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The results are in ...

Executives and class representatives chosen

By Pamela Langan
News Editor

The Student Government Association Executive Board will be changing hands for next semester, considering only one member from the current board has been elected to a position for next year.

Current SGA President Bobi Lee Messer lost her race for re-election to President-elect Sikirat Alli by a total of 101 votes. Treasurer Matt Tully has been elected to serve as executive vice-president next year, as he ran

unopposed and received a total of 618 votes with no write-in opponents.

The Court Judicial Review Chairman Paul Bonney lost his race for vice president to Samantha Lugo, a candidate on the Messer ticket, by a total of 33 votes. The third candidate running for vice president, Robin Rodriguez, received a total of 71 votes.

Joslyn Thompson will fill the space of treasurer which Tully will be stepping down from, after receiving four more votes than her

opponent Jan Michael Timonera. The Board of Trustees will be working with a new student representative, as Richard Turner received 26 more votes than his opponent Dana Feltz, and 264 more votes than the third candidate Tuwisha Rogers.

In addition to elections for the new Executive Board, students also voted for class positions in the SGA. Jamal Hall was elected as senior class president, over opponent Katharine Nonas by a total of

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SGA executive officers' compensation ranks low in comparison to others

By Sherri Sage
Staff Writer

Many Student Government Association leaders at colleges and universities around the country receive pay to compensate them for their work.

At William Paterson University, the members of the SGA Executive Board, which includes the president, vice president, executive vice president, and treasurer are given tuition reimbursement minus fees. This amounts to approximately \$1,400 per semester, according to Bobi Lee Messer, current SGA president.

This is low in comparison to other schools. In the "Student Government Salary Survey" done by Student Leader magazine, campus leaders and administrators at 150 public and private schools across the nation were contacted to find the highest and lowest paid SGA members.

The survey revealed that 70 percent of institutions offer some type of compensation such as salaries, scholarships, free tuition, and class credits. It showed that the student who receives the most money for tuition is the Student Government president at the University of Miami in Florida. This person gets a \$19,140 scholarship. The Associated Students president at Washington State University gets \$15,643 in cash, and the Student Senate president at

Morton College, a community college in Illinois, gets a \$1,900 tuition waiver.

Only 50 percent of the tuition money is guaranteed to the SGA board members at WPU. The other half must be voted on at legislature meetings. If someone did not earn the rest of the money, he or she won't get it, according to Messer.

These students must also have a grade of C or better in order to be eligible for this money, she added.

According to Kalli Protopsaltis, SGA secretary, the money comes from the SGA budget. She said that there is a provision for tuition. Each student can take up to 36 credits in one year and six credits during the summer, said Protopsaltis. She said that this has been in place for more than 20 years and that the students are privileged that WPU gives them the money because not every school does.

"It's not a lot of money when you think about it," said Protopsaltis.

These students work a lot of hours, and people approach them on campus or in class about student issues. "I personally think that we should give the Court Judicial Review chairman tuition, too," she said.

The university has never considered raising the amount of money the students receive. According to Protopsaltis, "No one in the SGA ever said they're

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Springfest '98 livens up campus

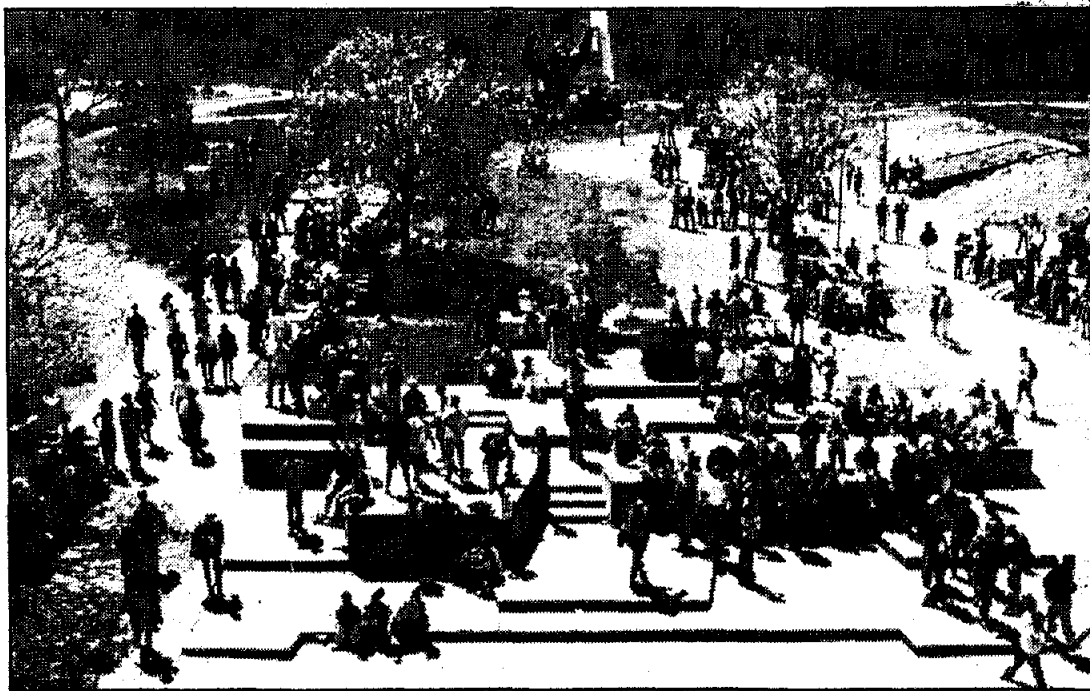


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Students covered the Student Center lawn all week during Springfest '98. People could be seen wearing t-shirts or carrying keychains with the slogan "Springfest '98 -- It's a Willy P thing" all over campus as the Student Activities Planning Board, the Student Government Association, the Greek Senate, and various other campus groups held entertaining events for the student body the entire week. For more Springfest photos, see page 12.

Retired Gulf War General Colin Powell to speak at WPU

By Rebecca Green
Staff Writer

On May 1 at 8 p.m., General Colin Powell, former Joint Chief of Staff, will be speaking as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series (DLS). His lecture "Management of Crisis and Change," will conclude the 1997-98 DLS season. This lecture is given from his vast experience in the military over the years.

"We have been interested in having him speak here for more than six years," said Dennis Santillo, Director of External Relations.

Powell spent many years com-

manding soldiers in times of peace and war. Before becoming a soldier, Powell participated in the ROTC. He was given several awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Medal of Freedom.

He wrote a best selling autobiography entitled "My American Journey." This book tells the story of his life as the son of immigrant parents and his progress and success in the military.

Currently he is the chairman of America's Promise--The Alliance for Youth. According to Newsweek magazine, this organization, "aims to mobilize corpo-

rate America and a vast volunteer army to rescue 'at risk' youths with tutoring, mentoring and other citizen service that brings caring adults directly into their lives."

According to Santillo, Powell, who is represented by an agency, was brought to campus through the normal process of the series. When Powell was the Joint Chief of Staff, he was asked to speak at William Paterson University but he was unable to schedule a date in advance and could not participate in the program.

"Our six year effort finally resulted in his coming to speak here," said Santillo.

"We are happy to have him

because of his stature and it is appropriate because of the university status," said Ray Dee, chair of the DLS committee. "He is a very inspirational figure and an American success story," he added.

"The university is honored to have an individual of General Powell's reputation, stature, and accomplishment and we look forward to having a lively and stimulating discussion," said Dr. Marc Schaeffer, executive assistant to the president and Board of Trustees.

This year in honor of the

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General Colin Powell

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WPU television show 'The Real U' attracting attention

By Jennifer Mocera
News Contributor

For those who walk on the set of 'The Real U' an automatic surge of energy takes over. The audience is seated in the corner of the studio, the camera people are setting up their last minute shots, the disc jockey is placed behind the retro set up of the stage and the hosts are standing by for their cues.

When Albert Xavier was asked to describe the new television show he has been working on, he described it as, "crazy, fun, a risk taker, and a sure number one!" 'The Real U' is a half-hour late night television talk show dedicated to exposing trends and talents of William Paterson University and other colleges alike. Xavier is the show's creator, executive producer, and host.

duer, and host.

"After I had my idea for a show I had to find a crew, so I remembered certain students that I knew were interested in television and I recruited them," said Xavier.

The idea was approved by the WPU Communication Department, and the project was then turned over to the Broadcast Media Group (BMG) which helped the crew of students put it together on behalf of the department.

Monique Vasquez was the first to jump aboard the crew.

"Albert liked my camera work I had done in the past and he thought I could help out, and before I knew it, I'm his co-host," she said. "From there we asked other students ... and before we knew it we were on the air."

Vasquez is also one of the show's co-executive producers and shares with the other members all aspects of the production. "When I'm on the air I get to bully Albert around, and I have my choice of asking our guests questions. I also get to interview the bands that we feature weekly," said Vasquez.

According to crew members, 'The Real U' is all about having a good time and allowing any student from any major to become involved. The show has featured a segment on S&M, an interview with a theater major about his life and struggles, and a psychic reader who seemed on target with her predictions of the show becoming a success.

The show is currently up for a CAPPY Award, which is an award

that honors New Jersey cable access programming. It is similar to an ACE Award, which is an award for all major cable programming. 'The Real U' has also been nominated for a BMG Award, where it will compete against other programming within the university.

"After we win an award of some sort and have a bigger following, and it seems to me that there is a following, we want to be fully funded," said Co-Executive Producer, talent scout, and On-Air Manager Jim Miles.

"The show has been getting by with donations from companies and restaurants for the moment," added Miles. "We have had great help from BMG, who has got the pull to allow us to be aired on channels 8 and 19."

To be a part of the live studio audience tapings, they can be reached by contacting Christine Sales in public relations for 'The Real U', at (973) 720-4549. The show is taped live on Tuesday evenings at 10 p.m. in Studio A in Hobart Hall. It airs on Mondays at 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m. (after "South Park"), and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Byrd, Ariosto chosen as new WPU leaders



Anderson Byrd

By Alexandra Donovan
News Contributor

The William Paterson University Campus Police announces the appointment of

Byrd replaces Ryerson as chief of police

their new police chief, Anderson Byrd.

With the retirement of former Chief Peter Ryerson, the campus was in need of a new director of safety/ chief of police. According to Campus Police, Byrd's exceptionally impressive background made him a qualified candidate for this position.

For the past 27 years, Byrd has served in both university and municipal positions as chief, deputy police chief, investigator, and director of public safety. He has served as the chief of police for Rutgers University, and now he will serve the WPU community. While at Rutgers, he developed a successful community policing program, and has won outstanding employee awards for

developing teamwork programs, narcotic/alcohol suppression programs, and crime prevention programs.

Byrd holds a bachelor's degree in law/justice from Glassboro State College, and has done graduate work at Rutgers University. He has also graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Byrd began on Monday, April 20. Although he is new to our campus, he has felt that the "reception has been warm and professional."

He hopes to continue and encourage changes for campus safety and security. Byrd would like to stress how important it is to keep the "lines of open communication between the campus

and the police to improve safety on campus."

Since his time at WPU, he has been getting used to the campus, and affiliating himself with groups, clubs, and organizations. In the future, Byrd plans to meet with these student groups and organizations, along with the faculty and staff, in order to gain input about to maintain and improve the quality of life regarding safety and security on campus.

After only a few days on Campus, Byrd is already making an impression. Officer Lynette Shaw of Campus Police feels that Byrd, "is very open to ideas." She and the other officers welcome the change and are looking forward to it.

Ariosto named Dean of Student Development

By Robyn J. Caputo
Staff Writer

On Friday, May 1, Dr. Robert Ariosto will take over the position as the new Dean of Students. Ariosto has served as vice president for Student Affairs since 1986 at Central Connecticut State University.

While there, he created many programs that helped bring together the efforts of faculty, staff, and the student body. He also raised over \$4 million in state and federal funds to support drug and alcohol prevention programs, as well as volunteer services, educational outreach for disadvantaged youth, and cooperative education.

Ariosto comes to William Paterson University with many years of experience in his field. He worked in student affairs at McKendree College, the State University of New York-New

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Dr. Robert Ariosto**

Paltz, and Kean University. He served as the consultant to the United States Department of Education from 1987 to 1992; chairperson of the U.S. Department of Education's National Forum on Substance Abuse Issues in Higher Education (1988-1989); director of the Campus Partnership "Drugs Don't Work" (1990-1991); and grant reviewer for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education from

1988-1990.

As dean of students, Ariosto will deal with most aspects of student life outside of the classroom.

"I'm very excited about about being here, and I'm eager to be a part of the continuing evolution of this university," he said. For his first few weeks, Ariosto plans on getting to know the campus over the summer, and he plans on getting to know both students and faculty so he is not "just another face in the crowd." He noted, "I need to take everything in first and get a sense of what is going on."

Ariosto will be stepping in for Rolando Watts who has been serving as interim dean for the past 16 months.

"Dr. Ariosto comes here with a wealth of experience, and a fresh perspective," said Watts. Prior to taking over as dean, Watts was an assistant dean. He will now

be promoted to the position of associate dean.

Watts added, "I look forward to working with Dr. Ariosto. His experience is really extensive and he seems like an individual who will fit well at this institution."

Ariosto has many plans for the university to help get students more involved. Some other colleges he has worked for have also been made up of predominately commuter students, so he wants to work to get those students more involved as well. He said, "I want to outreach efforts in terms of showing visibility to all students."

Although he does not officially start until May 1, Ariosto has been visiting the campus often to meet with faculty, staff, and students. He added, "I'm looking forward to starting."

McGinley named Student Employee of the Year

By Jennifer Mocera
News Contributor

Every year one student on campus is chosen for the Student Employee of the Year Award. This year Elizabeth McGinley, who is assistant to Stage Manager Shari Selzer, is the lucky winner.

This award is chosen for all students who are involved in the work study program. The award was given to McGinley by the William Paterson University Student Body.

The Student Employee of the Year Award is given out by an organization called SUEASA, or the Student Union Employee Association.

The practices they follow is that the financial aid office sends applications to all employees on campus, and they send in a vote. McGinley was chosen and her name is now posted and entered in SUEASA.

The student chosen for the award has the chance of winning a cash prize. McGinley is excited about the award and the recognition she is receiving. "I'm very excited about about being here, and I'm eager to be a part of the continuing evolution of this university," she said. For his first few weeks, Ariosto plans on getting to know the campus over the summer, and he plans on getting to know both students and faculty so he is not "just another face in the crowd." He noted, "I need to take everything in first and get a sense of what is going on."

For the WPU award, McGinley will receive a plaque from the school. She will also receive another plaque from a group of students who voted for her as the Student Employee of the Year.

The award is open to all students who are employed on campus. McGinley is a student at William Paterson University and is currently a student employee at the school. She is currently a student employee at the school and is currently a student employee at the school.

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Mailbag

Programming shows lack of tact

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Dina Romano's comments regarding my letter to the editor published in the 4/6 edition of The Beacon.

In my letter, in no way did I express the opinion that all school trips must be "educational" and therefore dull, according to Ms. Romano. Like anyone else, I enjoy activities other than plays, museums, and historical sites. A trip to the local roller-skating rink or an athletic event would be fine by me. My basic problem was with the complete lack of tact shown by Residence Life in planning a university excursion to see a television talk show taping.

Ms. Romano, in her letter, connotes being eager to learn negatively. Can she please tell me why she seeks a college education? In her letter, she writes, "Obviously we are all educated people if we have made it to the

university level." Any observant person who has spent five minutes on this campus knows this statement to be completely false. Having had the pleasure of residing on-campus this year, I have observed a student body overburdened by anything but school work. On a daily basis, I notice people with an excess of time on their hands. (Could this possibly explain the constant gaggle of people loitering in the lobby of the Towers?)

Maybe I just live in a dream world, but my idea of a university prior to coming here was of a place where people seeking to better themselves commune, a place where ideas are exchanged and where knowledge is constantly sought. Maybe I ought to take Ms. Romano's advice of transferring to another educational institution seriously.

Sam Sadigursky

Just Bitter

And ... procrastination

Robyn Caputo SO, I kept putting this off to the last minute because a) I didn't know what to write about and b) I just didn't feel like writing. I'm sure you can understand why. All week all I have been doing is writing freakin' papers! So, for this week's topic of discussion, I decided to delve into the world of procrastination. And since I am the Queen of Procrastination, who better to write about it than me.

It's late at night, I just got home from work, and I still have tons of homework to do, but I'm tired and I would like to get to bed early. Now, a normal person would dive right into the book, get everything done and get some sleep. But me? Not a chance. First I have to change into something cushy, (this is essential). Then I have to waste more time finding a snack or making tea. By now, it's about 10:45 pm, and "Seinfeld" will be going on soon, so why bother starting now? After that is "Frasier", and that dog Eddie just cracks me up, so I might as well watch that too.

Okay, so now it's already midnight, and I haven't done a thing. But Comedy Central always plays old reruns of "Saturday Night Live", you know the funny ones with Adam Sandler and Chris Farley, so maybe I will just leave

that on in the background while I start my work. Oh wait, this scene is really funny, (I've seen this episode before). Meanwhile my books stay on my lap begging for attention, which they obviously do not get.

At this point it is now one the morning, I'm getting really tired, but haven't done a thing. Sound familiar? Time for discipline and maybe some coffee, (where is that Caped Caffeinated Crusader when I need her?)

Some time around approximately 3:30 I finished my work and collapse on my bed. So, my theory is simple. It's all Jerry Seinfeld's fault. Because even if I have seen an episode 20 times, I still watch it. I'm sick. I need help. But that's it. "Seinfeld" starts this chain reaction, and suddenly I'm glued to my television watching stupid shows which apparently crack me up.

At this point, I'm way past my deadline, and the only thing I could come up with was procrastination. It is a really cool word though. I mean, can't you just imagine it as the title of some new Rod Stewart song? (Does anyone even remember that guy?) Oh well, I'm tired, I'm overworked, and I am definitely Just Bitter.

Robyn Caputo is a staff writer for The Beacon.

Finally, it's almost over

LET us save the tomorrows for work." A most interesting statement once urged by none other than Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. And if one were to ask any college student what that statement meant he/she could probably respond with a slightly different anecdote perhaps something from Bazooka Joe: "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow."

However, there is a major difference between the two statements. Bazooka Joe's comment suggests that play should come before work when possible, while Twain's statement suggests work should be put off indefinitely for play. But what can one expect from a man who had to make "a rule never to smoke more than one cigar at a time."

Unfortunately for students here at William Paterson University the "tomorrow" of which Bazooka Joe spoke might have been a few yesterdays ago. The reason being - finals are nearly here. That's right, it's almost over.

Depending on how many eight o'clock and nine-thirty classes one has slept through, the fact that the school year is almost over and the first signs of summer have already poked their pretty faces out of the "mud-luscious" earth, might not be entirely good.

But there's still hope! As long as there's coffee, there's hope. And luckily Dunkin' Doughnuts sells hope 24 hours a day in varying sized styrofoam grails. So as long as one times correctly the effects of the caffeine from one cup of coffee to the next, one can maintain the artificial level of alertness necessary to study through the wee hours of night.

However, sleep is inevitable. So when your bed becomes a place for slumber, not just an enormous desk on which you can study comfortably, push your books under your pillow, pray that osmosis works with knowledge, and realize that the play which displaced the work you were about to do "yesterday" may have been more important anyway, and even if it wasn't there's nothing you can do about it now.



Commentary

New Jersey auto insurance reform

Garold R. Brennan, Esq. W New Jersey's new auto insurance law, which is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 1998, is a landmark piece of legislation. It represents a significant step towards reforming the current system, which is plagued by high costs, complexity, and unfairness. The new law aims to provide a more equitable and affordable system for all drivers.

The New Jersey legislature is now considering two reform bills. The first, Senate Bill S-2, would reduce premiums by prohibiting most lawsuits by injured motorists for pain and suffering and by offering a new, no-fault policy which would provide full medical coverage and bodily injury protection. The no-fault policy is designed to cost between \$300 and \$400.

In essence, the reform bill would modify the current threshold which is the standard of degree of injury that must be sustained in order to sue for pain and suffering. Motorists would still have the option of paying higher premiums to have an expanded policy that would be protected with more liability coverage.

The argument that lawyers' compensation is not fair to motorists is a poor person who is not liable to purchase the no-fault coverage. The law also states that the no-fault policy could cause a consumer to be denied the right to sue.

However, a motorist with a no-fault, no-fault policy saves an accident and must someone who has only one time to sue for liability coverage, meaning that if he injured only one person, the motorist's personal assets and

income could be subject to levy and attachment to satisfy the judgment. Moreover, a driver with a no-fault policy who is injured by another driver, while he might be able to recover for medical expenses, he will not be able to recover anything more than compensation for his lost wages.

While these laws are intended to reduce costs, their motivation is not all pure. It is to reduce the income of lawyers who are paid by the hour. The income of lawyers will drop by \$65 million a year.

The assembly bill is more radical than the Senate bill. It would provide \$100,000 in liability coverage in the no-fault policy. The legislature of course is going to be concerned because the political pressure to do so has become too intense to ignore. Lawyers, who have been accused of greed, believe that the reform will leave them with no money at all.

The reform legislation, however, appears to be a step in the right direction. It is a necessary step to reform the current system, which is a mess. The law is a good example of how to do it right. It is a good example of how to do it right. It is a good example of how to do it right.

Garold R. Brennan, Esq. is a lawyer in the New Jersey State Bar Association.

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31 votes. Ahisha Winkler has been selected as senior class vice president, running unopposed, along with senior class secretary Michael S. Laclair. No senior class treasurer has been chosen.

In the junior class, Edwin Rosario will serve as president next year, alongside vice president-elect Tuwisha Rogers, who received a total of eight votes more than her opponent Yesehia Castillo. Neither positions of

class treasurer nor junior secretary were filled.

senior Smith will begin sophomore year at William Paterson University as sophomore class president in the SGA, alongside President Lillian Rivera, who ved 20 write-in votes. A sophomore class treasurer was not an, but Krisawn Madison was ed to serve as sophomore secretary, receiving more than opponents Taralynn Idez and Lillian Rivera.

70 students, David DuPiche

and Melissa Del Rosario, have been chosen as Club "B" representatives for next year. No students were elected for Club "C," "D," or "E" representative positions.

In addition, no students were chosen as school representatives for the School of Science & Health, the School of Humanities, the School of Education, or the School of Arts and Communication. These positions will remain open.

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SGA executive board members receive lower compensation than others

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Protopsaltis said that the average student doesn't see why they should get paid in the first place.

"I think it's stupid," said Lauren Prosperi, 18, freshman. She feels they don't do anything that they should get money for.

Edward Matera, 18, freshman, agreed. "They're students here just like anyone else and no one asked them to run for those positions. They did it on their own initiatives. That's why I don't think they should be paid," Matera said.

On the other hand, some people think these students should get paid.

"It's kind of like a job. They have to run meetings," said Helen Chmelowitz, 19, sophomore. "The SGA puts a lot of work into our campus. I think they deserve it. They're representing the entire student body and trying to make everyone happy," she added.

According to Protopsaltis, the Student Activities Planning Board president, the Greek Senate president, and the Pioneer Yearbook editor get tuition reimbursement as well.

Insider

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DAS EFX PERFORMS IN STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

By Edith Cristina Castillo
Insider Contributor

On Friday, April 24 The Insider had the opportunity to interview recording artist DAS - EFX. The concert was held in the Student Center Ballroom and was sponsored by Student Activities Planning Board (SAPB) as a closure to the events of Springfest '98.

Opening acts included William Paterson's own DJ Shortcut, EOF, ICC, Big Unit, and Rowdy Rahz.

What are your names?

"Andre Weston A.K.A. Krazy Drayz and Willie Hines A.K.A. Books in Reverse or BoogieBanga."

How long have you been rapping?

"We have been rapping since 1989"

Where are you from?

"Brooklyn, New York & Teaneck, New Jersey"

How did you get signed on to your label?

"Well it all started when we were in college (Virginia State). EPMD toured and did a rap contest, we entered. We didn't win, but we got hook-ups. We also did the demo tape thing- basically we just wanted to give it a shot."

Are there any rappers who inspired you?

"Yeah definitely, EPMD, KRS-1,

and Slick Rick."

How did you guys get connected to Redman?

"We've know Redman since we started. So we just decided to hook it up."

Who do you feel is the best rapper of all time?

"Everyone is nice for their own reason. We really don't think that there is really a "best rapper" out there. Because there might be a guy out there that comes out with some phat beats but then later on another one comes out with something a little bit tighter. But right now everything sounds real nice."

How did you come up with the name of the group?



Krazy Drayz



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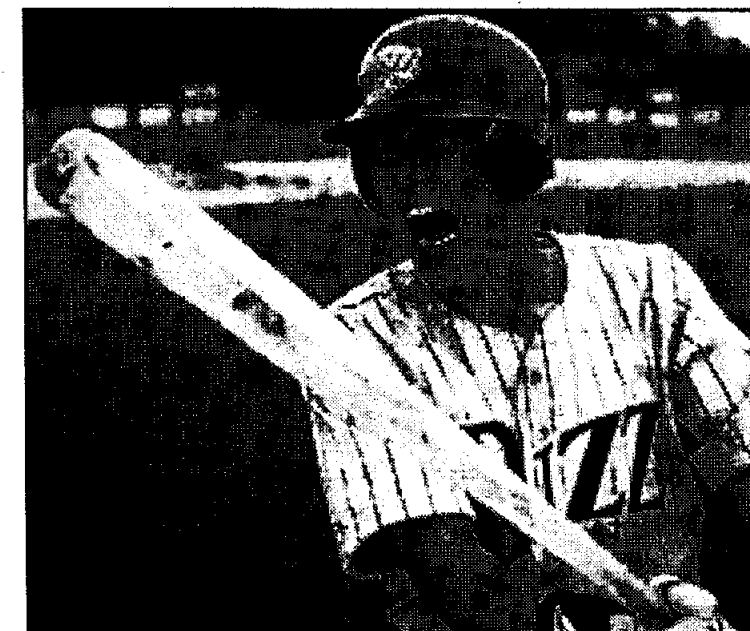
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Scene this one?

Major League III - Back to the Minors



By Christopher A. Paseka & Michael K. Wnoroski
Staff Writers

This week's target is Major League III: Back to the Minors. The plot of this movie is not far off from that of the previous two: A washed up ball player coaches a down and out baseball team to greatness. Gus Cantrell (Scott Bakula) is the manager of a minor league affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

The team, named "The Buzz", is bunk when Gus reluctantly arrives to start coaching. However, being the terrific guy he is, he manages to improve the team drastically. Eventually the team has the opportunity to play

The Minnesota Twins.

What happens? You wouldn't want us to ruin the surprise now would you?

Written/Directed by: John Warren

Produced by: James G. Robinson

Starring: Scott Bakula, Corbin Bernson, Dennis Haysbert, Takaaki Ishibashi, Jensen Daggett, Bob Uecker, Eric Bruskotter, & Ted McGinley.

MIKE- Now, some of you may be thinking, "What were they thinking?" Well, we were thinking the same thing half way through the movie. When we walked into the theatre previews

had already begun, yet there was only one other person there. That was a bad omen, we should have left and saw Titanic for the seventh time.

Unfortunately, we were foolish enough to sit through this horrible movie. Even Blues Brothers 2000 looks good in comparison.

This flick was cheezy. Scott Bakula is a good actor but even his roll as manager of the year wasn't enough to make this a movie worth the \$8.00.

I mean, don't get me wrong, I loved the first Major League movie but c'mon. The concept has been milked more than the Titanic jokes I've made in these reviews.

CHRIS- I have to agree with you Mike, your jokes are milked. Oh, yeah, and this movie wasn't too great.

I sat back in my chair with thoughts of "WHY" running around in my mind. Why are we here? Why do I care what happens? Why are we the only fools in the theatre? Why did they even finance this project? Why did Scott Bakula give up TV drama for the CHEESE he has been involved in?

I had almost two hours to come up with answers to those questions. You know what, I still

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Musicfest '98

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The highlight of every William Paterson Springfest is undoubtedly Musicfest, which was held on Wednesday, April 22. In front of the Student Center, a sea of William Paterson students gathered around noon to watch Mirth, Shady Groove, Paper Castles, Los Cerdos, and DJ Short Cut.

The day started off unexpectedly, when William Paterson student James Rippe proposed to his girlfriend, Tina Mazza. To the delight of everyone watching, she said yes and the day started off fantastically. DJ Short Cut spun before the bands took stage, and got the crowd into it early on.

The first band to go on was Mirth, who took the stage around 12:30. Their amusing rendition of Boyz II Men's "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" got a huge reaction out of the audience. By

the end of their set everyone seemed impressed with their performance.

By the time Shady Groove went on, everyone had either a paper cup or sports bottle filled with alcohol and seemed to be having a great time. The band catered to the crowd, as they played a tight set and seemed to get the biggest reaction of the day from the crowd.

Paper Castles and Los Cerdos finished up the day, and the crowd seemed to be going strong to the very end. When all was finished, Mirth was declared the best band of this years MusicFest.

Once again, Musicfest proved to be a success, as a large number of William Paterson students showed up to drink some beer and listen to some music. DJ Short Cut entertained the crowd in between sets, and the bands themselves did a good job keeping the audience involved.

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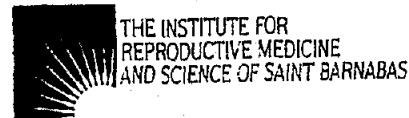
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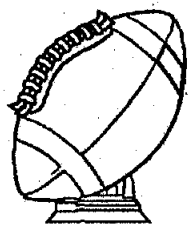
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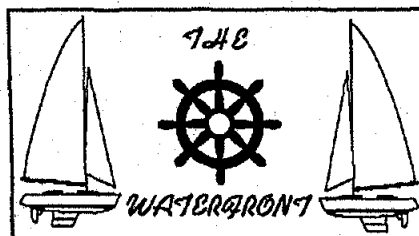
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Scene this one? Major League III - Back to the Minors

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can not answer them. I am awestruck with the lack of talent that "graced" the screen. I have never seen a movie where I felt nothing from the characters. That fact was funnier than the whole movie.

M- Yeah, it was like a reunion for all the washed up actors from the first two movies plus a crew of brand new future wash-ups.

First off, what's up with Corbin Berson? Can't he find better work?

Then, there was Dennis Haysbert who played Cerano, once again. His presence was funny in the first one, okay in the second one, and old by this most recent edition. He had some funny lines but the character did nothing for the over all movie.

It was the same thing with Takaaki Ishiobashi, who was introduced as Taka in Major League II. Okay, so he was in the previous movie, did he really have to be in this one? There are only so many laughs you can get from a baseball playing China-man speaking broken English.

C- Once again, I agree with you Mike. Why in the world do I want to see a silly bit with this China-man? The situation they set up for him wasn't funny, why would I find him funny.

To tell you the truth the only thing that made me laugh was the teeth on one of the lead characters, "Downtown". I don't know what his orthodontist was thinking but I think they could have come up with better caps than "CHICLETS" for his teeth. These

calcium protrusions were whiter than snow and stuck out like he was offering you a piece of gum. (I'd have to think it was peppermint) Now that was funny.

M- Chiclets? Hmmm, that is funny! However, the several incidences of computer generated baseballs hitting players in the head wasn't well, maybe a little. What more can I say about this movie?

I can say this; remember how I said there was one guy sitting in the back of the theatre? Well, I looked back about 45 minutes into the movie and that guy was gone. As Bob Uecker would say, "How about that!"

Never in my life have I been by myself in the theatre during a movie. I mean, Chris was there but that's just as good as being by myself. That pretty much sums up this movie.

C- Glad I'm appreciated Mike. Anyway, speaking of Bob Uecker, he couldn't even come up with funny bits. He had too much screen time and did nothing with it.

The other announcer, who practically said anything, had funnier bits. The only thing that kept his commentary from completely sucking was the "Blimpie" endorsements. I don't know how much money they paid to be involved with this film but they got their monies worth.

Product placement played a key role in this film. Wait a minute, I get it. These companies paid way too much money for shameless plugs and this God-awful movie was financed. Hey Mike, I answered one of my "WHYS".

M- Overall, Major League III is a major strike out. There are a few funny moments and some of the acting isn't bad, but as a whole this movie bites.

From the crowd, or lack thereof, in the theatre it seems most people figure as much. If you are the least bit interested in this movie, wait 'till it comes out on video. No, better yet wait till it's been out on video for a while and then rent it for a dollar.

You know what? I'll even go one step further. If you're the least bit interested in THIS movie, go out and rent the first Major League flick instead. Trust me on this one.

C- Unfortunately, I have to agree with you again. If one person reads this review and changes their mind about seeing this film, I will have fulfilled my good deed for the week.

Uninteresting characters in an uninterest-

ing, unfunny, unentertaining comedy. Yeah, that is my idea of a night out at the movies! This movie didn't quite "cut the mustard". (That was one of the "funny" lines in this movie)

On a scale of five baseballs:

MIKE - I rate this movie 1/2.

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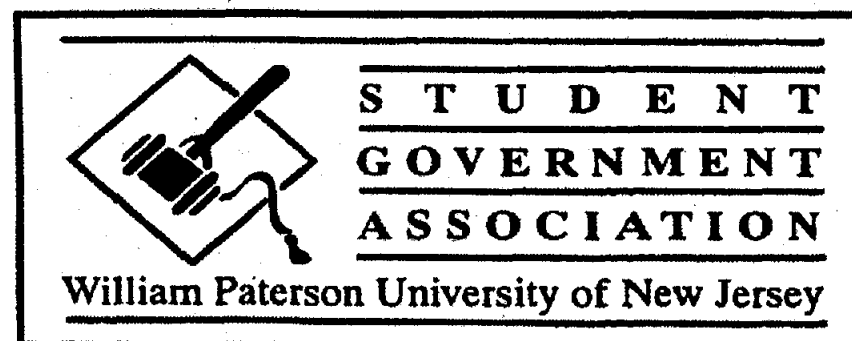
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On Sunday, May 3 the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCMC) serving William Paterson University will celebrate its annual Appreciation Night at the 7:30 p.m. mass.

At this time, donations accumulated through the "Shelter the Homeless" collection will be given to the representatives of Youth Haven and Eva's Shelter and the 1998-99 CCMC officers will be commissioned. The following student groups will be honored for outstanding community service with CCMC: the Greek Senate and the Student Government

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A plaque will be presented and dedicated at the CCMC Center by Tau Kappa Epsilon in memory of deceased WPU alumnus Christopher Cusack.

On Sunday, March 29 the Nu Omega Chapter of TKE hosted the family of Cusack at a mass offered in his memory at the CCMC Center. Cusack was the president of TKE when he was a WPU student. He passed away after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Diane, and son Joseph.

TKE President Jamie LaBue, fraternity brothers, TKE alumni,

friends, and family of Cusack attended. Father Lou Scurti, TKE advisor, offered the mass. The public and friends of TKE and the Cusack family attended are invited to the May 3 mass.

Cusack was born in New York City, and lived in Butler, Bloomfield, Ringwood, and Stockholm before moving to Franklin three years ago. He was a computer technician for State Farm Insurance in Wayne for 15 years. He received a bachelor's degree in special education from WPU.

Cusack's mother thanked the TKE members, CCMC, and Scurti for the mass saying, "I know Chris is here with us; and he really appreciates this celebration."

Appreciation Night celebrates at least 3,783 hours of volunteer service to the community by WPU through the CCMC. Scurti said, "We are proud of the spirit of volunteerism on our campus; it is alive and well through the year, not just during the holidays."

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Powell to speak at WPU

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school's first year of university status; the DLS committee put together a special program. Current partners were asked for larger contributions, and new partners were also recruited. Powell was scheduled as the last speaker to "anchor in effect," said Santillo.

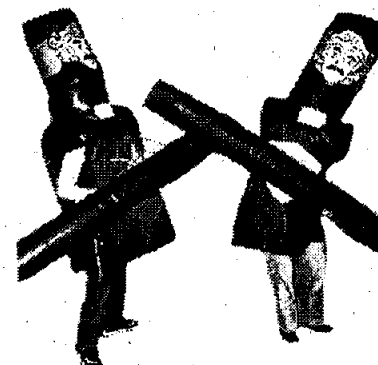
The audience is expected to be overflowing and arrangements are being made to accommodate the amount of people. "The series is, for all intents and purposes, sold out before it begins," said Santillo. "This is definitely the most popular program in the 19 year history of the series. It is a fitting finale for our first year as a university."

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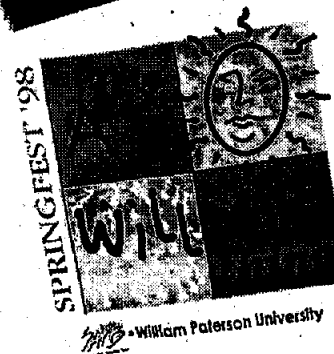
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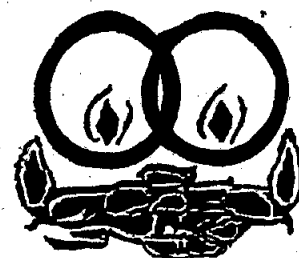
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The Final Thor

Can New Jersey make playoffs hell for its opponents?

By Ira P. Thor
Sports Columnist

A winter wonderland in April - if you're a hockey fan this is your time, as the National Hockey League playoffs begin later this week. And, if you're a New Jersey Devils hockey fan, the adrenaline should be pumping for the next two months. That should be long enough to capture the Cup, again.

So, I guess it is fairly obvious that I just predicted the Devils to skate around the Meadowlands

with the Stanley Cup come mid-June. Despite my lifelong allegiance to the team, there are several resounding factors that influence this pick. Let's start from the top.

Actually that's where the Devils are right now, tops in the Eastern Conference. Yeah, Dallas beat them out at the end for the Presidents Trophy by two points, but they still won the Jennings Trophy for fewest goals allowed in the league. With 107 points and 48 wins, they still maintain the best record in the East for the second

straight year.

That's partially because of Martin Brodeur.

Brodeur proved this season that he is arguably the greatest man between the pipes in the league, only behind Dominick Hasek. I realize that Brodeur is probably exhausted by his attempt to break the NHL record for goaltender wins in a season, but come playoff time its going to be strictly business.

The Jacques Lemaire-designed trap has enabled New Jersey to dominate on D, and if you get it by

them, Brodeur is as close to a human brick wall as there is in the league.

Up front, the offense is not anything that puts fear in the hearts of the opposition, but with Bobby Holik leading the way and Doug Gilmour back on skates, the remainder of the Devils attack keeps the club at a very respectable level.

Yes there's no marquee name, but remember what your childhood coaches always told you. Defense wins games, and it's not any different when they play on

ice. The Devils struggled towards the end of the season, but if you look at the last four or five playoffs years, no team has been stronger in the postseason than New Jersey.

Here are my predictions: #1. New Jersey over 8. Ottawa in five, 2. Pittsburgh over 7. Montreal in five, 3. Philadelphia over 6. Buffalo in six, and 4. Washington over 5. Boston in seven. In the second round, New Jersey tops Washington in six, and Philadelphia surprises Pittsburgh in six. In the East final, New Jersey has dominated interdivisional opponents all year, including the Flyers. Jersey goes to the final in five games.

Out west, the champs will repeat. Detroit down the stretch, proved that they will be a team to be reckoned with if anyone feels they can pry the Stanley Cup away from the Octopus in the Motor City. Dallas is a team that has played poorly in the postseason in recent tries, including an upset by Edmonton in 1997.

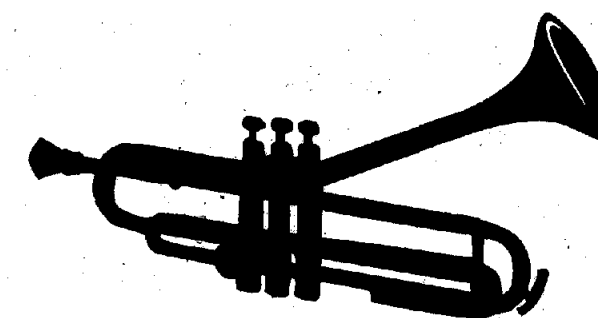
Here's how I think it will go down: #1 Dallas beats 8. Jose in four, 2 Colorado strikes 7. Edmonton in seven, 3. Detroit down 6. Phoenix in five, and 5. Los Angeles upset 4. St. Louis in six. In the second round, Los Angeles shocks Dallas in seven, while Detroit covers the Avalanche in six.

Detroit sweeps LA in the West finale, to set up a rematch of the 1995 final, where New Jersey stunned the Wings in four to win their first Cup.

1998 will bear the same result. Overall, New Jersey wears down their opposition, with a brutal defensive game. Detroit will be fatigued going through the West, where I think the competition is harsher. New Jersey will have the easier series as they take the Eastern title. In my eyes, New Jersey wins the 1998 NHL crown in five games, with Brodeur capturing the Conn Smythe trophy for MVP.

Teams to watch in the postseason: Washington, Edmonton, and Phoenix. Next week my NBA predictions and the answer to this common sense question: Will anyone else then Chicago win a championship while Michael lives on the hardwood?

Writer's Note: In case you were wondering, the purpose of the "The Final Thor" piece each week is to approach a different issue, and battle it, make a prediction, or to describe what I feel is a valuable sports-related experience. In other words, this is my Final Thought for the week. Just to squish the rumor that I had something to do with the collapse of Yankee Stadium last week following my article "Yankee fans need heart, not a new stadium," I had no part in this tragedy. I swear. And I am not a jinx.



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Pioneers get ready for playoffs

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were leading 10-1 after the fifth inning. Cutler went 3-for-5 and Rozema went 4-for-5. Bellovich's two-run home run in the first inning was his seventh of the season. He went 2-for-4, scoring three runs and driving in three. Junior outfielder Glen School went 4-for-8 in the series.

The highlight of the game was senior Bob Slomkowski, who won his fifth game in the season. Slomkowski's win was the 27th of his collegiate career, which places him in a three-way tie with Joe Lynch and Jim Daly for most career Pioneer victories.

"He threw 121 pitches and pitched the whole game; he's our guy," said Head Coach Jeff Albies. "I'm happy he tied the record."

"I wasn't thinking of it going into the game," said Slomkowski, "it's not really a big deal. It would be nice if I break it."

The Pioneers improved to 22 and 7 on the season, and 10 and 3 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). The Pioneers' record on the road improves to 9 and 1, and their record, when leading after six innings, improves to an incredible 18 and 1. The coach is still concerned about the Pioneers' defense. "We are decimated in the outfield by injury; but that's no excuse," said Albies. "We need to tighten up a little bit defensively."

Next week the Pioneers will play some tough NJAC competition against Montclair State University, Ramapo College, and a double-header at Kean on Saturday. "It's a big week," said Albies. "Six [games] in a row, five conference; we have to win four of them."

Albies said, "Our pitching is ready, and our offense is ready. I'm just a little concerned about the defense."



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The 27th career victory for Bob Slomkowski, above, ties a Pioneer career record, formerly held by Joe Lynch and Jim Daly.

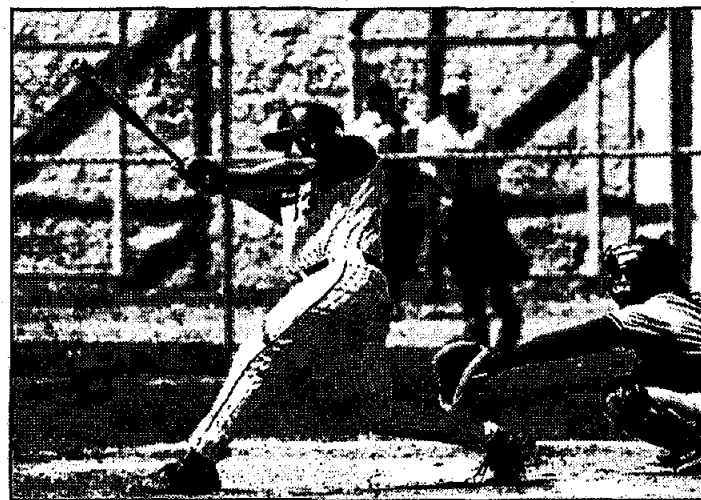


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Last week, Mike Bellovich, above, batted .455, with three home runs and nine RBIs. He also picked up ten hits and 20 total bases.

Imhof helps Pioneer track team shine

By Sean Mooney
Sports Contributor

Recipient of the "Outstanding Male Field Athlete" at the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Track Championships on April 10 and 11, junior Paul Imhof is bringing some much needed recognition to a team that is greatly overlooked.

Imhof placed first in the triple jump, second in the high jump, and fifth in the pole vault at the NJAC championships. A transfer student from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, Imhof is a major contributor to the William

Paterson track team's success, often finishing in the top five of all the events in which he competes.

"I have a lot of fun competing, and I'll do anything to help the team out," is the winning attitude Imhof takes with him to every competition.

Over the last two weeks, Imhof has been training for a decathlon to take place on Saturday, May 2 at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. The decathlon is a ten event competition, and is a first for Imhof.

As far as the future is concerned for the Pioneer track team, Imhof feels they have a very young program and should be much better

next year, maybe even conference champions. With the addition of the new track on campus, this should attract some talented high school athletes to attend the university and help "beef up" a comparably small team.

According to team coach, Ralph LaMonica, "The new track is something they should have done many years ago. It sure beats practicing in parking lots and on other campuses."

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Mike Fox - you're in my thoughts and in my prayers. I'm here for you. Love, Harmony

Theta Phi Alpha- The Mu class would like to say thank you again for all that you have done

for us. To P.J., Hoop, Pebbles and Barbie, thanx sis!! Love R.P., Kanga, Roo, Marvin and Skipper

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SPORTS



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Craig Cutler 24 game hit streak sets Pioneer record.

Pioneers get ready for playoffs

By Paul Bonney
Sports Contributor

The Pioneers alternated wins and losses this past week as they went 3 and 2. On Tuesday, April 21, the Pioneers defeated Adelphi in Garden City, NY 13-12. On Wednesday, April 22, the Pioneers lost 2-0 against Ramapo. Friday, April 24, the Pioneers avenged the loss with a 12-2 victory over Jersey City. They split the double-header on Saturday, April 25, against The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) 4-6, and 12-7.

Tuesday's victory was keyed by junior Duane Horta who went 4-for-5, with four RBI's and two runs scored. Horta, junior Mike Bellovich, freshman Matt Rozema, and junior Brian Richardson all homered for the

Monday April 27
NJAC Playoffs, Round one
Softball vs. Stockton 4:00
Tuesday April 28
Softball vs. FDU-Madison 3:30
Wednesday April 29
Baseball at Queens 3:30

Thursday April 30
Baseball at Ramapo 3:30
Friday May 1
Baseball at MSU 3:30
Collegiate Track Conference at Sacred Heart (and 5/2) TBA
Saturday May 2
Baseball at Kean (DH) noon

Pioneers. William Paterson exchanged leads throughout the game with the Panthers, until the Pioneers scored in the top of the ninth to finally put Adelphi away.

In Tuesday's game, junior third baseman Craig Cutler beat the Pioneers' longest game hitting streak, formerly held by Manny Perez, by hitting in his 24th consecutive game.

Wednesday's loss to Ramapo was especially tough for sophomore pitcher Jason Messina, who only let up two runs, both of which were unearned. Messina struck out 11 batters in that game. The Pioneers committed three costly errors, which was enough for the Roadrunners to steal the victory. William Paterson was only able to muster five hits in the game, and stranded two runners in scoring position.

On Friday, freshman pitcher Shaun Stokes improved his record to 5 and 1 with the victory over Jersey City. He picked up five strikeouts, giving him a team lead of 46 for the season, and lowering his earned run average to 3.59. Bellovich went 5-for-5 with one homer, three runs, and three RBI's.

Saturday the Pioneers took a tough loss in the first game of the double-header to TCNJ 6-4. The game was tied at 4 going into the top of the eighth inning, when TCNJ broke it open on an RBI double by Brian Lemke. A Dave Cecchanechio single scored Lemke and gave the Lions a two-run lead that the Pioneers never made up.

In game two on Saturday, the Pioneers jumped on TCNJ and

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Lady Pioneer catcher excels in every aspect of the game



photo by Ryan Poulson

Becky Perkins is two doubles short of setting a Pioneers single season record, and four short of setting a Pioneer all-time record.

By Paul Bonney
Sports Contributor

What does it take to be a great catcher? How about quickness or tremendous arm strength? How about having extensive knowledge of the opposing team's batters and calling all the right pitches? Then junior Becky Perkins would fit the description. The William Paterson

catcher is considered by many to be one of the best catchers in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC).

"There's no one better in the conference behind the plate because of her cat-like quickness and the fact that she's so mentally tough," said Head Coach Hallie Cohen.

Last year's NJAC first team catcher is again making a serious

bid to repeat that honor. Her 14 doubles and 30 RBI's once led the conference, but her real strength comes behind the plate.

Perkins has thrown out an amazing 11 of 23 runners attempting to steal. "When someone gets on base I want them to run," said Perkins. "I have the confidence where if they do run, I can throw anybody out."

That confidence helps her teammates to perform well around her. Two-time NJAC Rookie of the Week, freshman pitcher Diane Naugle feels, "a pitcher cannot ask for a better catcher than Becky."

"If you don't have a good catcher behind the plate, you don't have a good infield," said Perkins. "She has the smarts to lead a team on and off the field," added Naugle.

Cohen said Perkins has been a leader since she came into the program and has started the last three seasons. In addition, Cohen said, "She's one of the few catchers in the conference that can throw out fast runners," also commenting on her dominance in the league.

"Being a catcher, I see myself as a leader on the field," said Perkins. "I see myself keeping everybody's confidence up and keeping everyone in the game."

Last season Perkins led the Pioneers in batting average, doubles, total bases, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, and walks.

Perkins started playing t-ball at six years of age and has been playing ever since. She earned first team All-Burlington County, and first team All-South Jersey Parochial as a senior in Holy Cross High School in Riverton.

"I try as hard as I can in school, but softball will always be the love of my life," said Perkins. "It keeps me confident in myself that I can do anything."

Perkins' role model is her assistant coach, Vanessa Lenoir. "She's been pretty much pushing me and

keeping my confidence up," said Perkins. "She's influenced me a lot to succeed."

When asked if she plans to play softball after college, she said, "Whether I'm playing or coaching, it has to stay a part of my life."



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