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New 'Making A Difference' logo proposed at trustees meeting

By Angela Seales
News Contributor

The introduction of a new William Paterson University logo was one of the many things which happened at the Board of Trustees meeting held this past weekend.

Members of the Board of Trustees met on Saturday Dec. 12 to discuss many concerns and issues of WPU.

The board meeting was open to

the public at approximately 10:55 a.m., where faculty, staff and students listened intently to some of the resolutions that had been made while members of the board were in closed session earlier.

During this session members of the board agreed to have a new convenience store in Hillside and to have more recreational areas on campus.

Charles Croce, associate vice president of Marketing and Public

Relations, gave a brief presentation that focuses on giving WPU a new look for the next generation.

Croce added that their will be an advertisement of a new logo titled "Making a Difference" in shopping malls, NJ Transit buses and billboards located in Fairfield and along Route 46.

President Arnold Speert and other board members gave thanks to students and staff for their hard work in making the Senior Citizen

Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 14 an unforgettable event.

Speert also said that a scholarship will be given for the loss of Gloria Williams.

"The campus of WPU is deeply saddened by the loss of Williams. Every time she was in my presence, I always walked away feeling good about myself," said Speert.

Vincent Mazzola, an alumnus of WPU was appointed as one of the new members of the Board of Trustees. Mazzola is also the director of Lucent Technologies.

If students have any questions they think should be answered by members of the Board of Trustees, there will be another public board meeting held in College Hall next semester.

Chapel construction progresses from September

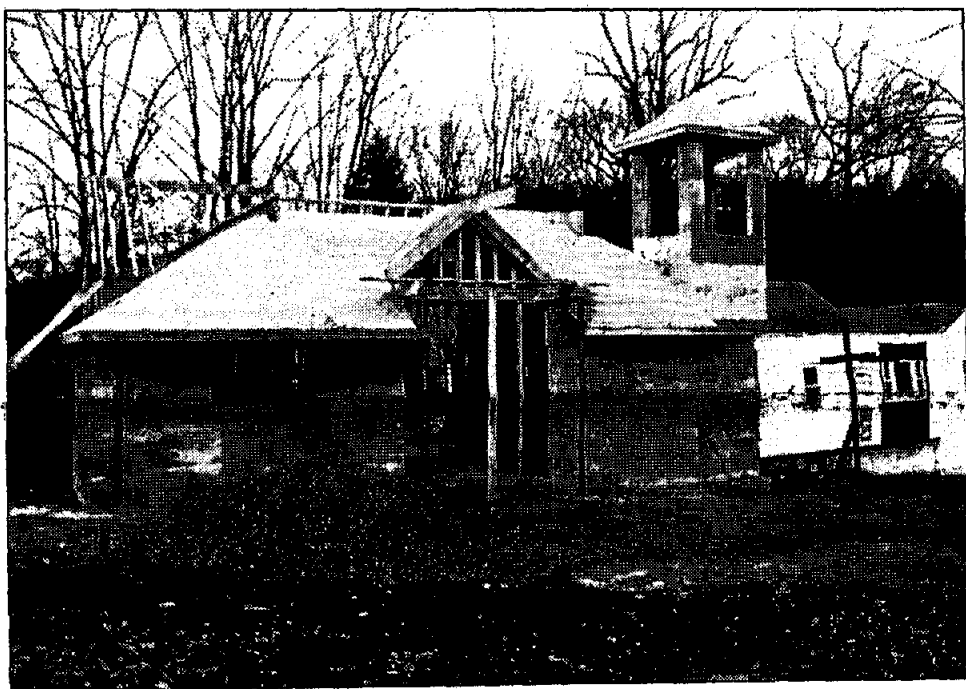


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The new Chapel for the Catholic Campus Ministry Center (CCMC) is presently under construction near Gate 1 of William Paterson University. A matching grant from the Diocese of Paterson was given at the beginning of this semester to the CCMC to help build the new Chapel. This will be the last Christmas that CCMC will spend without a Chapel, as they hope for completion in the spring.

Students have mixed views about racism on campus

By Aaron Cooper
Staff Writer

Webster's Dictionary defines racism as "social discrimination, or racial hatred." It is something that can happen anywhere, whether it be at work, school, or in something that you read. It can also come in all different forms whether it is openly displayed or if it is hidden.

At William Paterson University, some students have a varied view on whether or not racism exists on campus.

"First of all, I think that racism exists everywhere. The type of society that we live in conditions you to certain extremes more than others," said Jamal Hester, senior. "On this campus, I definitely feel that racism does exist, but it is masked. I think the campus does a good job of masking it, but every now and then something surfaces to let the campus know that it's still here, stronger than ever," Hester added.

Cecil Dunbar, junior, said that "the racism is hidden, but it is still there and evident in many ways. Certain professors favor certain races of students, in that some of them don't do any work in class and they pass, while other classes of students have to struggle to get by."

"In speaking to some of my friends I realize a lot of things that are required, such as Western Civilization, is cool, but why are things like African History optional?" questioned Michael Boone, sophomore.

He also said, "If you take a good look, certain races tend to stick with their own kind, and I feel that is a problem. Instead of black students talking about white students and vice versa, I think that we should all sit down and talk about our problems."

According to Quray Bey, junior, racism here on campus isn't really a problem. "I haven't experienced any myself so I can't really say that it is a problem," Bey stated.

According to student Maurice Streeter, racism on campus does exist, and is something that is not a new event but one that has happened before and is still present on campus. Streeter noted that, "in '97, the racism on campus was a hot event. That year people were painting racial slurs all over, and even swastikas, and no real action was being taken," said Streeter.

"More recently on the third floor of Hillside Hall, some non-resident people marked up a Dominican flag, denouncing the Dominican race," said Streeter.

Leah Prescott, senior, said that racism isn't really a big problem on campus.

"There is no racism that I can personally see or have experienced," said Prescott. "I do feel that there is a certain level of prejudice towards students depending on their color, hometown, age, and what economic class level they come from," she added.

Tylyn Hyshaw, senior, said he believes that racism on the WPU campus is very alive because when he was in a Women's Changing Roles class, a caucasian male student made some unfriendly remarks about blacks.

"In the class this white man in his late 30s said that he would rather listen to a room full of angry women than listen to a room full of angry blacks. To me this was a sign of disrespect," said Hyshaw.

Hyshaw added that "not all people are racist, but this campus does have a lot of race problems. Some people feel as though the racism and sexism classes are not necessary. I think that those people need to wake up."

Alan Keyes' wake up call reaches William Paterson

By Sheri A. Freeman
News Contributor

After taking off his gold watch and placing it on the podium, Alan Keyes began to speak of our nation's crisis during his lecture on Friday evening. Referring to the Clinton impeachment hearings, he said, "It is not a crisis of one man or one institution!"

On Friday, Dec. 11, the William Paterson Distinguished Lecturer Series presented Keyes in a lecture titled, "America's Wake-Up Call". The lecture series, held every year was sponsored by such organizations as the Alumni Association, Student Government Association, AT&T and Public Service Electric and Gas.

A Harvard graduate, Keyes

bleeding to run against Bill Clinton for presidency in 1996. Presently he is chairman of the board of The Declaration Foundation. Under Ronald Reagan, Keyes served as an ambassador to the United Nations and as assistant to Secretary of State. He is most recognizable as the host of "The Alan Keyes Show: America's Wake-Up Call."

Before appearing, Keyes was introduced by Peter A. Cistaro, vice president of distribution for PSE&G.

Throughout Keyes' address he continued to make references to such things as the Declaration of Independence, our common rights, and God.

"No matter what Congress chooses with the impeachment of Clinton, that crisis will not go

away," Keyes said. "We can not escape our crisis until we have faced the deep moral issues as surely as we have decided on issues of slavery."

He addressed the notion that he alleged Alan Derchewitz, a consultant to the O.J. Simpson "Dream Team" and law professor, to believe that the Constitution of the United States says there are certain crimes the president is allowed to commit.

With that, Keyes furiously pounded the podium with a clenched fist and continued to say that Clinton is where he is because the American people put him there.

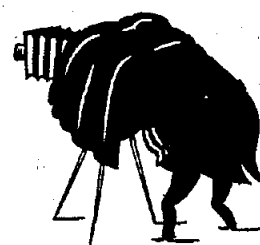
"What on earth made you think that being a free people would be

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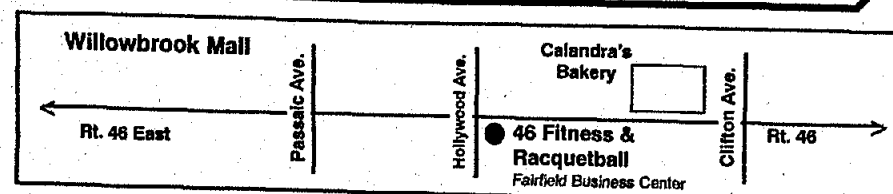
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Thursday

Catholic Campus Ministry: Visits to North Jersey Developmental Center every Thursday. 6:30pm - meet at Campus Ministry Center. Contact Fr. Lou or Joanne at x3524 for more info.

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Catholic Campus Ministry: Visits to Eva's Kitchen in Paterson every Friday. 10am - meet at Campus Ministry Center. Contact Fr. Lou or Joanne at x3524 for more info.

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Catholic Campus Ministry: Mass every Sunday at 7:30pm in the Bishop Frank J. Rodimer Campus Ministry Center. All are welcome. Transportation from and to the Residence Halls is provided. Contact Fr. Lou or Joanne at x3524 for more info.

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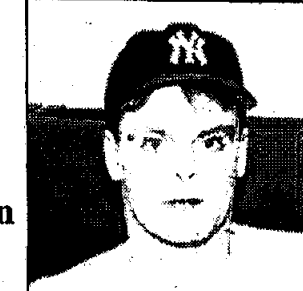
The Beacon Buzz asked students this week ...

How are you dealing with the stress of finals?



"I'm losing my hair. I'm not doing anything to alleviate the stress."

Roger Quinla, Junior, Special Education



"I hang out with my friends."

Jennifer Probst, Junior
 Psychology/Women's Study



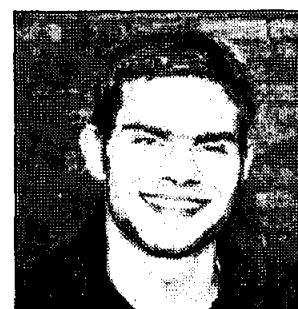
"I don't. I just have to take it until after the end of finals, then I explode and go shopping."

Ebony Diggs, Sophomore
 English Literature



"I don't have any stress. I don't need to study. It doesn't affect me. I can study for a half hour because I figure finals are about everything from the past."

Michael Whipple, Senior
 Communication/Film Making.



"I think I'm stressing myself more because I'm procrastinating. I have 22 credits and I'm really stressed out."

Joanna Wysinski, Senior, Communication



"I'm just rolling with it. I'm going to take my tests and see what happens."

Ron Manganello, Senior, Communication



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Photos by Sylvana Meneses/Students interviewed by Jen Fletcher

Happy Holidays in the Student Center



Photo by Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

The Holiday Bazaar was held in the Student Center Ballroom Dec. 2 and 3. Vendors from all over came to sell their products to the WPU community. Items available included jewelry, candles, t-shirts, plants, music, and more.

Alan Keyes' wake up call reaches William Paterson University audience

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easy?" Keyes asked, "We have to have the courage to lift our eyes up off the ground and look our would-be leaders in the eye and be able to defy them when they oppress us. We must decide if we still have the characteristics to be free!"

Throughout his lecture he also mentioned abortion. As true as the pin of tiny baby feet that he wore on his jacket, he is wholeheartedly against it.

He implied that, "The destruction of principals of freedom began 25 years ago when we decided that women have the right to take the life of the child in the womb." He was referring to the Roe vs. Wade court decision. He also suggested that by taking life from the hands of god and putting it into human hands is, "dethroning the authority of the creator," and we should ask ourselves one question.

He asked, "If we turn our back on authority will we be able to retain our rights? Will we sustain the system that is based on those rights?"

After Keyes finished his lecture there was time allotted for questions from the audience, which filled only half of Shea Center for Performing Arts. Some questions triggered Keyes to preach, while others resulted in yes or no answers.

"There was sex in the White House long before Clinton was in office!" cried one woman. After belting out names of past presidents who allegedly kept mistresses, she said that it hasn't stopped the United States from being what it is. "People are still trying to come here, rather than leave, aside from the fact that we have sex in the White House," she cried.

Keyes listened to her attentively, stroking his chin. As she took her seat, Keyes implicated that sex in the White House is not what is special about this crisis.

"The fact that he (Clinton) betrays his oath is special," belatedly Keyes. "When you swear an oath you are obligated to keep it! That breaking of the people's trust declares someone an unfit president!"

Keyes then erupted a steady flow of "boos" and applause from the audience when he said that Clinton should be removed from office. Still, he continued to support his views despite the negative comments.

"When you commit perjury in that high a visible place (White House), you undermine the integrity of the entire branch of government," Keyes argued. "When he sacrificed his morals he assaulted the foundation that we're built on!"

The question of the security of "our sons," who are registered for selective service was the one that lived the crowd the most. It came from a nervous mom. As the president has executive power over the military, she was looking for assurance from Keyes that her son would not be wrongfully called to duty.

With that, Keyes responded, "If we want the 18, 19, and 20-year-olds to show respect for the military oath they take, and not to turn tail and run the other way when they know they may die, then surely we can expect the president to respect his oath!"

Immediately after the lecture, Keyes was transported to Hobart Manor for a small reception. There, students and administrators and anyone else who attended the lecture had the opportunity to meet Keyes and speak with him directly.

The night ended with such people as Richard Turner, student Representative of the Board of Trustees talking one on one with Keyes about such topics as affirmative action and our nation's school systems.

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A student's plight through finals week

By Robyn J. Caputo
Staff Writer

Before I start this week's column, I would like to clear up any misconceptions about me and my writing style. Don't let the name fool you. I really am not



Just Bitter

an angry, bitter person. Actually, I'm kind of optimistic most of the time, and sometimes I can even make people laugh. So, with that said...

I feel I speak for most of the student body when I say, "AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHH-HHHHHHHHHHH!! I AM STRESSED!!!"

It happens at the end of every semester. Professors give you tons of work to complete in the last few weeks, and on top of that you get to take all of these killer final exams! Ugh! It's enough to drive someone completely nuts!

And when you really think about it, does one big, huge, overwhelming test truly reflect everything you've learned over the course of the entire semester? I don't think so.

I think the professors should get together at one of those teacher conferences and think of new ways to measure what the students have learned without one big, huge, grade-threatening test.

This is my idea of exactly how one such meeting would go:

Teacher 1: The students are complaining about the amount of work they have to complete

before the end of the semester. What else can we do?

Teacher 2: Screw them, this is college. Tell them to suck it up and do their work!

Teacher 3: Yeah! And now that they have complained, we should give them MORE work to do. And we should make the tests even more difficult!

Teacher 4: Now wait a minute. Weren't we supposed to come up with an idea to make it easier for the students?

Teacher 1: Nah. They will just have to study their heads off, have no social life whatsoever, and pass the test. Otherwise, they will just have to take the course over. Oh well, more money for the school, and more money in our pockets!

Teacher 2: Yeah! More money, more money, more money...

Teacher 3: So, it's settled. Can we go eat lunch now?

See, I knew they had a dirty secret at those darn teacher conferences! That's why we continue to get tons of work, and that's why we still have to take these darn finals! Not to mention projects. I think these are the worst.

There is nothing worse than having some big project due at the end of the semester. Especially when it is a group project!

You finish your papers, you study for your big final, and then on top of it, you have to do this huge project which takes up all of your time! I hate that!

So, during this final week of school, when you feel like you can't do any more work, take comfort in knowing that your teachers will have 20 times the work correcting your papers.

And if that doesn't help, you will be visited by three spirits...Jack Daniels, Jim Beam, and Johnny Walker. Cheers! Happy holidays!

Punishment shouldn't stand in education's way

Looking out for the best interest of the students should be one of the main concerns in this university community. Making sure that resident students feel at home in their halls should be another. Treating students as adults when necessary is also something which should happen here at The William Paterson University of New Jersey.

Yet, the people in power at this school seem to be a little bit backwards in their opinions of what the rules are and how resident students should be chastised if they break the rules.

If I use the wrong door, should I really be charged \$50? If I am a little bit too loud during quiet hours, should I really be thrown out of the dorms indefinitely? And if for some reason I unexpectedly need a place to sleep during a break, is it wrong for me to think that I can stay in the dorm which I pay for?

The answer to all of these should be NO. But not at WPU. You must pay \$50 for using a fire door even

though you pay a lot to live here; if you are caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, even during finals week, you can be thrown out of your own dorm; and if for some reason you find that (although you didn't fill out the "break pass" form) you need to stay in your dorm one night during the break, you will be turned away.

We pay for the "education" which we receive, and we pay for our housing. Students know the rules, but rules were made to be broken. This is our "home" for the semester, and we should be able to feel as if we are free in our own homes.

I feel sorry for the students who were recently thrown out of their dorms for violating quiet hours and other rules, because now in addition to finals they have to deal with finding a place to sleep.

Residence Life should think of another way of "punishing" students, because they are really doing is hindering their education in more ways than one.

Mailbag

Father Lou thanks the WPUNJ community

To the WPUNJ Community:

With an enormous amount of gratitude and humbling joy, I would like to take this moment to thank the William Paterson University community - my "parish," for such an outpouring of love, good wishes, and congratulatory messages on the occasion of my recent 25th anniversary of Priesthood.

I was thrilled with the many WP family members who attended the Celebration of Mass as well as the reception at La Neve's in Haledon.

The gifts, words, and presence of my WP family and friends humbles me and yet gives me a great deal of pride; I am in the right place, doing the right thing... campus ministry!

Of special note, I would like to thank Dr. Arnold Speert, whose speech brought tears and smiles to all present; Sikirat Alii, Kalli Protosaltis, Barbara Stomber, Don Phelps, and the SGA.

Executive Board for their support, presence, and gifts; the Greek Senate, Dan Sheridan, the TKEs (alumni and present members), and all of the Greeks who attended; Jerry of the Print Shop; the CCMClub and leaders, Helen Chmelowitz, Sara Evans, Rich Meyer, Keith Friebohl and Rusty Meyers; the WP Jazz Ensemble and faculty and staff, and all of the many WP members who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. La Rosa, owners of La Neve's, also did a spectacular job with the reception; I am also very grateful to them!

Thank you WPUNJ! I end with a note of gratitude to two WP alumni who with Ann Drago, a WP retired employee, coordinated the entire day: Joanne DePasquale and Gerald Reynolds, M.Ed.

They bring pride to William Paterson and I am grateful for their love and devotion!

Join us Christmas Eve for Mass at 7:30 p.m. at the Bishop Frank J. Rodimer Catholic Campus Ministry Center.

This will be the last Christmas Eve without a Chapel... join us as we make history at William Paterson University! Blessing to all of my WP brothers and sisters for Christmas, Ramadan, Kwaanza, and Chanukah.

Father Lou Scurti
Catholic Campus Ministry

Student feels WPSC-FM is out of control

To the editor:

The events that have occurred at campus radio station WPSC-FM over the last few days are both intolerable and unacceptable, and must be dealt with before it is too late.

That is why I am writing this letter to the student body of William Paterson University.

Due to the actions of two individuals at the end of last week, I am calling for the immediate resignation of WPSC-FM Program Director Dana Protano, and expulsion of Music Director John "Oatmeal" Toldi from the station. General man-

ager Dr. Ken Nagelberg has been only a hindrance as well, and not of assistance, as the station has swung out of control towards the end of this semester.

First, I think the campus community should know that on some evenings, the only reason Music Director John Toldi comes to the station is to roll a marijuana joint at his desk, including one time, just as the campus police are about to enter the station to lock up.

I believe this was on the evening of Oct. 29. I, as well as two witnesses, plainly saw him doing this. He did nothing to hide this. He also

Parking problem should be solved soon

To the editor:

Didn't you know that we pay tuition here to spend time parking rather than in class? Now, I don't know who else agrees with this but I know as a senior at WPU I have had enough. I arrive at school 30-45 minutes before class and nine times out of ten, I am still late.

Our school spends so much money on landscaping and to most, unnecessary things, where are the extra student parking lots? We are told to park in Lot 6, but some of us have a tight schedule and don't have an extra 20 minutes to walk or to wait for the shuttle.

I understand that it is important for the professors to park close but since when aren't the students important? It is my last semester here, but I hope, for the future of WPU students, this situation is resolved.

That way, maybe the students can go back to worrying about and concentrating on academics as opposed to parking.

Allison Wolf

Opinions & Review

Let's Talk Life

By LaShonda Lipscomb

Hello, sweeties, how are you all? I hope this article finds you all in the best of health and spirits.

This is the last LTL of 1998 and I'm so excited to share with you this week's topic. It's about some adults and their weird notion of what the "real world" is. For some reason or another, they feel as though that what we are going through is not a part of it.

First, I would just like to ask what makes up their real world? Is it the fact that they have full time jobs and put in 40+ hours a week? Is it that they own their own homes and have their own families? Is it because they pay bills every month? What is it that makes their experiences in life so much more prevalent than ours?

Well on behalf of a large percent of young adults everywhere I would like to press this issue, because there are many of us who work just as hard or harder than a large percentage of adults. We hold down one or more jobs that work us like slaves and pay us like illegal immigrants. We put in ridiculous hours because normal hours would interfere with school.

Speaking of school, we take obscene amounts of credits in order to fulfill some adults' notions of a good education. We have papers, tests, pop quizzes, chapters to read,

dead people's lives to analyze, and teacher's expectations to fulfill. And I know these same adults don't think college is free.

On top of tuition, we have to have a place to stay (those of us who live on campus), we have to eat, and we have to buy obscenely high priced textbooks that we only use twice in the semester (which you return them at the end for less than 50 percent of your money back). Then after all this stress is piled upon you and a good night's sleep has become a thing of the past, you still want some sort of social life.

Now let's dig even deeper. Some of us pay for our own school. Some of us have families of our own. Some of us have great family support systems, but there are a great number of us who don't. Some of us have mental, emotional, and physical elements to deal with.

Plus, in a college environment, we deal with adults who play with us like puppets in a show. We can't usually get straight answers or simple help when we need it. There are a few who actually care about us, but they are few and far between.

So you tell me what's real. What I go through every day I consider as real as the next man's journey through life. Please, don't get me wrong, this is not to ask for your

pity. It is just to say don't belittle what I, or any other young adult, go through in life. Our lives are just as important as yours and they are just as valid. We are struggling to live and reach for this so-called "American dream" just as you once did.

So people, this week's exercise is for the adults who feel that our journey is not "real." The exercise: journey back. Go back to your early 20s and remember how you felt when some adult made light of your hard work. Think about this everytime you attempt to tell a young person "wait until you get to the real world."

The point, every part of your life is "real." From the moment you are born into this world reality is there. It doesn't wait for you to get to a certain age and then magically appear. It is with you from the day you breathe your first breath until the day you breathe your last. And never let anyone tell you otherwise.

Well, this is it. I hope I have brought some sort of light into your lives this semester.

I wish you guys a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwaanza, and Happy Break Time. And may the new year bring you a beginning that you've always wanted. See ya next year!

Mailbag

WPSC-FM is out of control

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attacked John and I, insinuating that we were both gay.

Numerous people heard this personal attack aired, including myself, in my car, on the way to the station at approximately 10 a.m. Toldi, Protano, or Nagelberg better get a lawyer who can defend them against slander and defamation of character.

I was scheduled to have an interview in the station's production room with a state senator at 4:30 p.m. to discuss random drug testing amongst high school student athletes. As I tried to enter the station at 4:10 p.m., I found the doors locked and that Toldi, Protano, and Nagelberg would not allow me inside to conduct the interview. They barricaded themselves in the station. I finally called the campus police to let me in. Nagelberg told the police to let me in for only five minutes for one interview and to gather my schoolbooks.

That evening, there was a college hockey game scheduled at 9 p.m., versus Monmouth University. They decided that they wanted to cancel this important game. Ice Hockey President Bob Carnathan tried to call Dr. Nagelberg to tell him the importance of this game, and that friends, family, students, and faculty would be listening, and were counting on its broadcast. Protano had the nerve to tell Carnathan to do the game on a

tape-recorder!

One of my friends called the station to find out what time the basketball game was on Saturday. He was told that they cancelled the broadcast, and that he should drive two hours to watch the game.

I tried to call my extension to check my voice mail for messages on Saturday. "Someone" mysteriously disconnected the sports department phone. Thus, the department can not get game results, calls from coaches or future guests, or conduct any other sports department business.

They left strict instructions with the on-air DJ not to let anyone into the station, especially me. And a television colleague told me as I tried to enter Hobart Hall to work on my television news class project, that they told the police to arrest me if I entered the building.

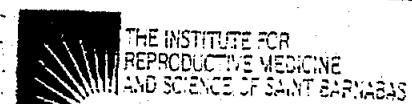
If I have too, I will go to the outside media. Before this happens, I am asking for the support of the students, faculty and administration of William Paterson University. You can contact me at lrathor@frontier.wilpaterson.edu

I love WPSC-FM with all of my heart. That is why I am taking the time to fight this cancer in the midst of preparing for finals. I don't think I'm asking too much.

Ira P. Thor

Happy Holidays
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Tim's top 10 of '98

Tim Bornemann
Staff Writer

1. Broccoli - Home (Rugger Bugger)
2. Snuff - Tweet Tweet my Lovely (Fat Wreck Chords/Deceptive)
3. Rocket From The Crypt - RFTC (Interscope)
4. Chopper - Last Call For the Dancers (Crackle)
5. Chester Copperpot - Bitter Sweet Tunes EP (Pop Kid)
6. Dillinger Four - Midwestern Songs of the Americas (Hopeless)
7. Jesse - Jesse (Rugger Bugger)
8. Knapsack - This Conversation is Ending, Starting Right Now (Alias)
9. Skimmer - Vexed (Crackle)
10. Horace Goes Skiing - Domestic Violence EP (Pop Kid)

Lee's Top Picks

Mike Lee
Staff Writer

1. Jay-Z Volume 2...Hard Knock Life (Rocafella/Def Jam)
2. Big Punisher Capital Punishment (Loud)
3. DMX It's Dark as Hell and is Hot (Ruff Ryders/Def Jam)
4. Noriega N.O.R.E. (Thugged Out/Penalty)
5. Lauryn Hill The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill (Ruffhouse/Columbia)
6. Jermaine Dupri Life in 1472 (So So Def)
7. Method Man T2: Judgement Day (Def Jam)
8. Onyx Shut Em Down '98 (Def Jam)
9. RZA Presents: Wu Tang Killa Beez The Swarm (Wu Tang)
10. Fat Joe Don Cartagena (Big Beat/Atlantic)

Dave's Top of '98

Dave Roe
Insider Editor

1. Dillinger Four Midwestern Songs of the Americas (Hopeless)
2. Chixdiggit! Born on the First of July (Honest Don's)
3. Dan Bern 50 Eggs (Work)
4. Screaching Weasel Television City Dream (Fat Wreck Chords)
5. Dr. Ring Ding and the Senior All-Stars Ram Di Dance (Moon Ska)
6. J Church Altamont '99 (Au Go Go)
7. The Queers Punk Rock Confidential (Hopeless)
8. Lofion The Telephone Album (SpinART)
9. Portishead Live at Roseland (Go Beat/London)
10. Liz Phair whitechocolatespaceegg (Matador)

Ed's Top Ten

Ed Erlenmeyer
Insider Editor

1. Avail Over the James (Lookout)
2. Civ Thirteen Day Getaway (Atlantic)
3. Rancid Life Won't Wait (Epitaph)
4. Catch 22 Keasbey Nights (Victory)
5. Good Riddance Ballads From the Revolution (Fat Wreck Chords)
6. Dropkick Murphys Do or Die. (Hellcat)
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8. Madball Look My Way (Roadrunner)
9. Fury of Five At War With the World (Victory)
10. Suicide Machines Battle Hymns (Hollywood)

Scene These Movies?

Chris's Top Ten

10. 54
9. Dead Man on Campus
8. Waterboy
7. A Night at the Roxbury
6. Urban Legend
5. I Still Know What You Did Last Summer
4. Apt Pupil
3. What Dreams May Come
2. Simon Birch
1. American History X

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

First off, we would like to apologize for not writing an article last week. Secondly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Loews Theatres in Wayne for sponsoring us numerous times this semester. Finally, the time has come to review this semester's best and worst movies.

M - I can hardly believe it Chris, it's been 13 weeks since our first movie review. This semester flew by, huh? I've got to say it will be nice having a vacation from YOU over Christmas break, ya rat bastard! Nah, just kidding pal. It's

been a good semester.

Now then, let's take a look back at the movies we reviewed. As you can see we've rated these movies in a Top 10 format. We left out *Vampires* because it sucked so bad and we left out *T-Rex* because it was a short I-Max film. On with it then...

C - Well, considering I cannot do this article every week without having a slight coronary. You make my blood boil. I sit here at the computer and you send knots up and down my spine. I can't even imagine what it would be like not having to fight with you on every facet of this article. I can't wait until ... Oh I'm sorry, I am ranting here. I REALLY ENJOY

WRITING THIS ARTICLE WITH YOU, I swear.

Well, I've said my peace. As far as the movies go, by far *American History X* is the best movie I saw this semester. It was powerful and hard hitting. I was a little disappointed with *54*, and *Waterboy*. Most of the other movies lived up to their expectations.

M - Yes, I'll agree with you about *American History X* and *54*. The former being my favorite, the latter being the biggest disappointment. However, I have to disagree with your placement of *Waterboy*. I thought the movie was the funniest movie we saw this semester. A number 9 rating just doesn't seem fitting.

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Mike's Top Ten

10. 54
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7. Urban Legend
6. I Still Know What You Did Last Summer
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4. What Dreams May Come
3. Simon Birch
2. Waterboy
1. American History X

Scene Thee Movies?

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C - Come on now! *Waterbad* some good laughs in it but no means was it a great movie. As the funniest movie we saw this semester because we only saw three comedies.

I do have to say I was tired by *What Dreams May Come* and *On the Beach*, and I was freaked by *Apt Pupil*. I did enjoy *An American Legend* and *A Night on Roxbury*, but they were the best movies of this semester.

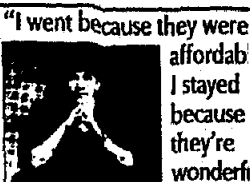
M - You really gave this semester's comedies the shaft. Overall, this semester's kids were not bad. Besides *Vamp*, I didn't think any of the new ones sucked terribly. I hope all those who have read our article enjoyed our commentary. I really enjoyed seeing the movie and reporting my opinions to the college community. We'll be back next semester to do it all over. Have an enjoyable holiday and everyone and a happy new year to you.

C - Yes Mike, *Vampires* didn't SH*T! I wonder which one will receive the coveted gon finger award for next semester.

Well, I too have enjoyed our lovely banter each week. We can entertain the wacky campus community next semester with the same wit and sarcasm. Have a happy and healthy holiday season. See you next semester.

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From, Chris & Mike



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Where does this all lead? It leads to Garth's latest release on Capitol Records entitled *Garth Brooks -- Double Live*. It's the next best thing to being at a Garth Brooks concert. Songs ranging from "The Thunder Rolls" to the famous karaoke tune "Friends in Low Places," the live recordings are awesome! They capture Garth in his wildest of moods, accompanied by his band and even the crowd in many instances. The CD contains 25 hits which cover just more than 100 minutes of playing time. *Double Live* is very driving, energetic, and exciting throughout its duration.

It is truly remarkable from any music listener's standpoint, though it does generally cater to the ears of country fans. There are several different covers to choose from, though the songs remain the same. *Double Live* is available at K-Mart (best price I found), The Wiz, Sam Goody, The Wall, and other CD retailers. So if you have an extra \$15-20 bucks lying around, along with an open mind, this 2-CD set is essential to your CD collection. (Michael Frederick)

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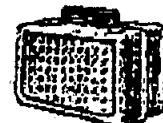
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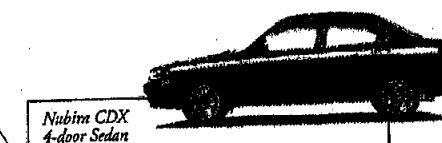
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Who's on Third: Mets sign Robin Ventura to a four-year contract

By Brian LoPinto
Sports Contributor

The New York Mets scratched one more name off their wish list by signing gold glove third baseman Robin Ventura to a four year \$32 million contract. Ventura, who hit .263 with 21 homeruns and 91 runs batted in for the Chicago White Sox in 1998, is a solid defensive third baseman who will round off the Mets infield as New York embarks on the 1999 season.

"Robin Ventura is a quality person and a quality player," said general manager Steve Phillips. "With his bat and the addition of Bobby Bonilla, we feel we have significantly fortified the middle of our batting order."

The addition of Ventura will move Edgardo Alfonzo from third-base, a

position he held since the 1994 season, to second base. With Rey Ordonez at short stop and John Olerud at first base, the Mets on paper will have one of the best infield in the National League.

"I realize there are other teams out there who have pretty good defensive infields," said Phillips, "I really don't think there is one out there better than ours."

Ventura, 31, finished his 10th season with the Chicago White Sox and earned the 1998 gold glove award at third base. Ventura committed 15 errors in 447 chances for a .996 fielding percentage.

"I've heard great things about Edgardo (Alfonzo) and Rey (Ordonez)," said the newly acquired Ventura. "Look at the infield it looks solid defensively, it's a fun time to play."

Mid-season trades for Ventura were constant topics for discussion around Mets camp during the 1998 season. In fact, about five seasons ago the left handed hitting third baseman was mentioned around Met and Yankee circuits, although rumors stated he wanted no part of New York City.

"They pinned that on you, 'you can't play in this city,'" said Ventura, "I've matured. I see things differently. I'm thrilled about coming to New York and I'm excited about the direction this team is going."

The Mets also introduced Roger Cedeno, the outfielder acquired in the Todd Hundley deal from the Los Angeles Dodgers. The 24-year-old switch hitter hit .242 in 105 games, 11 doubles, two home runs and 17 RBI's last season for Los Angeles.

"Roger Cedeno is one of the up

and coming outfielders in the National League," said Phillips, "Our people feel he's about to come into his prime."

Cedeno will be looked upon as the result of the Todd Hundley trade. When asked about the pressure of being connected with the Hundley deal, Cedeno said, "No pressure, the key is to work hard and prove that I can play. Let them (coaching staff) make the right decisions." The Venezuela native continued, "Look, we have a great team, a great line up. We can do the job, I see positive things."

The Mets steam engine made one more stop by acquiring 40-year-old free agent Rickey Henderson. Henderson, the all-time stolen base king, chalked up 66 stolen bases in 1998, more than any Met has ever tallied.



Photo by Brian LoPinto

Robin's Hood: Newest Met Robin Ventura hits Metropolis.

Henderson agreed to a one year contract with an option for the 2000 season. You have been informed.

Rocky visit for Broncos as New York hands Denver first loss of the season

By Brian LoPinto
Sports Contributor

In a year that went all wrong since the preseason injury to cornerback Jason Sehorn, a season in which the defending NFC East Champion New York Giants did not live up to their expectations. The Giants (6-8) beat the undefeated Denver Broncos (13-1) by a score of 20-16 at the Meadowlands.

"I can honestly say, I don't think I've ever been more proud of a football team in an individual game," said head coach Jim Fassel. "They kept believing and kept fighting."

The Giants were focused from the moment they took the field for

warmups. Their level of intensity was notched to the next level. Denver's first drive was positioned six yards away from a touchdown, John Elway's pass to Shannon Sharpe was broken up by Corey Widmer and Tito Wooten. The Broncos settled for a Jason Elam field goal giving Denver a 3-0 lead. New York answered back with a 36 yard field goal by Brad Daluiso tying the game at 3-3.

Denver's opening drive of the second quarter would set up Elam for a 38 yard field goal increasing the score to 6-3. The Giants defense, again stopped Denver's drive that has reeked havoc throughout the National Football League this season.

"Our defense was unbelievable," said Fassel. "To hold that group, that was unbelievable."

With :51 seconds left in the half, New York was third and eight on the Broncos 21 yard line. Kent Graham (21 completions on 33 attempts for 265 yards), passed to Tiki Barber for the first touchdown of the game. Daluiso's extra point attempt was good, giving the Giants a four point lead at halftime.

Elam kicked another field goal from 30 yards for a 10-9 Giants lead. The situation could have been worse for New York, however Big Blue stepped it up and stifled the Broncos' 18 play scoring drive.

"I'd like to give credit to the Giants," said Denver Broncos Head Coach Mike Shanahan. "They came in and played an excellent football game. They did a great job on third down conversions. There were some opportunities early and we had to settle for field goals and it really came back to haunt us."

Denver gained control of the ball early in the fourth quarter due to an Ike Hilliard fumble. With second and 17 on the Giants 49 yard line, rookie Shaun Williams intercepted John Elway's pass intended for Sharpe.

New York's first play was a hand off to Gary Brown for a gain of 45 yards. Brown was a significant part in ending

the Broncos 18 game winning streak. On the afternoon, Brown averaged 6.2 yards per carry for a total of 112 yards.

Eight plays later, the Giants were one yard away from a touchdown when Brown was stopped. With fourth and one on the one yard line, coach Fassel elected to kick instead of going for the touchdown.

"I knew that was the right thing," said Fassel, "even though those guys score a lot of points our defense had played well and that was the smart thing to do."

Daluiso's field goal gave New York a 13-9 lead, but the lead didn't last long. On the next drive, Elway and the Broncos did what they do best: come back from a deficit and regained the lead. With the ball on the Giants 27 yard line, Elway's hand off to Terrell Davis, a scene all too familiar Monday mornings on Sportscenter, resulted in a touchdown. Elam's extra point was good, giving Denver a 16-13 lead.

New York's next drive looked optimistic, with Graham connecting with Chris Calloway for a 36 yard pass to the Broncos 38 yard line. On the very next play Brown fumbled the ball and Denver recovered. If this were the Giants of recent weeks, this would have been a catastrophe. Instead, New York's defense prevailed, the Broncos were three and out causing Denver to punt.

With 1:49 left in the game and the ball on the Giants own 14 yard line, it appeared that New York gave it all they had, that a good effort was made but it was time to throw in the towel. But this wasn't the Giants from weeks two or three, this was a matter of pride.

In three plays, New York managed to get to the Broncos 48 yard line. Graham grounded the ball to stop the clock, the next play was incomplete to rookie Joe Jurevicius. In was now third and ten, the crowd of 72,336 started making their way up the aisles. Those who pacified the Giants meager attempt were heading back to their cars. The remaining New York faithful saw the play that could arguably go down in history as one of best turnaround plays in the 1990's.

With 0:57 left in the game and the ball on the Denver 37 yard line, Graham, from the shotgun, launched the ball to the right side of the end zone. Amani Toomer reached up and grabbed the ball, the officials who were on top of the play hesitated to make the call. An anxious hush fell over Giants Stadium. The arms of the official to the left of Toomer raised his arms signaling touchdown. The nervous silence turned into exuberant euphoria. Daluiso's extra point was good giving the Giants 20-16 lead with 0:41 left in the game.

It was described as "the hindenburg" by Amani Toomer. The ball was up for grabs and Toomer was there to grab it. "I talked to the wide receivers during the week and Amani said 'hey listen, I'll make you famous, just throw it up.' And Amani did that."

Elway, known for his late fourth quarter comebacks, had 0:05 left on the clock. From the shotgun, Elway catapulted the ball as the ball touched the artificial turf at the Meadowlands, the Denver Broncos were no longer undefeated.

"That game was not over until I saw that ball hit the ground," said Fassel, "The guy (Elway) is a great player. I won't take anything away. I think Mike Shanahan has done an unbelievable job this year. The best job by far...everyone knew it was going to come to an end sometime."

This win over Denver, is like an extra present in your Christmas stocking. You weren't expecting it, but you're glad you got it. Next week the glowing Giants host the Kansas City Chiefs, if New York can get off cloud nine and have a good practice week, they can beat Kansas City this Sunday. Hey kids, if the Giants sweep the rest of the season there may be a wild card under the Christmas tree. You have been informed.

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Beacon Personals

To all the Pioneer Players -- I'm so proud of you. You guys did a great job on the Three Student Directed One-Acts. Love, El Prez

Happy Holidays to all that know me! Have a good break, see you next semester. Love, Chris

Thanks to everyone for making my birthday such a special day! Rock on Potato Soup and Karaoke! Love, Mike

To everyone in White Hall -- Have a great Christmas and New Year, and don't party too hard this break! (Not!) I love you guys. Love, Shonda

To the White Hall First Floor Crew -- It's gonna be Christmas in January for us this year, so be prepared when you return! Thanks for making this a great semester. Love you guys to the moon and the stars, Pam

Alyce -- Hello Dear! So, sleepovers this break, right? Love, Chief

To the Beacon staff -- Thanks for everything! Have a great, well-deserved break! -- Pam

Paul -- Get some sleep over this break. Thanks for everything kiddo -- Pam

Pam -- It's been fun and it's been real, but it hasn't been real fun. Just kidding -- I love you! Can't wait until spring! -- Alyce

Chris and Mike -- I know you have loved living in the same building as us -- wait until next semester ... A & P

Marlon -- Who loves ya babe? When are we going to the movies? Love, Pamela

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This week's schedule

Saturday, 12/19
Ice Hockey @ MSU 9 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday, 1/4-5
Springfield Tournament TBA

Monday-Tuesday, 12/28-9
Staten Island Tournament
TBA

Friday, 1/1 & Wednesday, 1/6
Women's Basketball Bahamas
Trip TBA

Women's Basketball downs Richard Stockton

By Paul Bonney
Sports Editor

The Lady Pioneers overcame a 25-15 halftime deficit to defeat the Ospreys of Richard Stockton College 50-44, on Saturday, Dec. 11, in Pomona.

"It was a good win," said Head Coach Erin Monahan of the big conference victory. "It was a good second half performance."

William Paterson benefitted from 23 second half points by forwards Wendy Kane and Melissa Donovan.

"We were hot in the second half," said Donovan. "I just went with the flow of the game. I was getting the ball a little more down low, and I think that helped."

Donovan finished the game with 16 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals. She is second on the team in scoring to senior guard Stephanie Arrigo.

Arrigo was shutdown, scoring only 10 points, on 3 for 21 shooting, and 1 for 8 from behind the arch.

"She (Arrigo) was trying to make something happen," said Monahan, "it's just that her shots were not falling, unfortunately."

Despite the scoring difficulties Arrigo played well, dishing off 6

assists and capturing 4 steals.

"Her (Arrigo's) shot wasn't on, but Wendy and Melissa picked up the slack," said Monahan. "That's something to me; that's a team. You don't usually wait for one person to do it."

"We can beat any team in our conference; we just have to take it one game at a time." --

Melissa Donovan,
freshman forward

Kane, the teams leading rebounder at almost ten per game, finished with 7. She tallied 15 points and 4 steals.

The Lady Pioneers made some halftime adjustments to help key the victory over the Ospreys.

"I think we came together in the locker room at halftime," commented Donovan.

"At halftime, I said 'you have to have pride in your program and pride in yourself as a player,'" said Monahan who claimed to lose her voice during halftime.

Monahan felt there were several

successful changes in the play of her team after the second half began mostly defensively, citing "our defense was great."

The Lady Pioneers put on the press, utilized the low post often, and hit foul shots down the stretch.

"When you see something working, and the girls faces light up, and they say I want to keep doing it, and that's what we did," said Monahan about the success of the offense in the low post.

Shannon Keelan chipped in 13 points and handed out 3 assists for Richard Stockton.

"I think the win shows that we have it," explained Donovan. "I mean we can beat any team in our conference; we just have to take it one game at a time."

Coach Monahan stressed that "anybody could beat anybody" and said, "it's just a matter of playing hard."

The Lady Pioneers improve their record to 5-3, while Richard Stockton falls to 7-3. Both teams are now 4-2 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference.

William Paterson will take a trip for three games to the Bahamas over the break before coming back to play some tough conference games.

"I think if we play every game for the rest of the season like we played in the second half of last game, I think we'll definitely come out on top," said Donovan.

The keys to a successful season, according to Monahan were to "take pride" in their play, and to "have fun."

This week in Pioneer Sports



Photo by Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

The Men's Basketball Team defeated Montclair State University 57-55 on Wednesday, Dec. 9.



Photo by Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

William Paterson's Men's and Women's Swimming Teams defeated Beaver College on Saturday, Dec. 12.

HEAD TO HEAD IRA THOR VS. PAUL BONNEY

WEEK 16	IRA	PAUL
MONDAY, DEC. 14		
Detroit at San Francisco 8:20 p.m.	SF	SF

SATURDAY, DEC. 19		
New York Jets at Buffalo 12:35 p.m.	JETS	JETS
Tampa Bay at Washington 4:05 p.m.	TB	TB

SUNDAY, DEC. 20		
Atlanta at Detroit 1:01 p.m.	ATL	DET
Baltimore at Chicago 1:01 p.m.	BALT	BALT
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:01 p.m.	PITT	PITT
Kansas City at New York Giants 1:01 p.m.	NYG	KAN
St. Louis at Carolina 1:01 p.m.	CAR	CAR
San Francisco at New England 1:01 p.m.	SF	SF
Tennessee at Green Bay 1:01 p.m.	GB	TENN
Indianapolis at Seattle 4:05 p.m.	SEA	SEA
Oakland at San Diego 4:05 p.m.	SD	OAK
New Orleans at Arizona 4:15 p.m.	ARIZ	NO
Philadelphia at Dallas 4:15 p.m.	DAL	DAL
Jacksonville at Minnesota 8:20 p.m.	MIN	MIN

BEST BETS ARE IN BOLD

LAST WEEK: IRA 9-6, PAUL 7-8

FOR THE YEAR: IRA 134-73, PAUL 133-74

BEST BET MARK: IRA 13-2; PAUL 13-2

Editor's note: Throughout the 1998 NFL Season, Feature Sports Columnist Ira "Thunder" Thor and Beacon Sports Editor "Hurricane" Paul Bonney will go head to head each week, for 17 weeks. Total win/loss and best bet records will be kept.

See next week's picks on Page 10.

Cheerleading team prepares for Florida competition

By Cyndi Fox
Staff Writer

The cheerleading team at William Paterson University will head down to Orlando Florida to compete in the UCA College Cheerleading Championships, a national competition from Jan. 7-10.

Currently the squad is ranked No. 1 in Division III, but the national competition does not have a Division III category, so subsequently the team is ranked No. 9 in Division II.

In order to go to the competition this year, the squad had to submit videotape of their work to judges who then qualified them to attend.

The videotape contained a minute and a half routine that showed the team's cheering, stunt, tumbling and dance skills. Based

on this submission, the squad placed in the semi-final round, only one step away from the finals.

More than 20 schools will compete in this year's competition in Florida and the final round will be televised on ESPN this spring.

All squads will do a two and half-minute routine that will consist of mostly stunts, pyramids, tumbling and dancing.

Coaches for the WPU squad are Kathy Gasalberti and Troy Hedberg, who are both former members of the team. Gasalberti said "the goal of the squad is to make it to the final round and to improve our ranking."

This year's WPU team consists of nine new members and veterans Blanca Vales, Jeannette Mederos, Stephanie Simms, Angel Cruz, and captains Jenn Heffernan and Brian Godley.

"Our team is really young this year, but we are strong enough to do well in this years competition," added Gasalberti.

Over the winter break, the WPU team is planning to continue practicing for the competition. The routine they will do is one they have been practicing for over a month and half.

Last year was the first year the cheerleading team competed in the National Competition, but because of a very minor technicality the team didn't do as well as they would have liked.

Currently the team cheers for both men's and women's basketball. They also cheered for football during the fall sports season.