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## Winter Commencement ceremony honors 686 students with degrees



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**On Sunday, Jan. 17, 686 William Paterson University students received degrees for their years of hard work. See more pictures on Page 9 in The Beacon's special "Winter Commencement '99" page.**



## Whitman wants higher standards for teachers; education majors affected

Sheri A. Freeman  
News Contributor

With the Great Seal of The State of New Jersey glaring behind her on Tuesday, Gov. Christine Whitman delivered her State of the State address and announced her agenda for her last years in office.

It consisted of programs that would allow a tax-rebate to homeowners, up to 100 new full-time jobs in our state parks, home health care more accessible to senior citizens, insurance for another 66,000 children, and a program that would require all guns sold in New Jersey to have trigger locks.

It seems like a large agenda already, but she didn't stop there because she has plans for education also. In the midst of all her initiatives there lies a time bomb that just might explode onto today's students studying to be tomorrow's teachers.

It's a proposal that not all students and faculty find beneficial.

Whitman announced that she plans to make tougher teaching certification requirements.

At William Paterson University, students majoring in education must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of a C or better to graduate. WPU students have mixed feelings about the idea.

Dana Romatowski, a junior studying Education and Communication, welcomes Whitman's new GPA requirement.

"Speaking from an education student standpoint," said Romatowski, "how can we expect higher standards from our students if we won't go the same lengths we expect them to? If education is what you are passionate about, then you should want to do better in the class."

Not all the education students at WPU feel the same way. Some feel if the proposed GPA requirement comes in effect, a lot of people will have to start over.

"What about the students who have only one year to go?" asked

Edwin Rosario.

Whitman made no statement about students who are set to graduate in May with a C grade point average. Will students who graduate with a C average find themselves unemployed for years to come? It's a question that stands unanswered.

Rosario, a junior studying to become a history teacher, believes that a higher GPA requirement could backfire on the state's education system.

"It's ridiculous," said Rosario. "Sometimes people mess up their college careers academically but they can still be great teachers. If this thing happens, New Jersey will lose a lot of great teachers."

Darlene Russell has been a curriculum instructor at WPU for the past four years. She graduated from Hunter College and went on to earn her master's degree in education from the Teachers College of Columbia University, with a GPA well over 2.5.

She expressed similar views as

## Peace, Palestine, and Politics to be debated in Distinguished Lecturer Series

A view into international politics is scheduled for Jan. 29 as Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and a former minister of higher education and scientific research, and Adrien Wing, a professor of law at the University of Iowa College of Law, present "Peace in the Middle East: The Palestinian Perspective" as part of the 1998-99 Distinguished Lecturer Series at William Paterson University in Wayne.

Ashrawi, a human rights activist and an international scholar, has combined an academic career as a professor of English literature at Birzeit University of the West Bank with service to many political organizations that benefit her country.

She served as official spokesperson of the Palestinian Delegation in the Middle East Peace Process and gained international acclaim during the 1991 peace talks in Madrid for her eloquent championing of the Palestinian cause.

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Hanan Ashrawi



Adrien Wing

one can be an A student and not work well with students," argued Cleamons.

One might wonder the degree of trouble WPU education students would be in if Whitman's plan goes forward. In Russell's opinion, WPU graduate students would survive while undergraduate students would have to re-evaluate themselves. This is because, in Russell's opinion, some undergraduate students lack the rudimentary skills, such as writing well, that are necessary to effectively become a good model for young students.

Until a final decision on the matter is made, education students at WPU will continue to pursue their chosen careers. As for now, Russell encourages her students to progress and excel academically.

If anyone feels strongly for or against Whitman's intentions and would like to voice their opinion, please feel free to e-mail the beacon at [beacon1@frontier.wilpatterson.edu](mailto:beacon1@frontier.wilpatterson.edu).



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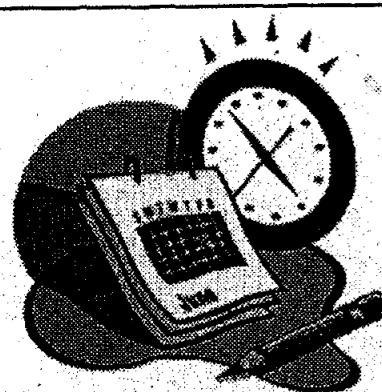
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Wednesday, Jan. 20

Pioneer Yearbook -- General Meeting in Student Center Room 313 at 7 p.m. For information, contact Sheri Freeman at x4882.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Study Abroad Information Sessions (Application deadline for fall '99 is Feb. 15). Meets from 1-2 p.m. in Student Center Room 213. For information, contact Prof. G. Satra in Atrium 211.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

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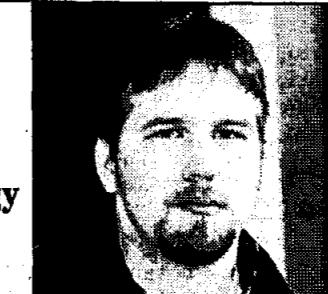
*The Beacon Buzz asked students this week ...*



**What is your New Year's resolution?**

"To quit smoking."

John Lydon, Sophomore, Sociology



"To improve my GPA."

Amanda Valentin, Freshman, Political Science

"To not gain any more weight."

Belinda Figueron, Sophomore, English



"To be economically smarter."

Dawud Brown, Senior, Sociology

"Quit smoking and not crash my car."

Andrew Pritchard, Sophomore, Communication



"To be kind to everyone."

Leslie Gibson, Freshman, Psychology

Have suggestions for the Beacon Buzz?  
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Photos by Sylvana Meneses/Students interviewed by Jen Fletcher

## Announcement! Announcement!

To date, the function of the William Paterson University Hearing Board has been to adjudicate allegations of serious violations of the Student Code of Conduct. The Board has been serving as a recommending body to the Dean of Student Development regarding sanctions to be imposed upon any student found responsible, as charged. This statement is to notify the community that as of Jan. 18, 1999 the role of the University Hearing Board will be to make final determinations, and the Dean of Student Development will serve as the appellate arm of the judicial process.

## Peace, Palestine, and Politics to be debated in lecture

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Most recently, she resigned in protest of Yasir Arafat's government over a lack of commitment to reforms and alleged corruption.

Wing grew up in Orange and attended the Newark Academy Preparatory School. A graduate of Princeton, she received a law degree from Stanford University.

She spent five years as a lawyer in New York City specializing in international corporate and litigation issues concerning Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, and was recruited as an independent consultant by the United States Agency of International Development to assist in drafting the Constitution of Palestine in 1996.

Her experience in Palestine dates back to 1982 when she served as medical volunteer in the refugee camps in West Beirut. Since then she has been active in Palestinian affairs and received the Union of Palestinian Women Committees Award and is a former board member of the Palestine Human Rights Campaign.

A limited number of single tickets may be available at the Shea Center Box Office.

For ticket availability, and to purchase single tickets, please call the box office at 973-720-2371 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Prices are \$23 standard; \$21 for senior citizens, William Paterson faculty, staff and alumni; \$8 for William Paterson students; and \$12 for students from other schools. The lecture begins at 8 p.m. in Shea Center on campus.

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# Opinions & Review

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## Mailbag

etter was potentially libelous;  
roups should begin to work together

the editor:  
In its final edition of the fall  
nester, The Beacon featured a  
tentially libelous letter to the  
editor. The letter accused -- by  
me -- a WPUNJ student with  
oking marijuana on WPSC-FM  
mises. It also included unfa-  
vorable remarks relative to other  
dents and to the faculty member  
charge of the station.

Perhaps you are unaware that  
letters to the editor are subject to  
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ovies, plays, etc. are defensible.  
But when a newspaper allows  
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egations with no merit whatso-  
ever, then the paper must account  
its actions; often that means  
fending itself in a court case.

WPSC-FM has adopted a new  
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g under the direction of Dr.  
neth Nagelberg. His arrival  
campus marks the first time  
at the station has had an academ-  
serving as general manager.  
Please note that, as chair of the  
partment overseeing the station,  
ttended a recent staff meeting  
th more than 30 WPUNJ stu-

## Learning a little bit too late ...

**A**s the editor in chief of The Beacon newspaper, I would like to begin this letter by simply saying "we're sorry" to those individuals at WPSC-FM who were hurt and defamed by words printed in a letter to the editor in the Dec. 14, 1998 edition of our paper. The letter, titled "Student feels WPSC is out of control," contained remarks which were directed at specific people, and also included accusations of drug use in the radio station headquarters by a specific student.

As students here at the university, the staff of The Beacon is still learning about the newspaper business. Unfortunately for us and for those involved, we were not aware that even though a letter to the editor is protected as an opinion, if certain remarks and accusations are made and are pinpointed to specific individuals, the paper can be sued for printing libelous material.

Again, unfortunately for us, we were told the day after the paper was already printed about this fact.

The only way to explain how we reacted was to see the look on our faces: dumbfounded. How do we explain why we printed this letter? Is there a way to defend ourselves if we are sued? Needless to say, we are hoping that the individuals at WPSC-FM do not sue our publication for this mistake.

There are still many things that we are all learning about being in the newspaper business. Some things we are learning a little bit too late. This does not mean we are "stupid," just unaware of certain facts that we are here in school to learn.

Pamela E. Langan  
Editor in chief



## Rain, sleet, snow, ice, and spring break (?) to start off the year



Rain, sleet, snow, ice. Rain, et, snow, ice. Digging out your when it's buried under three feet snow. Taking baby steps to class cause there is so much freaking on the walkways. These are just few of the annoying things that bring.

That will definitely help the situation. Pull out some beach chairs, or

Well, welcome back to another semester here at Willie P. Time for saying hello to the friends you have missed over our big three week break. Time for you parents to take out a second mortgage on the house so you can buy your new books.

And oh yes, time once again to right over the one available parking space in the student lot. It's the time, after the holiday craze has subsided, that we start to look towards bigger and better things -- like spring break!

As the snow continues to fall, and the ice freezes the roads and the walkways, we sit in class and start to plan our spring break vacation. Something tropical perhaps? Or

maybe a little sightseeing and adventure. Can you see yourself in some quaint little cafe in Paris sipping lattes and eating croissants with Pierre? Or do you see yourself doing tequila poppers with Juan in Cancun? Either way, it's whole week to do whatever you want away from this awful cold weather.

Really, the whole concept of a spring break is a beautiful thing, but there is just one little thing that tends to upset me ... it's still two months away!!!

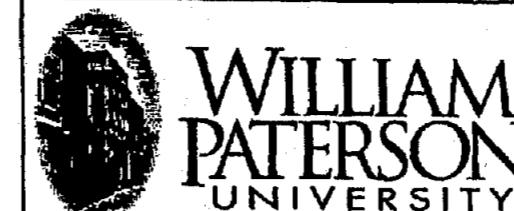
So, in the meantime we have to deal with this crappy weather. But there are some things you can do to ease the pain. For one, play all of your Bob Marley CD's. Bob has

this whole tropical sound thing down pat, and if there is anyone who can sound warm, it's Bob Marley-Man!

Next, get yourself some of those lava lamps for your room. As a matter of fact, get at least three or four of them. The more the better. Make your room feel like it's summer already.

So when the weather has got you down, take out my recipe for warmth and ask yourself, "Is this love, is this love, is this love, is this love that I'm feeling." Then, check and make sure you're not sitting on your lava lamp!

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To: The University Community  
From: Chernoh M. Sesay, Provost and Executive Vice President  
Subj: Parking/General Amnesty  
Date: January 7, 1999

Last spring, a University-wide Parking Committee consisting of faculty, staff, and students developed and submitted recommendations to enhance parking on campus. In response, the University has taken steps to address some of these recommendations, including the construction of a new parking lot in the apartment complex, and a new shuttle bus service to run between Lots 6, 7, and the Student Center. The shuttle bus is available every five minutes, and runs from Lot 6 (Recreation Center) to Caldwell Plaza at the east entrance of the Student Center, from which students can easily walk to their classes. More visitor parking areas around campus have also been provided.

Further, the Department of Public Safety/University Police has begun a new program for the issuance of parking citations for all students, faculty, and staff. The program includes two new processes: (1) a **warning system** for Class II and III violations (see below); and (2) an **appeals process** whereby violators have ten days to appeal a citation. Payment of fines and appeals should be forwarded to Parking and Transportation Services at the Department of Public Safety/University Police, University Police Building, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ, 07470, telephone (973) 720-3002. The program goes into effect January 18, 1999.

As part of the new program, a **General Amnesty** is being issued effective January 18, 1999. Specific guidelines for the amnesty are:

1. All outstanding University parking citations issued prior to January 18, 1999 will be pardoned.
2. Balances due for fines resulting from University parking citations issued prior to January 18, 1999 will no longer be pursued.
3. Fines will be pardoned under the following amnesty restrictions and guidelines:

- \* Previous payments will not be reimbursed.
- \* Remaining balances from previous payment agreements will be pardoned.
- \* All fines where no agreement for remittance has been reached will be pardoned.
- \* The amnesty pertains only to William Paterson University parking citations.
- \* Municipal citations issued by University Police officers in accordance with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws Title 39 cannot be pardoned. Such citations must be adjudicated in the respective municipal court.

Questions concerning both the new program and the General Amnesty should be forwarded to Parking and Transportation Services, Department of Public Safety/University Police, telephone (973) 720-3002. Additional information regarding the parking program and the appeals process at the University will be forthcoming directly from the Department of Public Safety/University Police. Beginning January 18, 1999, the University will vigorously enforce parking regulations and will employ all possible means to collect outstanding fines. Below is an outline of the fines. Existing parking arrangements for faculty, students, staff, and visitors remain the same as the University continues to find ways to improve parking on campus.

We are encouraging commuter students to arrive on campus early for their classes, utilize the parking spaces in Lot 6 (Recreation Center) if necessary, and take the shuttle bus to the Student Center. Students living in the apartments should utilize the new parking lots on those premises.

I ask each member of the University community to be especially mindful of the posted parking restrictions and conditions and to support efforts to facilitate parking and transportation on the University campus.

Thank you.

### University Parking Fines

Effective January 18, 1999  
These violations relate to maintaining the public health and safety of the University community:

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| Class I ( <i>no warning</i> ) | Reserved: \$15                 |
| Handicapped: \$100            | Not between lined spaces: \$10 |

Fire Zone: \$50

Obstructing crosswalks: \$15

### Class II

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| Counterfeit/stolen parking permits: \$20         |
| Fraudulent registration of parking permits: \$20 |
| No Current Decal: \$20                           |
- Student parked in faculty/staff area: \$15

### Class III

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| No parking zone: \$15                                 |
| On lawns: \$15  |
| Impeding traffic: \$15                                |
| Overtime parking (residence hall parking areas): \$15 |
| Medical Permit for temporary parking: \$20            |

**Opinions & Review****Lack of money can hinder legal opportunities**

In July 1995, Nedra Harris went to landlord/tenant court in Burlington County without a lawyer. Her landlord, a federally subsidized housing project, was trying to evict her because she was behind in her rent.

On the day of court, the landlord/tenant judge told a packed courtroom that if the rent was not paid that day, the court had no choice but to enter an order for eviction.

Harris had all the rent but she didn't have the extra fees such as late charges and attorney's fees that the landlord claimed she owed but which were technically not rent.

The landlord's attorney supposedly told her that if she paid all the rent and fees within 11 days that Harris and her two children could stay.

Harris paid all the money on the eleventh day and a paralegal at the office of the landlord's attorney asked Harris to sign a paper, which said that she could stay for six months. Harris, however, understood that if she paid her rent on time for the next six months, the case would be dismissed. The paper she signed didn't say that.

At the end of the six months, the landlord tried to put her out. Harris finally got a lawyer. After a hearing and one appeal, the case

ended up before the New Jersey Supreme Court which issued a decision this past July.

Harris' situation illustrates the problem people without lawyers face in courts. A person who goes to court without an attorney is said to be representing her/himself "pro se."

The courts in New Jersey are governed by court rules promulgated by the New Jersey Supreme Court and contained in a single volume about three inches thick. Trials are decided according to applicable statutes and case law. The court rules and the law applies whether a person has a lawyer or not.

But courts are usually very solicitous of the rights of pro se litigants to insure that court hearings are fair. There is no requirement that a person have a lawyer but it is generally recognized that having a lawyer in court is an advantage.

Courts can be scary places even for people with attorneys. With the high cost of legal services, many people cannot afford to retain counsel.

With its decision in Harris, the New Jersey Supreme Court is trying to insure that pro se tenants who face eviction and loss of shelter are treated fairly and justly.

The Supreme Court directed that all trial courts must fully inform tenants of their right to pay the exact amount of legal rent to stop the eviction.

The court further required that landlord/tenant litigants be given verbal and written instructions by the trial court about landlord/tenant law and court procedures.

From now on, landlords who sign agreements with pro se tenants must certify to the court that delinquent rent is legally owed and that if a tenant voluntarily agrees to vacate, the landlord has sufficient grounds under law to evict.

The New Jersey Supreme Court has tried to level the playing field to ensure fundamental fairness for pro se tenants.

Right now, the Supreme Court rules committee is considering how to implement the Harris decision to achieve uniformity in procedures statewide.

I think one of people's biggest fears is the thought of being too far away from "home." We're afraid of moving on to new experiences because all that we've come to know and love is not moving on with us.

Don't get me wrong, there do exist some people who can't wait to get away. But this message isn't for them.

So let's look into the actual

act of leaving. Does it necessarily have to be a negative act? If you decide to leave, think of all the new people and opportunities that are sure to cross your path. Life is just a big pool waiting for you to jump in. But, if you just spend your time wading in the shallow end, you'll never know how much fun the deep end could be.

The best part about it all is that your family and friends will still be right where you left them. And you'll come to the conclusion that you're okay without your family and friends not as close as you would like them. You can always write, call, e-mail, and take plenty of pictures.

Leaving may not be for everybody, but it's definitely an experience everyone should have, because that is the only way you'll know if it is or not.

No exercise this week. I'm sure you have enough to deal with this first couple of weeks. So until next week, be safe and take care.

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# Men's Basketball making an impact

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noted that WPU's bench was remarkable. They stood up and supported each other when they made a mistake or made a great play. It is rare to see a team enthusiastic for an entire game. Horace scored the final basket in overtime in dramatic fashion, hitting a three-pointer at the buzzer. He scored 23 points and earned MVP honors. The fans were sad, but not surprised, because they knew that WPU had the best bench, player, and coach and played with a proud spirit. My friend Obie commented by saying, "those young men have a lot of heart, and character." As for Jenkins performance, his heroics would have made Jordan proud.

This victory was a remarkable feat for WPU, because it was only the third and fourth time they played with Horace and freshman sensation Muffeed Thomas who received all-tournament honors along with senior Dave Coleman.

I was very inspired by the way this young team hung in there and supported one another. Their performance reminded me of the never give up WPU spirit that I had come to know as a student.

I have confidence in all the sports teams at WPU, and proud to be a Pioneer. I feel that the Men's Basketball team has the potential to be the next great team at WPU. Pioneers, don't take coach Rebimbas for granted, I don't know if you realize how great this man is. I have been around a lot of great coaches, from Tom Osborne of Nebraska and Bill Parcells of the Jets to John Thompson of Georgetown and Bruiser Flint of UMass. He possesses all the qualities of them. Most importantly, he knows how to get the most of his players and he loves them. For the next three years, you will have the pleasure of seeing him coach



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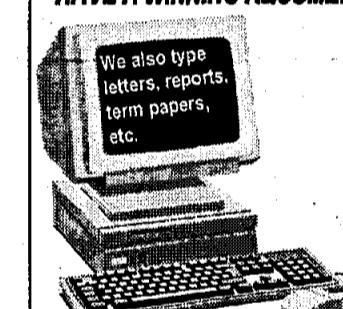
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# SPORTS

## Men's Basketball making an impact

Marc Williams  
Alumni Sports Contributor

Jeff Albies, Erin Shaughnessy are legendary coaching figures at WPU and sure candidates for the WPU Hall of Fame. The name Jose Rebimbas may not roll off the tongues of many today, but he is someone that the WPU community should take notice of. Jose, a graduate of Seton Hall and a member of the 1989 NCAA Final Four team, has been the WPU Men's Basketball coach for the past five years. I had the pleasure of watching him coach recently at the 12th annual Naismith Classic in Springfield, Mass. I was taken back by the dignity and will to win of this young up-and-coming coach. He also reminded me of another great coach that was destined for greatness, who is now the head coach of the New Jersey Nets, John Calipari.

When I heard that my alma mater WPU would be playing in this tournament, I decided that I had to attend. The Men's Basketball team at UMass also had a game the same night. I serve as an academic coordinator for the Men's basketball team at UMass, and prided myself as having never missed a home or away game in two years-- it was a no brainer as

to what game I would attend. I visited the hotel where the WPU team was playing; they traveled five hours in a treacherous snow-storm to make it to this tournament--not to mention driven by coach Rebimbas. When I arrived at the hotel, I found a very tired and sick coach Rebimbas. He had driven over 200 miles and was fighting a flu virus. I was amazed by his upbeat attitude and concern for his players.

His first opponent would be the all-time winningest team in Division III, Cabrini College. If they won, the Pioneers would play the host team Springfield College, who was pre-season ranked No. 5 in the US. Many coaches may have not been that overly enthusiastic about playing, let alone thinking about winning with all these odds against them. I was very encouraged by his attitude. It reminded me so much of Coach Calipari. Coach Rebimbas brings the same type of enthusiasm and love for the game. Unlike Calipari, Jose does not get compensated the millions of dollars, nor does his team generate the revenue UMass did while Coach Calipari was coaching. Much of that is attributed to WPU being a Division III school while UMass is a Division I school. Jose does

have the same attitude and incorporates that "refuse to lose" spirit and love for his players. I predict that Jose, like Calipari, will become a household name and be revered by many. After I left the hotel, I was convinced that WPU would win the tournament.

When I arrived at the game at 5:30p.m., I noticed I was the only WPU fan in the gymnasium, so I proudly sat behind the bench. Many of the people around me were asking, "where is WPU?" I confidently told them "in Wayne, NJ, and home of the two time National Baseball Champions and boast famous alums such as Dick Vitale and Dan Pasqua." They did not seem to be impressed to say the least, but on the first possession of the game, Horace Jenkins, a 6-1 WPU point guard dunked the ball with one hand over two people down the left baseline. I glanced over at the people, that got their attention.

WPU won the game easily, in spite of being down by 16. The crowd was surprised to see WPU rally and win. I was not surprised because the team was focused, and played with character, heart, and a never give up attitude. I visited the WPU locker room after the game and reminded them that they should always walk tall and be

proud of attending WPU. I told them that there were many things to be proud of at WPU. We have some of the best academic programs in NJ such as Nursing, History, and Sociology. Many of our professors and administrators are nationally renowned. In addition, we have influential alums such as Actors Robert Townsend and Ian Ziering, and Basketball guru Dick Vitale. Lastly, I told them they were a good team destined to be great. And that the three ways they were going to be great(because they are) was to respect each other, believe in themselves and honor and respect Coach Rebimbas. Lastly, I told them they were a good team destined to be great. And that the three ways they were going to be great(because they are) was to respect each other, believe in themselves and honor and respect Coach Rebimbas. In the Championship game, the Pioneers faced Springfield College. Ironically, this was the school and the same gymnasium where the sport of Basketball was invented. In the locker room before the game Coach Rebimbas reminded the team of the historical significance of the building, the teams pre-season ranking, and that the reason why WPU was invited to the tourney was because they felt they could beat the teams they invited. He told them that he needed them to rely on one another, because he was very ill, and they had to work collectively. His motivational speech gave the young Pioneers all

<b>Saturday, 1/23</b>
Women's Basketball @ Rutgers-Newark 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball @ Rutgers-Newark 4 p.m.
Men's and Women's Swimming vs Montclair State 2 p.m.

### This week's schedule

Wednesday, 1/20  
Women's Basketball vs Ramapo 6 p.m.  
Men's Basketball vs Ramapo 8 p.m.



**Horace Jenkins, Sophomore**  
the inspiration they needed, they felt they could and would win.

We started the game off slow and were down as much as 18 points. I was the only WPU fan, but I bought a fellow graduate student from Nigeria named Obie. In spite of WPU being behind, he was convinced that the Pioneers would prevail. He could see the fire in the eyes of the WPU players. Their look seemed to suggest, "ok, lets stop toying with these guys, put them away so we can go home champions. They were confident that they would make another fierce comeback like they did the night before. Late in the second half, sophomore phenom Horace Jenkins put on a clinic and rallied WPU from behind. It should be

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## Jordan leaves all that Bull behind

Sheri A. Freeman  
Sports Contributor

"Bulls hold breath for Air", "Mike takes hike", "No more Air Jordan", "Knicks Lose Nemesis, Regret never having beaten Jordan", "Jordan stuns sports world,"

These are just a few of the recent headlines gracing our newspapers these days, now that Michael Jordan is retiring from the National Basketball Association for the second time in five years.

Could it be that Jordan is leaving the NBA because of its own recent lockout?

I read in the Bergen Record that Jordan told teammate Scottie Pippen that playing a shortened season of 50 games would not be challenging enough. Wait a minute, the way everyone boasts about the icon, I'd say that the game itself isn't enough of a match for Jordan.

Some other people, such as Professor Elizabeth Birge of the Communication Department, feel that Jordan has something else in mind. She believes that he now has fifteen years to perfect his golf game before he can "kick everybody's butt" in the senior tour.

Jordan's contract for the shortened season would have been worth 37 million dollars. It's a lot of money to you and me, but for the commercial golden boy, that's marketable for such items as sneakers, underwear, cereal, and even hot dogs-- it's just gambling change.

The NBA will be losing an eye popping amount of revenue. Fortune Magazine estimated that since Jordan was signed in 1984 to the Bulls his financial contribution to the enterprise is totaled at \$10 billion.

Aside from the other basketball teams such as the Miami Heat and the New York Knicks, who's going to benefit from the number 23 jersey hanging from the rafters?

How about all those parents who have to buy \$200 sneakers for their hysterical son or daughter who absolutely has to have them because they wouldn't be cool if they didn't. Or perhaps the cashier at the local K-Mart who has to constantly listen to the wailing cries of children for the plastic jordan head filled with gum...yours for only \$3.99! I think we've thrown enough money into the mouth of Michael Jordan for the 90s. It's

time those parents start putting that valuable \$200 in the back for their college education. While they all want to be like Mike, let's face it folks, not everyone can get a full basketball scholarship and then get signed to a professional team after two years.

Although Jordan did leave a lot of children and teenagers hungry for his dream, as well as unintentionally waiting for the basketball fairy, he really was six feet and six inches of pure role model.

Who else will benefit from Air Jordan being out of commission? Poor free agents, Scottie Pippen and Multi-color-haired, Dennis Rodman might finally get their own contracts now. We all know the Bulls can afford it now!

So now what do we do? The king of the court is leaving us? Some say that they're not ready for the Bulls' dynasty to end. They say that there will forever be a void on the basketball court. Others are anxiously awaiting his absence from the shortened season slated to start on Feb. 5 because it will give their teams a chance to win the NBA Championship. We all know that Jordan has kept them from their chances for a long time.



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Rowan guard Jacqueline Dunbar, left, scores a layup and is fouled by Lady Pioneer Stacey Moscufo, senior, during the Prof's 68-49 victory over William Paterson in Glassboro on Friday, Jan. 15.