. I was at another university way up in the middle of nowhere, also known as the state of Maine. While in that school I wrote a column for that school paper with my dear friend Molly. That column was known as "Bittersweet," her being "Sweet," although I still don't know how she got known as the sweet one. Perhaps it was because my most commonly used line was, "You're

wrong, and I'll tell you why." I was a Jersey chick stuck up in Maine. Wouldn't you want to start random arguments with those people? So here I am back in Jersey, writing all by my lonesome, therefore the perfect title had to be "Just Bitter." Okay, are you happy now? Now on with the show!

For the past two weeks I've been filling your heads with all of this inspirational stuff, so I think its about time I just start to bitch! (Ooh, can I use that word?)

After reading a letter that some teacher wrote to The Beacon, bitching about students parking in teacher's spots, I couldn't help but be completely pissed off.

Let me tell you something sweetheart, you don't have the first

clue as to how extremely frustrating it is to find a parking spot until you have tried to find a student parking spot. Do you know what it is like sitting in your car for 15 minutes or more, while it is overheating just hoping someone will walk from their class and leave their precious parking space? Or, do you have any idea, how annoying it is having to park in the middle of east bumblefuck and then running to make your class on time because if you are even a minute late you will be in violation of your contract? Of course you don't, because you have the privilege of parking between the yellow lines. So, until you have experienced what hundreds of us commuter students face every day, be

quiet and deal with it! Cool, now I'm really angry! I can feel the adrenaline pumping. Give me something else to complain about! Okay, how about this registration crap? I mean, were the people who put together the master schedule all smoking crack? Have you seen this thing? It's ridiculous! All of the classes I need are offered at the same freakin' time! And then on top of all this mess, you MUST speak to your advisor because you now NEED this stupid number to register. You would think if they wanted you to meet with your advisor they would make it possible to actually contact them! Although I have to say, I was just given a new advisor and he seems really cool, but in the

past I have left messages on top of messages and have gotten nothing in return. You know, you've been there too.

As a closing statement, I hope no one is seriously offended by any comments made in this column. It's just that sometimes I get so sick of always having to be so dam politically correct. Otherwise, just remember it is only one person's opinion. And like a wise man once told me, "There is no right or wrong, there is only opinion." Of course, later on that day, he also said, "Opinions are like a**holes, everybody's got one!" He's a really cool wise man!

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Interview with spinART's LOTION

By Dave Roe
Staff Writer

Lotion has been putting out great pop music since '91, and despite being showered with praise by music critics, they still have not gained the recognition they deserve. Not that Lotion seems to mind. They consistently put out great albums (which is pretty rare nowadays), with each album even better than the last. Lotion has built a strong underground following, primarily through word of mouth. If the rest of the world ever catches on, they'll realize what their fans already know- that they are one of the most creative and talented

bands around.

The Insider met up with Lotion outside of Zell's, where they were one of several bands playing the first annual Mile Square Musicfest in Hoboken. All four members of the band- Tony, Rob, Jim and Bill sat down to answer a few questions.

Insider: For those not acquainted with Lotion, can you give a brief history of the band?

Tony: A brief history of the band...Although we knew each other for years before, we started the band in 1991 in New York City. We had other jobs and stuff, which we still kind of have. We put out out two singles on

Kokopop, which was an offshoot of Shimmy Disc. From there we signed with spinART and started putting out records. This is our third full length on spinART, and we also have an EP out. We've toured in Europe, across America, we played the Reading Festival and we've been on Buffy the Vampire Slayer. We'll that's pretty close...you know the names of the records are full Isaac, The Agnew Funeral EP, Nobodys Cool, and The Telephone Album. Yeah, it's not actually called The Telephone album, what we are calling it now is-
Bill: there's only three thousand of these things so you better get it while you can. [laughs]

How's the album doing?

Tony: It's doing pretty good.
Bill: It's quiet, it just sits over there in the corner, minds its own business.
Tony: It's number fifty-two on the CMI charts, up from sixty-two last week [laughs]. And we're selling

ok, for not being on tour yet. This is the second show, you know? So we'll get out there and I'm sure, you know, the sales will increase. **Bill:** Hey it's all about the sales, all about the Washingtons. It's use to be about the music, now it's just about the money. Since we've met Sean Combs...everything's changed [laughs].

How do you think this album compares to your past albums?

Tony: Well I've never had a problem with our albums, but after hearing this one, I'm like wow, this one is better than those. I feel like it's better, there's something better about it.
Bill: Can I give a girlfriend analogy? I guess it wouldn't be an interview without one. You've got a girlfriend, or a boyfriend, if you're a girl, and only after you've gotten the next one do you realize that wasn't really a very good time. And that's what I think about Nobodys Cool, I was like, well that was our latest album, and I

liked it, but now it's like, well we blew that one away. But now I'm reading all of these reviews, and they say, "Well it doesn't quite measure up to the masterpiece of Nobodys Cool." What the fuck? Well, you weren't going out with her!
Tony: Nobodys Cool...an ex-girlfriend.

Lotion has a pretty unique sound, what do you list as your influences?

Rob: TV. Yeah, a lot of TV [laughs].
Tony: I mean musically, we all listen to the stuff now, and we always did, but I think there is totally a time when you first pick up your instrument, where like whoever you happen to be listening to right then, unfortunately, that's who you are going to play like. And in that case, we are a cross between New Order...The Smiths...The Allman

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By Christopher A. Paseka & Michael K. Wnoroski
Insider Contributors

Howdy folks! Chris and I went back to the movies. This week's target was "The Newton Boys. The true story of America's Most Successful Bank Robbing Family."

Directed by: Richard Linklater
Produced by: Anne Walker-McBay
Screenplay by: Claude Stanush
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke, Vincent D'onofrio, Skeet Ulrich, Julianna Margulies, Dwight Yoakam, Chloe Webb, and Charles Gunning.

C - Mike and I knew we had to get together and write this article so we had some friends call the theatre to find out what was playing. Most of the movies were out for awhile so our friend suggested we see this movie. Personally, I knew nothing of the movie except that it was some sort of a western bank-robbing movie.

M- Yes, I must admit, I did not have a particular interest in this movie before hand. However, I was pleasantly surprised. This movie is set in the 1920's and the

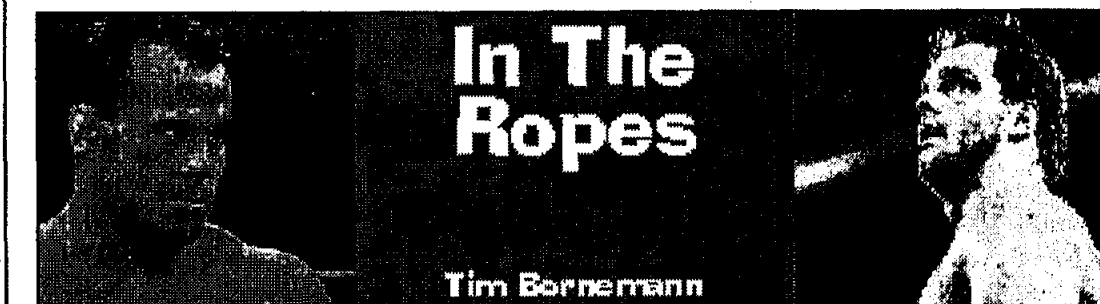
attention to the detail is excellent. I really enjoyed some of the shots of period technology. 1920's cars, flash bulb cameras, movie theatres and various other objects are present in this film. It's interesting to get a glimpse of life in the early part of the twentieth century.

C - I agree Mike, it looks as if they had a real eye for detail when it came down to making this film look authentic. I am definitely not a fan of McConaughey's but he did an excellent job in the role of Willis Newton. He portrayed the "ring-leader" of the group. Honestly, the thought of Matthew McConaughey and Ethan Hawke carrying a film didn't appeal to me. I was mistaken.

M- Usually you are very critical of the actors, it's nice to see you cut them a break for a change, Stanislovsky. I found the acting throughout the movie to be very solid. The casting of the Newton brothers was perfect. I enjoyed the performances of all four of the boys.

Each one brought a charm of his own to the screen to created wonderful character. I especially enjoyed Ulrich's performance as

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Tim Bornemann

Another week, another stupid idea. Someone explain to me why in God's name Prince Iaukea is getting a cruiserweight title shot at Spring Stampede. Cruiserweights are always my favorite wrestlers to watch, but Iaukea has got to be one of the most boring wrestlers around.

What's even weirder is the push he's getting despite the fact that no fans care about him. Hell, Barry Horowitz gets more applause than this guy.

Also what kind of finishing move is his? It's a suplex. It's only a suplex, yet we're supposed to believe someone like Konnan can't get up from it. The only finisher I know that's more lame is the British Bulldog's running powerslam.

Whatever, the cruiserweight title match is usually one of the best at pay per views, it's a shame they may be wasting it this time out. Dean Malenko, wherever you are, please come back.

In other events that make no sense, Kevin Nash and Randy Savage tag teamed this week on Nitro to the obvious dismay of "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan. While I would kind of like to see Hogan

and Nash go at it, this angle is not making any sense to me.

Am I the only one who remembers that all of these problems in the nWo started because Nash and Savage were fighting? Now they're tag team partners? Doctor, I need more medication please.

Randy Savage however, may be out of action for quite some time. He torn and ACL while taping WCW Saturday Night. More than likely he will not be participating in his scheduled title match against Sting at Spring Stampede. So it is very doubtful that the Heavyweight Title will change hands. Most of WCW's big players (Hogan, Nash, The Giant and Roddy Piper) are tied up in the bat match, so look for someone new to get a title shot.

So far two names have been rumored: Ric Flair and Chris Benoit. Neither man would win, but more than likely fight to a time limit draw. While not gaining a title, it put either man in the spotlight for a long period of time, and seriously help with a push.

Though my vote is clearly for Chris Benoit, I doubt it will happen. Benoit will more than likely be winning the TV title from

Booker T at this pay per view.

I called it last week saying Benoit and Booker T would fight to at least one more time limit draw and they did on last week's Nitro. I'll go on record saying I expect at least one more draw before a no time limit match is signed for Spring Stampede. This will allow Benoit to take the belt without sacrificing too much of Booker T's popularity with an embarrassing loss.

Did anyone else see Disco Inferno's new finisher, the "Partydriver?" I know it's just another dumb piledriver. I was partial to the charbuster myself, but Disco was asked not to use that move anymore as The Disciple (AKA Brutus Beefcake) wanted that as his finisher. So Disco had to sacrifice his move. Too bad he couldn't come up with anything more original, but at least it's a regular piledriver and not a tombstone one.

Oh well, lot's of complaining this week, hopefully they'll be less next week. Until then, keep it on the down low.

Under the Microscope

Fuel
Sunburn
(550 Music/Epic)

Jerry Cantrell
Boggy Depot
(Columbia)

Digging through all of the musical crap these days it is hard to come across a band that has talent or soul. Underground music seems to be the only thing that is original but one hit wonder bands dominate the mainstream. Fuel may not be underground, they may not be the next big thing, but they put forth a decent debut album that comes across as honest.

If Matchbox 20 had a set of balls, they would sound like Fuel. They aren't afraid to turn up their guitars to 11. Track number one, "Untitled," proves that. It comes on strong then allows the melody to take control instead of trying to keep the insanity going and losing it all in a plethora of mayhem. The changes from hard to soft are impressive.

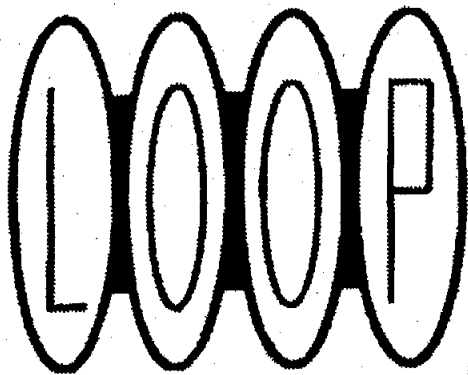
Some of the lyrics come across as cheesy like on "Song for You" which has words like "So, I sing this song for you, there's nothing left for me to do." Other songs show more intelligence. The chorus of "Jesus or a Gun" ends by asking "Who's my saving one, Jesus or a gun?"

Sunburn is a satisfying album as far as major label debuts go. It isn't a record full of radio friendly singles, but songs that stand on their own as original, hard, and melodious.

With Alice In Chains singer, Layne Staley, having his personal problems, the band's guitarist, Jerry Cantrell decided not to let his career pass him by and put out a solo record. To put it bluntly, *Boggy Depot* is an A.I.C. record without Staley's vocal stylings. Cantrell got help from other band members and put forth a decent attempt at a record. Unfortunately, this attempt falls a bit short.

It seems like Cantrell tried a little too hard. Most of the songs drag on in excess of up to seven and eight minutes. When it comes to musical ability, there are few that compare to Cantrell's guitar capabilities, but in terms of writing music, he needs a kick in the ass to get going. There seems to be something stuck in his way.

On a lighter note, there are some guest appearances that attempt to change things up. Les Claypool from Primus leads a band on two tracks and Angelo Moore from Fishbone does the same. It's a valiant try, but it doesn't help lift *Boggy Depot* out of mediocrity. (EB)



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spinART's Lotion meets Buffy

from LOTION page 5

Brothers...REM. Yeah, and we can all listen to each others music, but I don't think we all agree on what band has had a really good career, and what band we'd like to be. You know, you can tell that everyone in Marilyn Manson wants to be Kiss, and they're cool with that. That's probably why we're not famous.

I have to ask this question-how did you guys get on Buffy the Vampire Slayer?

Tony: It's the classic thing, it's like everytime anyone who has got the connections is on our side, they fuck it up. Then so Rob just sends a tape in, just asks, is like "We love the show", or whatever. They were all awesome, they were so nice to us.

Bill: You can tell that Buffy's like, "I'll say hi to you now, but in two weeks-we never met" [laughs].

You plan on making any videos for the album?

Tony: Well right now, our record label is going through a little lack of funds. We live on the Lower East Side, so you think we could come up with some art director friends, and ask them to do videos for our songs. So anyone who

wants to do a video for us, anyone at the college included, we'll give you some film, get back to us in a couple of weeks, and we'll see how it is [laughs].

Who is responsible for your artwork?

Tony: We all kind of get together on the design.

On your website it says that it's featured in a museum?

Tony: Yeah. We actually already had it featured in a museum, a lot

of the logos we use to do. It was in the Cooper Hewitt Museum of design in New York, and in the American Institute of Graphic Artists. But I gotta say that in music industry versus the art world, well none of them pay, but I think the art world throws the better parties.

Any final words?

Bill: Come see us live. If you like the record, come see us live, cause you're gonna like us for a whole different reason.



Rat Dog comes to WPU Rec Center

By Al Giamarino
Staff Writer

Wednesday, March 15, William Paterson University hosted Bob Weir and his band Ratdog at our very own Recreation center. Flowing into the parking lot was a group of thousands, some coming just for the bands only area appearance, some actually touring with the band around the country, and some just trying to take drugs and dance around till they eventually fall.

Opening for Ratdog was a band called 16 horsepower. Unfortunately I was unable to make it over to the Rec in time to see them so I really have no idea how they were or even what they looked like.

As the lights went down for the second time the smell of Patchouli vanished as the band appeared on stage in front of a blurred haze of marijuana clouds. It seems as if some individuals had smuggled the illicit drugs into the show and were using them heavily.

Ratdog ran through some unfamiliar songs, perhaps Ratdog originals, yet seemed to capture many with their bluesy jam sound.

Jamming out songs such as "I know you Rider" and "China cat sunflower" the band played for a house of dancing dead heads ranging from the young to the very old.

Although the band supplied a full night of good music, it was very hard to ignore the fact that the Rec center is one of the worst sounding venues I have ever been to. Past shows like Bob Dylan and Rusted Root also proved the theory that big gyms don't make good shows.

The echo bounces off the walls and warps the sound greatly. Never the less Weir and friends continued to run through their sets reaching high points in songs like "Turn on your love light".

Notable differences shone through in Bob Weir's performance. As the evening went on it was noticeable that Weir just couldn't sing the part of the great Jerry Garcia. Surprisingly closing with "touch of grey" was the most evident of this.

An extremely great performer, Weir still impressed a great deal of the smiling, influenced crowd and proved the show a success.

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BUS SHELTERS

Original Action Taken:

Legislative Resolution 97-II sponsored by President Messer was forwarded to the Office of Administration and Finance on August 12, 1997 calling for at least five Bus Shelters to be placed at key locations throughout the campus.

Purpose:

To provide students needing shuttle bus services a shelter from increment weather.

Outcome:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! There are currently Bus Shelters located throughout the campus in all necessary key locations.

EMERGENCY PHONES

Original Action Taken:

Legislative Resolution 97-III sponsored by President Messer was forwarded to the Office of the President, Provost, Administration and Finance, and the Board of Trustees on August 12, 1997 calling for the renovation of the current system. The Blue

Light system was investigated and suggestions for locations were also forwarded.

Purpose:

To expedite a plan of action to bring this system used nationwide to William Paterson University, thereby mandating change of the current unsafe campus condition.

Outcome:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! The Blue Light Emergency Phones are up and running throughout the campus. These phones are easily visible during the day as well as at night due to their blue lights and black standing posts.

LIBRARY HOURS

Original Action Taken:

Request by SGA Vice President Mullins to expand library hours during the week-ends.

Purpose:

To accommodate students, particularly part-time students who necessitate extended hours.

Outcome:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! Library Hours have been extended throughout the weekend, particularly in Sundays to provide better service to our student body.

WEEKEND PROGRAMMING/PARTY POLICY

Original Action Taken:

SGA President Messer and Vice President Mullins voiced student concerns to the Offices of the Dean of Students and Provost regarding the expense of ballroom parties as well as safety concerns.

Purpose:

To promote weekend programming by providing financially feasible avenues for our clubs to provide such services. Additionally, wanted to help maintain club ability to open events to outsiders, while maintaining a safe atmosphere for all involved.

Outcome:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! Through a \$25,000 grant from the Office of the Provost, the ballroom was provided free on charge on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the semester to all clubs and organizations, including Greeks. A return commitment to campus-wide programming was implemented in exchange for this service, thereby extending SGA club activities.

RITE-AID PHARMACY PLAN

Action Taken:

SGA President Messer initiated discussion with current Rite-Aid service provider inquiring about possibility of campus delivery, decreased waiting time for college students, as well as an additional discount in the store.

Purpose:

To eliminate unnecessary wait time for busy college students, provide an avenue for students without transportation to benefit from the services of this plan with fewer hassles.

Outcome:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! Rite-Aid Pharmacy responded favorably to the requests. Blue pills have been added reserved just for William Paterson students with a guaranteed wait time of 20 minutes or less for prescriptions. Students are now given a 10% discount on all Rite-Aid items with the exceptions of tobacco products. Additionally, a pilot delivery service has been implemented for once a day delivery to the campus.

PARKING TICKET/PARKING PROBLEM

Action Taken:

Based on student requests and concerns generated at the "Speak Out," SGA President Messer forwarded a list of requests to the Office of the Provost. Included was a cap on parking tickets to be lowered from \$20 - \$30 to a fee of \$10 or \$15.

Additionally, a period of "Amnesty" was requested whereby students would be able to pay off currently accrued parking tickets at 50% off less than the price. SGA Vice President Melba Mullins and Legislator Quarles have been instrumental in pushing the parking ticket agenda along with solutions to the parking "problem."

Purpose:

To help alleviate the financial strain the accrual of parking tickets has placed on our students by a reasonable means.

Outcome:

To date, the Provost has stated that a program is in the works along the lines of the requested Amnesty period. Vice President Mullins continues to research a fair pricing system. Additionally, a program is being generated whereby students will be able to "work off" parking ticket fees with community service. However, specifications for this program have not yet been established.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Attorney Services - Gerald Brennan, the SGA Lawyer is available to counsel you free of charge every Wednesday from 2 - 8 p.m. in the SGA office Student Center

room 332. \$20,000 year grant to the WPU Child Care Center to help keep childcare services affordable for our students.

Free National Student Discount Card providing discounts at local establishments. Cards can be picked up in the SGA Office Student Center room 332.

OTHER PROGRAMS/ISSUES CURRENTLY IN THE WORKS

Constitutional overhaul to help make the SGA more responsive and representative of the William Paterson University Student Body

Proposal for a well-developed Escort Service is being worked on by SGA President Messer to help create additional security features for students. Funding has already been set-aside for this program by the Provost.

As I stated in the SGA's First State of the Association, as your elected representatives we have been entrusted with a very precious commodity - your voice! Everyday, in every way, we have and continue to do our very best to protect the strength and credibility of that voice. Thank you for believing in us and our ability to represent you.

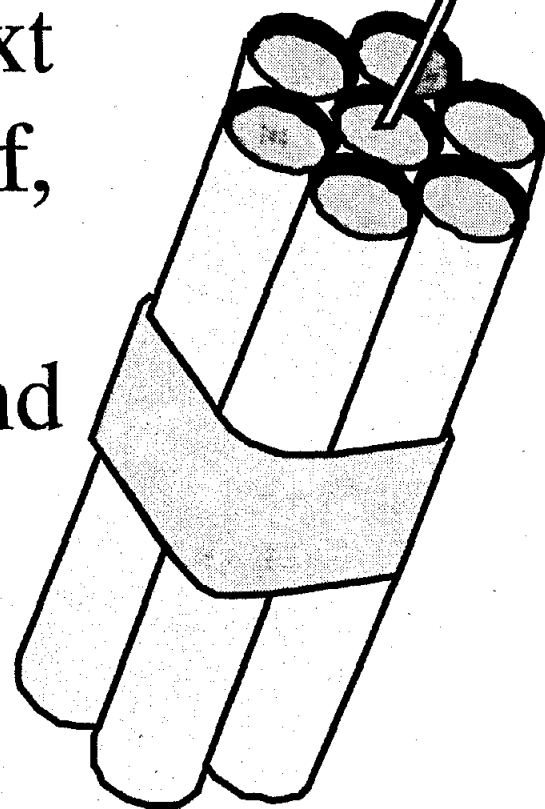
As this year comes to a close, on behalf of the SGA Legislature, it has been both our honor and pleasure to serve you as the FIRST elected representative of the "New U." We have accomplished a great deal in a short period of time, but there is still much more to be done. We maintain as committed as ever to bringing about changes you can see. Progress takes time - Thank you for giving us this time. We hope you see that it was used wisely and in the best interest of you - the students.

If you have any suggestions, we would love to hear from you. Please e-mail me, your SGA President, at quetila@frontier.wilpaterson.edu or call me in the office at (973) 720-2157.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobi Lee Messer
SGA President

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Partial Care: Mental Health Clinician

MSW/MA preferred, BSW/BA in Counseling, Deafness, Rehab, Rehab Counseling required. American Sign Language (ASL) fluency required. Experience with developmentally disabled a plus. Responsibilities include assisting deaf and mentally ill adults achieve higher levels of functioning in all areas of life.

Residential: Residential Counselor

HS diploma required, BA degree preferred. ASL skills and experience with developmentally disabled a plus. Responsibilities include providing a home for deaf and mentally ill adults that will foster growth and skill development in socialization, communication, vocational training, recreation, self monitoring of meds, etc. Utilization of hands-on activities in the community is preferred method of teaching skills.

Residential: Independent Living Specialist

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Scene this one? (This week... "The Newton Boys")

from SCENE page 5

the youngest brother. His moral struggle throughout the movie was captivating.

C - I never said that I was one of the world's greatest acting coaches but if you want to rate my talents and observations so high, that's fine with me. As for your observation of Ulrich, I don't know if I would go that far. He gave a noteworthy performance but nothing spectacular. The whole cast was solid. The only problem I had with the movie was the length. After a while it started getting very long and drawn out. To their credit, I still wanted to know how it ended.

M - Well Chris, I was being facetious with the Stanislavsky comment. Moving right along, there's a new invention it's called a book! Try reading one. There's lots of historical information in them, including the legacy of the Newton boys. Honestly though, I did not know much about these American outlaws before the movie either. In fact, I found much of the appeal of this movie to be in its historical value.

C - Thank you for that little literary lesson, Master Moron. I think the readers are intelligent enough to realize that I had no previous knowledge of the Newton Boys before this movie. You're right.

The historical content of this movie made it all the more interesting. To tie into its historical accuracy the creators of this film added interviews with two of the original Newton boys to the credits. They were well into their 70's and full of interesting anecdotes.

M - Okay, enough about the historical aspect. This movie is well written. The story of the Newton boys is told in a very effective way. It seems to focus on one distinct characteristic for each brother. For example, Willis (McConaughey) represents revenge and greed. He is the mastermind of the bunch with very strong views of insurance companies and other money hungry corporations.

Jess (Hawke) represents free spiritedness. He is the wise crackling, seize the day type living moment to moment. Dock (D'Onofrio) represents brute strength. He's not much of a thinker. Finally Joe (Ulrich) represents the loss of innocents. Although all the boys show a sense of conscience no one better illustrates this than he. Combined, these four boys seem to make one being. This is a tribute to the relationship created by the actors.

C - Overall, I liked this movie. Normally I am not the historical picture type. (I find them boring) I enjoy good acting and great scripts. This movie had both.

The characters were created from real accounts and the story line peaked my interests. This movie is a little long though. The actors use dramatic pauses way too frequently in this film. The affect was there but the tush was getting a little numb. The ending credits made up for the length of the movie.

Watching the interviews with the Newton boys put into perspective how nonchalant and good hearted these thieves were. "We wasn't gunfighters and we wasn't thugs like Bonnie and Clyde. All we wanted was the money!" - Willis Newton

M - The Newton Boys is a great movie. It's horse ridin', gun totin', safe crackin' fun. There's even romance, a train robbery, and plenty of humor sprinkled throughout. I'd even go so far as to say you might just leave the theatre with a stronger sense of family ties.

If you don't feel like going to see Titanic for the fifth time, check this one out. Chances are you'll be as pleasantly surprised as I was.

The Newton Boys are the friendliest bunch O' country boys you ever will see. Hell, I wouldn't even mind being robbed by these guys their so damn nice.

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C - I rate this movie: 3 bills



M - I rate this movie: 4 bills



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Conference Champs begin in stride

By Ira P. Thor
Sports Columnist

Wayne, NJ — After capturing their 11th conference title within the last 15 years, the William Paterson baseball team began their conference schedule this weekend with a message to the league- we want a dozen.

A long week of baseball grew shorter for the Pioneers, as inclement weather replaced last week's summer delight. Tuesday, they were scheduled to hook up with West Point on the road, but Mother Nature had other plans. No makeup has been scheduled.

Friday marked the opening of the '98 conference schedule, as WPUNJ invited Rutgers-Newark to Wightman Field.

Did I mention that the Pioneers often mistreat their guests?

Sophomore righty Jason Messina (5-10 175 Cliffside Park) improved to a team best 3-0 record, as the Pioneers eclipsed the ten win mark (10-3) with a 9-6 triumph of the Scarlet Raiders. Messina fanned nine in eight innings of work, allowing six hits.

Junior third baseman Craig Cutler of Ramsey continued to shine, as he extended his 13-game hit streak in the win. Cutler connected twice, and drove in two. Cutler has now reached safely in every game thus far.

Junior infielder Duane Horta (6-3 210 Brookdale CC) supplied the remainder of the offense, adding three hits, and four runs batted in.

William Paterson collected win 11 and 12 Sunday afternoon, with a doubleheader sweep over

the Raptors of Rutgers-Camden in South Jersey. The game was postponed from Saturday-once again thanks to the weatherman. Pioneer pitching continued to excel, allowing just three runs over 18 innings.

In game 1, William Paterson blanked RC 4-0. In the nightcap, another whitewashing, as the Pioneers remain perfect in the New Jersey Athletic Conference with an 8-3 stomping.

William Paterson will play five games in five days this week, with roadtrips to Albright and Jersey City Tuesday and Thursday before returning to Wayne Friday to host Ramapo at 3:30.

Rowan visits town for a noon doubleheader Saturday afternoon, with first-place in the conference at stake.

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The William Paterson University Gospel Choir (above) performed at the "Celebration of WPUNJ Women" this past Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom. The event, sponsored by the Women's Center, acknowledged the end of Women's History Month. Pictured on the left, Meryle Kaplan (left), director of the Women's Center, presents Political Science professor Carole Sheffield (right) with a gift in recognition of her efforts during the month of March, and congratulating her for receiving the "Professor of the Year" Award earlier this year.

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

University Responds to Student Speak-Out

"Whenever people talk, solutions can be found," said Dr. Chernoh Sesay, provost and executive vice president, as he summed up the Student Speak-Out attended by an overflow crowd on November 11.

Co-sponsored by the Provost's Office and the Student Government Association, the Speak-Out gave students an opportunity to voice their concerns, and administrators a chance to listen and respond.

"We take this very seriously," said Steve Bolyai, interim vice president for administration and finance, as he outlined what is being done to meet student suggestions.

Increased Security

Many students voiced concerns about their safety on campus. Bolyai points out that William Paterson has one of the lowest crime rates of any New Jersey state college, but quickly adds that safety is always uppermost in the minds of University officials. Responding to student suggestions, the following improvements are being made:

- **Emergency Phones** Modern phones with blue lights are replacing 16 older ones so they may be readily identified at night. Fourteen additional phones, also with blue lights, are being placed at other strategic locations. The caller presses a button that alerts the campus police.
- **Student Patrols and Escort Service** Two students to a car with yellow flashing lights patrol the campus during evenings until 1:00 a.m., augmenting the regular campus public safety force. A group of students, faculty and staff are developing a plan for an escort service.

- **Increased Lighting** Additional lights are being installed in parking lots three, four and six. Lighting also has been increased between the Towers and Hillside apartments.



Better Transportation

As part of the campus-wide shuttle service, a van has been purchased to negotiate the narrow road leading to the apartments. Shuttle hours have been extended to midnight to enable students from Pioneer and Heritage Halls to use the library. On Fridays, the shuttle runs until 1:00 a.m.

New Bus Shelters

Six shelters have been erected for waiting passengers. They are located between White Hall and lot 5, library and Wayne Hall, pedestrian overpass and lot 3, College Road and the sidewalk leading to the apartments and in lots 7 and 6.

Food Service Hours Extended

Dinner service now continues until 7:15 p.m. in Wayne Hall, Monday through Friday. SBARRO, in the Student Center, is open until 11:00 p.m. with the dinner equivalency available until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A breakfast equivalency has been added at the Burger King. On weekends, TACO BELL is open with an expanded menu on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 11:00 p.m.

Other Improvements

More parking has been designated for students with disabilities, and sidewalks and bathrooms are being modified. Sliding doors have been installed in Ben Shahn and a similar plan is under consideration for Science Hall. Starting next summer, a number of floors in the apartments will be renovated. A committee is developing recommendations about the Bookstore, parking problems are being addressed, and a comprehensive recycling program is being developed. "It's important for us to work hand in hand with our students to accomplish our mutual vision for the campus," Bolyai concludes.



WPU Women's Softball -- a look at the team

Head Coach, Hallie Cohen is hoping the momentum the William Paterson University squad showed at last season's end carries over to the 1998 campaign.

Last spring the team posted a 17-21 showing but flashed moments of brilliance winning four of their last five games. With a strong nucleus of returning players, the future appears to be a bright one.

Becky Perkins, a 1997 All-New Jersey Athletic Conference honoree, will be returning as starting catcher. Perkins, a team captain, was a powerhouse hitter

who led the squad with a .356 batting average. Sophomore backstop Stephanie Kuca will spot Perkins as needed.

Jennifer Grasso, has been named team captain for the third straight season. She will anchor the shortstop position and provide team leadership both on and off the field.

The slick-fielding Grasso batted .267 last spring, with 18 runs scored and two doubles. She is looking to bounce back to her fine form of 1996, when she batted .434 with 29 runs scored and 10 doubles.

Second baseman Jen Foody

has been one of the Pioneers' most consistent players. She collected a .321 batting average last spring with 26 runs scored and 12 runs batted in. As a freshman in 1996, Foody batted .386 with 24 runs scored and 17 RBIs.

Jackie Albanese is a gritty competitor who will handle the hot corner. Albanese started 37 games last spring and batted .270 with 19 runs scored and four doubles.

Pitcher Gina Selvaggio will play an important role this season both on the mound and off. She worked in 22 games last spring posting a 7-10 record

Tuesday April 7
Men's Baseball at Albright 3:30

Wednesday April 8
Softball away at Stockton 3:30

Thursday, April 9
Baseball at Jersey City 3:30

Friday April, 10
Baseball home vs. Ramapo 3:30

Saturday April 11
Baseball home vs. Rowan noon

Softball at TCNJ 1:00

with an ERA of 3.01. Selvaggio has improved greatly from a season ago and should catch many opponents off balance.

Jessica Yehle will provide a veteran flavor to the mound attack, while Diane Naugle is a freshman hurler who should log plenty of time. Yehle, who posted a 1-6 record in 1997, may also log some time in the outfield. Naugle, who hails from Montville High School, brings to William Paterson a lively arm that is sure to win some games.

Three-sport athlete Dana Feltz and senior Kelly Moncrief will solidify the Pioneer outfield.

Feltz, a center fielder, is a defensive genius who is looking to return to her All-Conference form of 1996. Moncrief drove in nine runs and collected 23 hits in 1997. She is hoping to improve upon her .256 batting average of a season ago.

Tracy Demarest, who started every game last spring, will handle the first base chores. In 1997 Demarest swung the bat at a .291 clip, with five doubles and 17 runs driven in.

Iris Torres is a smooth-fielding middle infielder who is the complete package. Its all about decisions and Torres makes the right ones in pressure situations. Torres appeared in 14 games last spring, scored three runs, and smacked one double.

The quartet of Anamaria Garcia, Iris Garcia, Missy McNair, and Vicki Wagner will all contribute at various times during the season.

Anamaria Garcia has blazing speed and will be competing for a starting outfielder spot. Iris Garcia, a transfer from Southern Connecticut, is a talented shortstop who will serve as Grasso's backup. McNair should log playing time as the team's designated player. Wagner, a transfer from Ocean County College, should emerge as a starting outfielder.

The 1998 Pioneers are an improved squad that believes there is a time and place for everything. This season might just be their time and place.

Baseball: A view from Baltimore

By Ira P. Thor
Sports Columnist

Call me sentimental. I love the game of baseball; it's in my blood. The emotion a viewer experiences when watching an epic baseball film-such as "Field of Dreams" denotes the passion that only America's pastime eludes to.

I plan to do a lot of traveling over the next year. As another baseball season embarks this month, I have challenged myself to enjoy the game in a way few are privileged. Thus, I have made up my mind to take advantage of my summer travel opportunities, and pay homage to America's grand ballparks.

My journey began this past weekend as I visited friends and relatives in Northern Virginia and the D.C. suburbs of Maryland. Lucky me-the Baltimore Orioles were just kicking off a series with the Detroit Tigers.

Ever since it opened its gates in 1992, I have yearned to relax as I watched a game at the confines of Camden Yards. Despite never having this luxury, through the imagery of TV and descriptive stories of friends who visit the park each year (yo anchorboy), I felt as if I had been there. I had not.

Driving up on I-95 and then

395, you are greeted by an immense, brick-faced are house-gorgeous. "Oriole Park at Camden Yards" is sculpted on the face of the structure. Walking up to the stadium, which is snugly set in the heart of the downtown Inner Harbor district, you can't help but be awed by the complex (which now includes a brand-new, state of the art football stadium adjacent to Oriole Park, where the Ravens will soon nest).

The city of Baltimore was, at the least, detail-oriented when they redesigned this once run-down section of Crabcake, Maryland.

As I approached the ticket gates along Eutaw Avenue, the O's have come up with a concept comparable to the Yankees Monument Park. Every retired number in the team's history is located in a garden of sorts, where the number is carved in stone with the last name of the player (similar to sculpture), and are scattered through the area.

You enter the actual stadium, and the O's has created another novelty. Located behind the bleachers and the standing room areas of the outfield is a huge courtyard, where you can socialize while watching the game, or eat/drink at one of the establishments located inside or alongside the warehouse that makes Camden Yards so famous.

Unlike other parks, the walkways you would use to stroll to your seat, or purchase items during the game is located outdoors. This allows you to "feel" the game, even if you got up (I only did this twice) to grab a beer.

Imagine experiencing all this sensation before even getting to your seat. Friends, this is what Camden Yards is all about. Now, walking around the ballpark, I realized there are no inferior seats at the stadium, not even the bleachers or upper level.

Luckily, I was able to obtain a really terrific seat directly behind home plate, in Box section 36- maybe 50 or so feet from the plate. (I just want to thank the lawyer from Wayne I met on Capitol Hill Friday for hooking me up).

Sitting in the stadium at night, you are treated to a fabulous background of the city of Baltimore as you look out across the freshly mowed grass.

The warehouse compliments the downtown scenery as it blends with the night sky. The beauty of the park transcends your expectations, as you relax in your seat, captivated by the play of Cal Ripken, Jr. and teammates. The man is an icon to the city and the fans; the closest comparison I could make is Michael Jordan's hold on American hoop fans.

The passion of the Oriole fans

pales in comparison with other cities. Baltimoreans love their baseball and their Orioles, and it shows.

It just happens that on this particular night the Birds spanked the Tigers in the first game of a three game set 10-2. Ripken had a tremendous night, as you would realize by the ovation he received every time he stepped to the batter's box. The love the fans have for this team makes the atmosphere of the park complete.

I hate to say it New York fans, but I truly believe we take our teams for granted in comparison to Baltimore-and don't blame it on the stadiums in New York; this is an issue I'll tackle next week.

As a baseball and sports lover, this was truly a magnificent experience in my life. My message to you-if you love the game of baseball, and want to undergo a rebirth in your opinion of live ball, this is a park you need to visit.

It's only a three-hour drive, so take a day out this summer and discover how a day at the baseball game should feel.

For me-next stop Cleveland, and Jacobs Field. In June, watch out LA, because I'm coming to the left coast.

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