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## 'Diwali Night' marks start of Hindu New Year

By Kareen Brown  
News Contributor

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1999, members of the newly formed Indian Students Association of William Paterson University gathered together donning their most cultural attire to ring in their New Year, "Diwali Night."

The event ran from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Billy Pat's Pub.

Diwali is the "Festival of Lights," an occasion for great excitement and rejoice. In many places around the globe, Diwali marks the start of the Hindu New Year. Every city, town and village is turned into a festive land with thousands of flickering oil lamps and electric lights illuminating homes and public buildings. Fire crackers are also synonymous with this festival.

"We chose this as our first event because it is a special event seeing that it is the beginning of our new year," said Ankita Panya, president of the organization. "What is a better way to start our program-

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## Wheelchair Basketball raises money for charity

By Jason Nunnermacker  
News Contributor

A charity wheel chair basketball game, held on Nov. 9, saw the William Paterson Student Body host the Jersey All-Stars from the New Jersey Wheel Chair Athletic Association. The game, which was viewed by over 200 spectators, raised \$1,058.

According to the Student Council for Exceptional Citizens (SCEC) President Dan Curcio, a small portion of the proceeds went to the New Jersey Wheel Chair Association. However, the majority of the money was donated to the Paterson Unified Sports Program. Other activities during the event included a fifty-fifty raffle, a raffle for a Willis Reed autographed ball (donated by the New Jersey Nets), a bake sale, balloon artists, and DJ entertainment.

The rules of the game heavily favored the students. Seven teams consisting of Student Government officials, members of the Greek Senate, and women field hockey players, represented WPU. There were seven twelve-minute quarters in which a new student team played the all-stars. Every quarter began by the Jersey All-Stars giving ten points to the students;

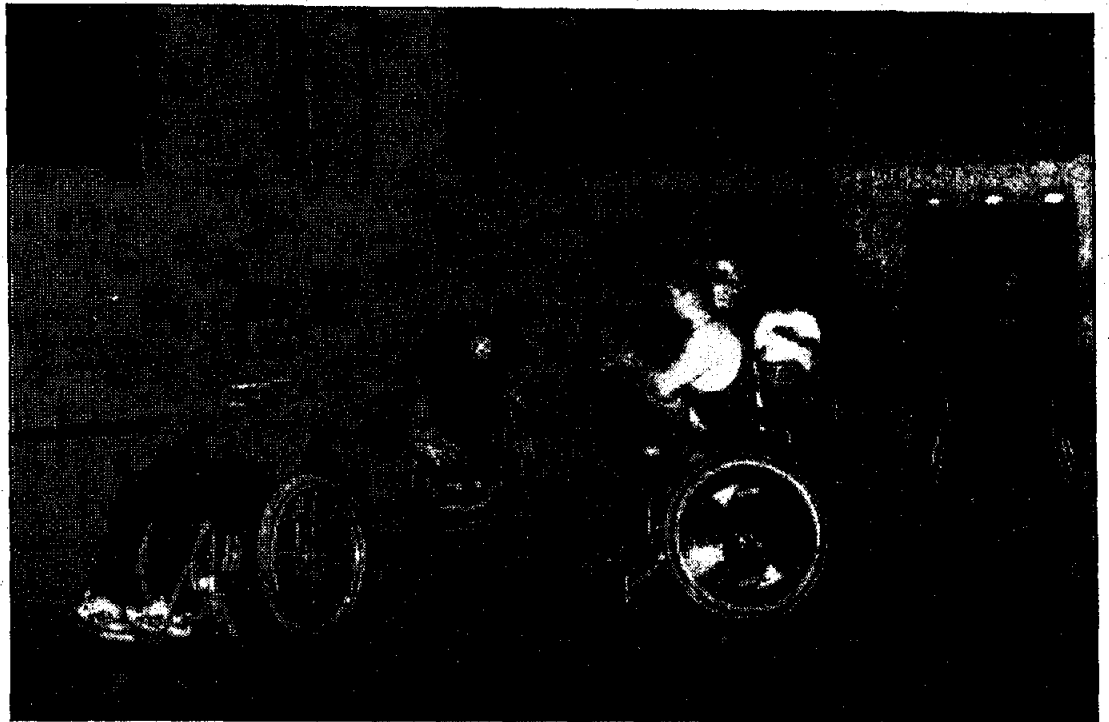


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Student Richard Turner defends an opponent as the Pioneers tied the All Stars 106-106 in the first ever wheelchair basketball game on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The event raised over \$1,000.

moreover, every basket made by the students counted for three points, while baskets by the All-Stars counted as two.

Other than raising money for charity, the game, which saw the

Pioneers tie the All-Stars 106-106, served an additional purpose. Curcio explained that the other goal of the event was to have students gain the perspective of a disabled citizen. Curcio, a senior

Special Education major, commented, "Very often we see the person in the wheelchair, not the person for the person. We hope

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## SGA Legislators to vote on constitutional revisions

By Erik Ortiz  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) of William Paterson University has been conducting business with a constitution that has not been revised for three years. Recently, the judicial branch made amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution that are scheduled to be voted on by the legislature for ratification.

The SGA Constitution gives guidelines on how to mentor all student clubs, organizations and committees, as well as detail their own personal powers and duties. The executive board felt changes were needed.

A major change was the GPA standard from 2.25 to 2.5 for all legislative members and the executive board, consisting of the SGA

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and all Club A,B,C,D,E Presidents.

According to Vincent DiTerlizzi, a member of the Court of Judicial Review or judicial branch which revised the Constitution, the reason for changing the minimum GPA requirement was simple.

"As this institution changed from a college to university, the benchmark gets raised...Academics and education is the first priority, therefore a higher standard must be required," explained DiTerlizzi.

Nokeima Holloway, Junior class Vice-President, added, "Why shouldn't we be held to a higher level? If you can't maintain your grades, then you're spending too much time doing something else."

Another major change was the

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## Latin American Heritage Month at WPU extends culture to campus

By Melissa Guellnitz  
News Contributor

This month's Latin American Heritage Month kicked off on Nov. 2 during the Annual Opening Ceremony, where the Latin American flag was raised and WPU's Latin Jazz Band performed.

Increased involvement from such clubs as Business L.I.N.K., I.M.P.A.C.T., Lambda Theta Alpha, Organization for Latin American Students and the Spanish Club all selected a representative to meet with each other and plan ideas. The clubs then selected various events they would sponsor.

Some of the festivities that occurred last week included the Network Event, Luncheon and Dance Workshop.

The Dance workshop, which taught participants the steps of



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Latin students were given the opportunity to network with representatives from their fields of study at the Latin Networking Event on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Salsa, was described by Melissa DelRosarios, representative for Lambda Theta Alpha, as the most successful event this far. "The salsa class went really well

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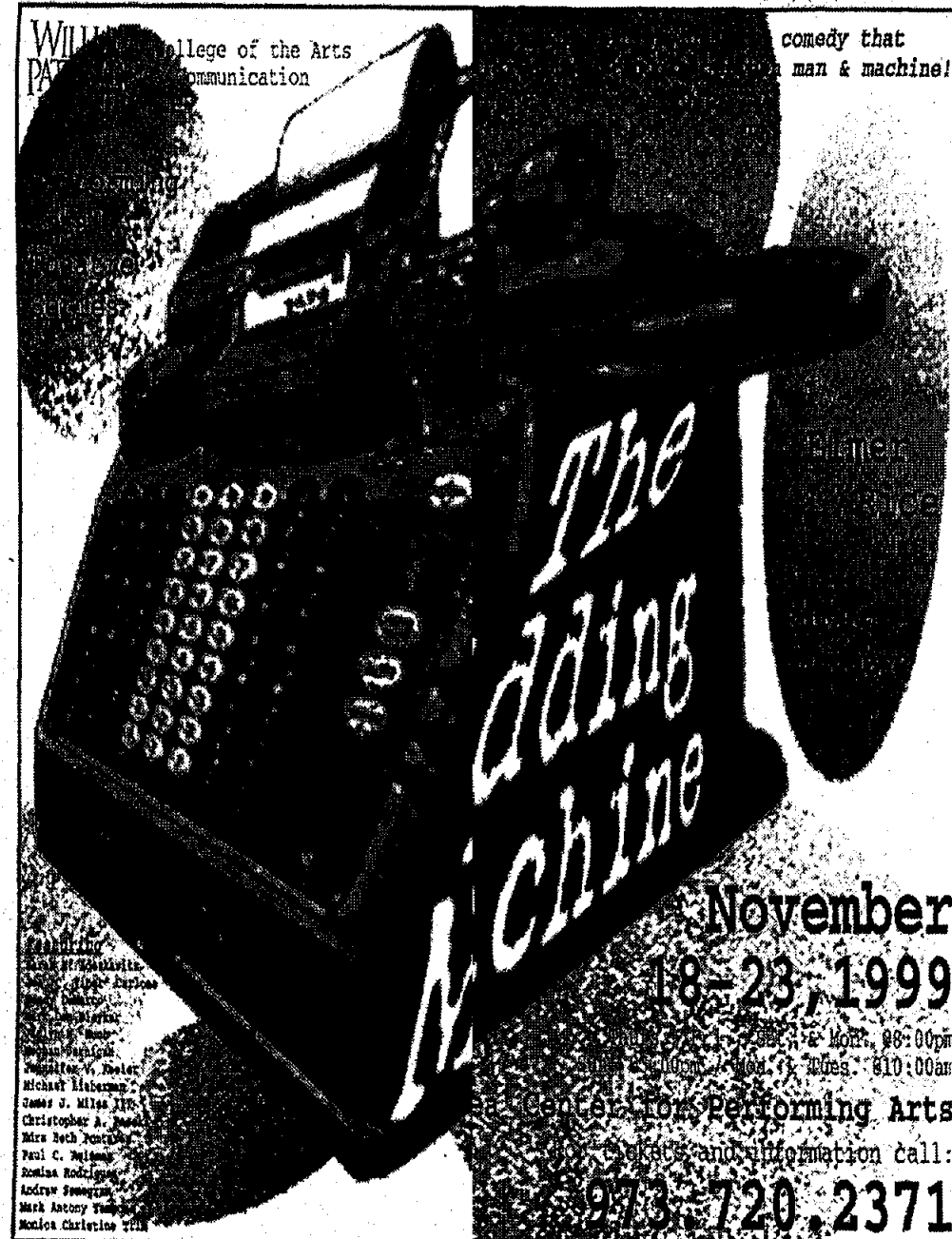
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Voting will take place Tuesday,  
November 16 in Student Center  
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## Geography Club plans events to celebrate Geography Awareness Week

By Tomiko Cary  
News Contributor

Nov. 16 is the beginning of National Geography Awareness Week. It is the first time in over thirty years that William Paterson will host the event.

"It's an annual event and it brings awareness to students about their surroundings," said Jamie Bell, president of the Geography and History Club.

On Monday, Nov. 15, two guest speakers from the Geography and Environmental Science Department of Rutgers University are speaking on Technology and Geography. The event begins at 2 p.m. in the Science Building, Room 200A.

A Cultural Geographic Forum will be held in the Askev Library auditorium on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 12:30 p.m.

"It's an open forum for students, faculty, and staff to come in and

discuss their culture," says Student speakers.

The goal is to learn about as Along with preparing for Geography Awareness Week, Bell

Guest speakers include numwants to raise awareness of the ous professors of WilliaGeography Club. Paterson's Geography a "I would like people to get Environmental Scienvolved in the club because we Department. Monica Nywanged student support," claims Bell.

will speak of African marriages, The members of the club are look- Owusu will speak on life in Ghang for new faces."

and Philip Thuiti will speak The week's main event is on African Culture. Bell will speak Wednesday. Irish and Celtic folklore at On Wednesday, Nov. 17, a game mythology, along with a host alled "Don't Know Much About

Geography" will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 in front of Billy Pat's Pub in the Student Center. Cultural videos and interactive geography games on the computer will also be available.

Bell and other members of the Geography Club are hoping for a good turnout for this week's events. "I think it's important that people learn about the world and each other," smiles Bell.

## Intervarsity Christian Fellowship attends cference on Sudan suffering

By Rashad A. Davis  
News Contributor

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, a delegation from the William Paterson University Christian Fellowship attended a national conference in Washington D.C., which focused in on the moral, political, and economic issues of those suffering in the African nation of Sudan.

The conference was a call to action by many influential religious and political leaders of the world. Among those speaking in advocacy of the Sudanese people included: the Bishop Macram Max Gassis of the El Obied Diocese in the Sudan, Baroness Caroline Cox, deputy speaker of the British House of Lords, Rabbi David Sapperstein, Chair of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and Alan Hevesi, New York City Comptroller.

The Sudan is not only a terrorist nation that has triggered comprehensive U.S. sanctions, but a genocidal one as well. In a 16 year conflict between the National Islamic Front, Sudan has murdered two million people, mostly African Christians and animists from south and central Sudan.

Another 4.5 million people were driven from their homes by government action. Through manipulation of foreign food aid, the government brought 2.6 million south Sudanese to the brink of starvation last year. Between 100,000 and 200,000 died of hunger, according to the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Among those petitioning on behalf of the Sudanese people are such organizations as: Freedom House's Center for Religious

Freedom, the Institute for Religion and Democracy, the American Anti-Slavery Group, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Christian Solidarity International, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, the U.S. Committee for Refugees, and the Family Research Council. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom testified in October that Khartoum, the Sudanese capital city, is the "world's most hideous religious persecutor."

The Sudanese government is actively courting foreign oil companies to help bring the country's energy resources on-stream. U.S. companies are banned by anti-terrorist sanctions from investing in Sudan. The Sudanese government spends approximately \$1 million per day to fund its efforts to enslave and otherwise eliminate people living in the south. Khartoum has not yet succeeded in

putting down its opposition, due to oil and other institutions part to its bankruptcy. Khartoum individuals who own or purchased on its international debase these stocks are, or soon will including an estimated \$1.2 billion, unwittingly contributing to the to the United States.

Presently, the Chinese government practiced by the Sudanese ment's China National Petroleum.

Corporation, Talisman Energy Inc. A campaign has been launched of Calgary, Canada, and Petrona demand divestment from the the state-owned oil company anadian oil company Talisman Malaysia, are playing key roles ergy, and urges barring the Sudan's Greater Nile Oil Projehina National Petroleum Corp. which began to send large red its affiliates from U.S. capital enues to the bankrupt regime iarkets as a result of these compa- August.

Talismaes ventures with the Sudanese Energy Inc. is listed on the Nevernment. York Stock Exchange and Chr There are also steps being taken National Petroleum Compar the U.S. Congress to end atroci- (CNPC) is currently seeking incles in the Sudan. The Sudan Peace sion, attempting to raise \$5 to \$t, introduced by Senator Bill billion through an initial publist (R-TN), Africa Subcommittee offering (IPO).

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SD), Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), and Rick Santorum (R-PA).

This bill is also supported in the House of Representatives, which is introduced by Rep. J.C. Watts (R-OK). Watts' co-sponsors are: Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Donald M. Payne (D-NJ), Tom Tancredo (R-CO), and Frank Wolf (R-VA).

This bill would help provide direct food aid to the starving peoples of south and central Sudan, establish slave tracing efforts, and provide other human rights protections.

Attendees of the event were: Ken VanderWall, advisor; Rashad Davis, president; David Levine, vice-president; and Cynthia Spied.

Visit the web site [www.anti-slavery.com](http://www.anti-slavery.com) for information and updates on the crisis in Sudan. For any further information, contact Christian Fellowship of William Paterson University, (973)720-2157.

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## Campus gets a taste of Khac Chi



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Khac Chi Ensemble performed exquisite music on rare and unique instruments for the campus on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Billy Pat's Pub. The presentation was part of "Sounds of the Century."

## Students and Faculty take to the courts in wheelchairs to raise money for charity

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fun and a tremendous success. Jefferies, who is also an avid participant in the Special Olympics, was very impressed by the turn out. "I was surprised by the support from the Greek Senate and Student Body. I hope we build on this support and make this an annual event."

Michele Dorn, Vice President of the SCEC, echoed Jefferies' comments with her own sentiments. "I was ecstatic about spectator and player turnout, considering it was a first time event, and I hope we can use this as a foundation for future events."

The players were all in agree-



photos by Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

Faculty, students and campus organizations came together to raise \$1000 for charity through a wheel chair basketball game.

ment that it was a good time for a great cause. Matt Majka, a sophomore History and Secondary Education major, said, "It was really intense because the All-Stars are really fast. The feeling I had when I made a basket was the best feeling of my life."

Takia Campbell, a senior Communication major, scored all the points for the students in the first quarter. "It was really exciting; however, it was hard not to use my legs."

The hero of the game was freshman field hockey player Alyssa Szarro. Her game-tying basket came with one second left on the clock. She stated, "It was so much fun and it was for a great cause."

Amidst the fun, there was an element of danger to the game. Greek Senate advisor Don Phelps participated and said, "It was a great time and the All-Stars are really good; however, I hurt my fingers when they got caught in the spokes of the wheels."

Curcio explained the idea for the game came from William Paterson graduate student Jim Jefferies, Jefferies, a member of the Jersey All-Stars, contacted Dr. Denise

Stone of the Special Education Department in late August for support. After a month of consultations, Dr. Stone approached Curcio to ask if SCEC would be interested in sponsoring the event. Curcio eagerly accepted, but was concerned that his club could not do it alone. This led him to ask the Greek Senate to co-sponsor the game and they positively replied.

SCEC provided the decorations and money to pay for the custodians, ushers, and a police officer. The Greek Senate donated the money for an advertisement for the event and all of the food for the bake sale. Roger Quinlan, a student at William Paterson, provided free DJ entertainment.

Curcio would like to thank the Special Education Department, Jersey All-Stars, the Greek Senate and all of the players and spectators who helped to make the game a success. Curcio concluded, "We want to make this an annual event. We are trying to involve other clubs in the future. The purpose of the event is to have a good time, raise money for a great cause, and recognize the ability in people-not the disability."

## WPU to honor lifelong service of Senior Citizens

On Saturday, Nov. 20, the Student Center Ballroom will be transformed into a hall of harvest splendor and community fellowship. Corn stalks, Indian corn, the bales of hay, and chrysanthemums of all hues and tables decorated with bouquets of balloons and cornucopias will greet 400 senior citizens from neighboring communities as they participate in the University's Annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner event.

This project originated to honor the invaluable life long contributions of our senior citizens' community, under the leadership of Dr. Chernoh Sesay, provost and executive vice president of Academic Affairs and President Arnold Speert. It is financially supported by Vice President Rick Reiss from Institutional Advancement, and coordinated by Robbie Caguna and Valerie Marino from the Office of Special Adult Programs, and co-chairs of the Thanksgiving

Committee, Dr. Pedro Martinez, Naomi Horsky, and Lester McKee.

Arriving to the exciting music of the CASYM Steel Drum Orchestra of Brooklyn, NY, the dinner guests will enjoy an afternoon highlighted by a full course, traditional turkey dinner with "all the trimmings" served by volunteers from the University. Hosting the event will be Michelle White, anchor/reporter for News 12, New Jersey. A special award presentation to a "Senior of Significance" will be made to honor the efforts of Rev. Dr. Deborah Partridge Wolfe, co-founder of New Jersey Board of Higher Education, as well as a community activist. Further entertainment will be provided by the WPUNJ Gospel Choir and the WPUNJ Jazz Ensemble. The team of Drs. Angela Aguirre and Meryle Kaplan, members of the University's faculty, will return with their beautiful ballroom dancing perfor-

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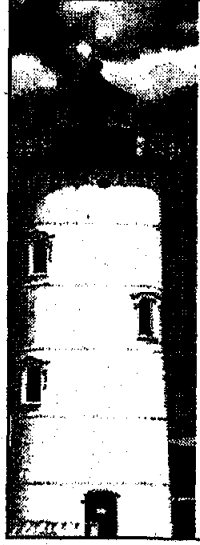


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## Student concerned with phone services

To the Editor:

I am a freshman here at WPUNJ and recently received my second phone bill. The bill was approximately \$165. When I saw this, I nearly fell off of my chair. After a while, I sat down with that bill and did some math on it. What I found out was that the rate per minute was, at max, \$0.28 per minute. That's highway robbery!!!

I told my mom about this and had her do some research for me. She called AT&T and asked them a few questions. What we found out was that AT&T has asked the school if they can offer students some of the calling plans that they offer (i.e. the \$0.07/minute plan) and every time they ask the school, WPUNJ says "No."

Now I don't know about everybody else here, but college students aren't the richest people in the world. Why does the school keep us from getting a break? We need to speak out about this, and convince the school to cut us some slack, because AT&T is willing to give the same plans as everyone else. We also asked AT&T if the school was getting a kickback from the rate we pay. All AT&T said was that they have a contract with the school. So in my mind, something isn't right here, and we need to do something about it.

Christopher J. Nesi  
Freshman

## Campus is not safe

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to some accusations recently surfacing amongst students on campus. I recently heard that two female students were raped on our campus. As a female resident, this raises many feelings. My biggest issue, personally, is security. I have a job where I do not get home until late at night. Sure, after midnight all gates on campus are locked so the only way in is through gate four where a security guard sits, but all that guard does is check to see if you have a WPU ID card. First of all, that guard has no way of knowing if that card is valid. That person may not even be a student here anymore. On top of that, they barely look at the card to see if the picture on it matches the person showing it. Secondly, I have for-

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gotten my ID many times and the guard has just waved me through. And finally, I don't even know how many times friends of mine have come here, who are not students here, and just told the guard they were visiting a friend and they, too, were just waved through. So tell me, is the guard really providing any security? Furthermore, who is to say another student did not commit these crimes?

Other than this "guard," there is hardly any other security circulation on campus, especially in Lot 5. I am sure I am not the only female student who is not at ease walking from their car to their dorm after dark. I used to park in the first row or even in front of the Towers when I arrived home late just so I did not have to walk alone back to the Towers, but ever since our school became "tow-happy," I no longer do so.

I think the administration of William Paterson University needs to get their priorities in order and stop worrying about who is parking where and start worrying about the security and well being of their students. It is unfair for a student to have to pay nearly, if not more, than one hundred dollars to have to get their car back from being towed just for parking in a "closer, better lit area."

It is ridiculous for these crimes to have taken place. This is not even the first act of violence I have been aware of since I became a student here last fall. I know of one student personally whose car was stolen from Lot 6. My old roommate had her fog lights disassembled and taken right from her truck in lot five. Another of my friends locked his keys in his trunk and broke into his own car with the alarm going off and no police even noticed. Not to mention the countless times I have seen shattered windows and broken glass in Lot 5. In my opinion, our campus is not safe. Our school needs to take action. We need to do something to make the students feel more secure. I doubt very much that our administration wants William Paterson University to have the reputation of an unsafe school.

Please respond to the students of WPU and tell us how you intend on making us feel safe and making our campus a more secure place for students and residents so we no longer have to be afraid to walk alone at night.

Thank you for your time.

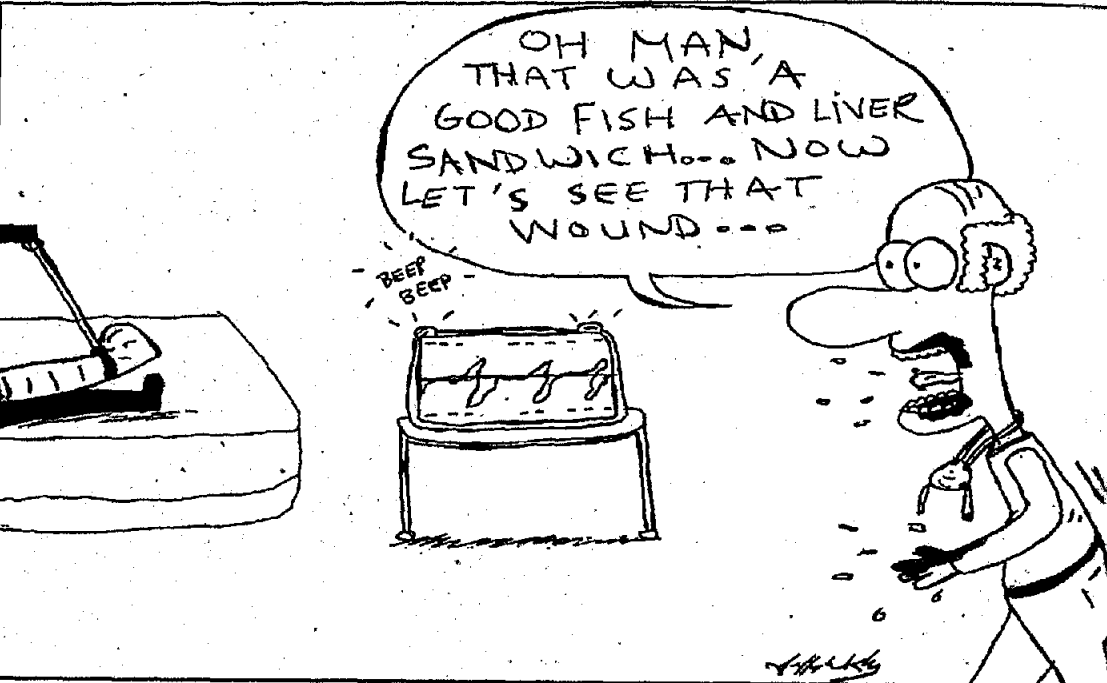
Christina Frannicola  
Sophomore

## Doctors must lead way in today's society

In a Field Biology class last week, our professor mentioned how various bacteria is still spread from doctors to patients during surgery. The professor informed us that it wasn't until research by Louis Pasteur in 1865 that finally made the scientific community accept that bacteria and disease were related.

When I picked up *The New York Times* the very next day, I saw an article by Emily Yoffe about the very same subject entitled "Doctors Are Reminded, 'Wash Up!'" The article showed the results of a study conducted a month ago by Duke University Medical Center (reported in last month's *The Lancet*, a medical journal) that found that "only 17 percent of physicians treating patients in an intensive care unit washed their hands appropriately."

*The New York Times* further reported that (According



## Do Teachers have a Focus on the Future?

Cynthia Northington, Ph.D.  
College of Education

I have fond memories of my first year as a teacher. It was 1984, and I had recently graduated from college. I had a degree in Psychology and was certified to teach "handicapped" students. I had signed a contract for the gigantic sum of \$14,000, and I was determined to make a difference in the lives of teenagers.

Apart from becoming tenured, I do not remember my professional goals for the future. All I knew was that troubled teenagers needed advocates and that I was one of the privileged few who understood their needs. Boy was I wrong! I soon discovered that the only people that truly understood the needs of teenagers were other teenagers. A strange new examination called the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) added fresh anxiety to the learning disabled and emotionally disturbed students who were required to pass. My colleagues and I lived from one IEP meeting to the next, one marking period to the next, one lesson plan to the next, one school year to the next.

The Goals 2000 Act of 1990 was established to change all that. It motivated many states to create core curriculum standards and standardized assessment tools with which to evaluate the success of their implementation. They were created with the best of intentions (to equalize the quality of instruction at schools statewide). However, the assessment batteries that have been created in order to assess the standards have added a



difficult challenge to the teaching profession. More and more, standardized test scores are viewed as indicators of classroom learning. Teachers and principals whose students' scores do not improve are under increased scrutiny.

With the discussion of a national curriculum gaining volume, it appears that this challenge will follow us steadily into the new millennium. The recent string of violent events in public schools across the country has sharpened our focus on character education. The question no longer appears to be "should character education have a place in our curriculum?" The question is now "how can we incorporate character education into our curriculum?" Such an incorporation requires not only creativity, but also greater sensitivity on the part of the teacher.

The rapidly changing national demographics are practically forcing teachers to become diversity specialists in their own classrooms. According to the U. S. Bureau of the Census, in thirty years, the percentage of the majority population will decrease to 60.5 percent as the non-white population increases considerably. The self-awareness and sensitivity required on the part of teachers to create realistic, relevant, multi-cultural, lesson plans will be enormous. Yet it is taken for granted that we will again, rise

## Is America's 'War on Cancer' intentionally a half-hearted effort?

Walter Matthau once joked by saying, "My doctor gave me six months to live but when I couldn't pay the bill he gave me six months more."

My use of his statement is not to make light of cancer, but to be satirical.

You see, in 1971, President Richard Nixon signed the National Cancer Act and declared War on Cancer. Although I don't need to say this, I will anyway. Cancer is winning. It's almost 30 years later and the United States Government has failed to find a cure - or have they?

The National Cancer Institute says that by the year 2000, cancer will surpass heart disease as the leading cause of death. It is expected that 1,228,600 new cancer cases

are expected to be diagnosed this year and 564,800 people are expected to die this year due to this disease. That is almost 1,500 deaths per day. Cancer is definitely winning.

In a nation where we have learned to clone sheep and are currently trying to do the same for the Woolly Mammoth, a prehistoric elephant-like animal, I find it hard to believe that we are losing the battle. The United States Government just might be taking a "dive." (For all those people out there who don't watch boxing, that means that I think the Government is purposely losing the battle.)

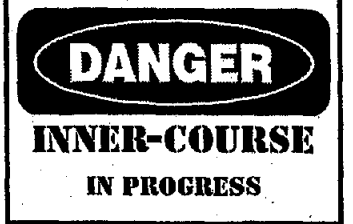
We all know that the Government is practically run by corporations. Let's face it, everything is. Sadly, even newspapers

are run by the iron fists of corporations.

Let's look at the Tobacco Industry. It has known for decades that cigarettes cause cancer, but because the industry makes so

Now let us think about the cost of treating cancer. The National Cancer Institute estimates overall annual costs for Cancer at \$107 billion and \$37 billion for direct medical costs per year. Treatment of breast, lung and prostate cancers amount for over half the direct medical costs. Recent studies show that a patients with solid tumors like stomach, breast, lung and genital cancers, who spend time in intensive care for reasons other than post-surgical recovery, spend almost \$82,900 per year gained. A bone marrow transplant for leukemia alone can cost a patient \$10,000.

I don't want to further baffle you with numbers, but I think we can all say that pharmaceutical corporations or cartels, as I like to call



By Sheri A. Freeman

much money, they kept feeding humans the cancer sticks. "Yes, have some," as my friend often says.

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passed the word "nigger." Needless to say, some discomfort with the casual use of the "N-word" was expressed by several students (of various races). No one but the professor dared utter it. And as a result of the general agitation evident Huck Finn was quickly passed over as a subject of discussion and we moved into *Portrait of a Lady*. The irony here, in case I haven't made myself clear, is that Twain's essentially anti-racist masterwork was being suppressed by people who are intolerant of racism.

But why bring this up now? I'll tell you: Nov. 18 *The Adding Machine* by Elmer Rice begins its run in Shea Auditorium. The main character, Mr. Zero, is a tiny ignorant coward. And as always happens when you combine ignorance and cowardice in a person, Mr. Zero is also a racist. Several times during the play, Mr. Zero rants about niggers and sheenies, and so on. All these references have been removed from the script.

This is not a decision anyone in the cast or its director are particularly happy with. By removing this language from the script, Mr. Zero's character loses an important dimension. His racism shows how truly pitiful he is.

But no matter how much such language is merited artistically, its use can invite real trouble. And with the theater concentration of the Communication Department of WPU, fighting for life as it is, saying "nigger" would be more than enough to finish it off. So the lines are gone.

Never mind that like those lines in Huck Finn, they expose racism as an ugly thing. If art, free speech, open debate and anti-racist works have to suffer for some arcane concept like political correctness, which to my knowledge has never helped anyone ever, then so be it. You won't see me F with the forces of PC. I know what they did to Lenny Bruce, Howard Cosell and all those guys.

And as I end this piece, I wonder why I bothered to write it. I'll be shocked if anyone who reads this will get past the first use of "nigger" before they march on *The Beacon* offices with torches and pitchforks. All in the name of harmonious coexistence of course.

Michael Lieberman

## University improvements

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to offer the university officials a belated "Thank you" for the beautiful new changes that were made to our campus over the summer.

I am a senior on this campus and was pleasantly surprised to return to campus to see new benches and foliage. Perhaps the biggest surprise of all was the beautiful new rock and flower garden that was designed behind Hunziker Wing (the former spot of the trailers). This garden provides a tranquil place for one to study, relax, and even enjoy the occasional starry night.

I want to thank you for this beautiful addition to our campus community. I look forward to returning after I graduate to view the future additions to our beautiful campus.

Amanda Pittarelli  
Senior

## Faculty member questions speech

To the editor:

I found the article by "Fields" kicks off first Student Government Association Lecture series" in the Nov. 8 issue of *The Beacon* quite interesting. I am concerned that the content of the "discussion on humanism" seemed to run to paranoia, conspiracy theories, and speculation. A lecture based on facts, documented issues, and assertions that lent themselves to discourse rather than confrontation would have been, in my opinion, more worthwhile. I am sorry that I could not attend the lecture myself, as I would have aired the following points promptly:

Nightline is a news magazine, not a hard news source. Basing information upon a speculative Nightline segment is, in my opinion, not using good judgement or critical thinking.

Those who inform themselves on Y2K issues are not given to panic or stockpiling supplies. The White House's final report on Y2K related matters, <http://cnn.com/US/9911/10/whitehouse.y2k.ap/>, notes "that the best-prepared

sectors continue to be the federal government, power and water utilities, airlines and rail companies and telephone services." It predicted a "high degree of confidence" in those areas. If problems occur, news sources say, it will be in lesser-developed countries or in situations where a "wait and see" attitude is adopted. No one who informs oneself on the subject believes that a wholesale breakdown of society is in the offing. A non-government assessment of Y2K prepared by Carnegie Mellon University can be found at [http://www.cert.org/y2k-info/Y2K\\_FAQ.html](http://www.cert.org/y2k-info/Y2K_FAQ.html).

Information literacy and critical thinking are topics relevant to public speaking and governance (which I assume a Student Government Association Lecture Series embodies). Information literacy means that sources are consulted and informed and verifiable facts are put forth. Critical thinking involves investigating knowledge, seeking clarity, checking for bias, and insisting on authority. I found the comments made about hurricanes in Fields' talk to be lacking in both of the aforementioned areas.

Tropical Cyclone (a.k.a. "hurricane") data has been maintained, compiled and analyzed since at least 1886. Charts of storm tracks from 1886 to the present can be found at <http://weather.unisys.com/hurricane>. Examination of these charts and information would be essential for verifying Mr. Fields' assertions. He pointed out that "it is naturally impossible to have his many devastating storms in one season," implying that the government could somehow be blamed. USA Today Weather, <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/whseason.htm>, reports that 1933 was actually the most active hurricane season, when ten of 21 tropical storms reached hurricane level. NOAA says that the numbers of hurricanes have increased throughout the 1990s (<http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfaq/tcfaqG.html#G4>) and that this represents a little understood cycle. Perhaps the reasons behind the perceived increasing levels of "devastation" lie more with the increasing property values and "cost of insurance" than a government plan to destroy its citi-

zens and their property. In any case hurricanes represent global weather patterns that are beyond the capability of our technology to alter (at least now).

I urge those who attended the SGA Lecture to keep their information seeking skills sharp, seek to verify all information (not just from there) and be suspicious of unsubstantiated claims.

Kurt Wagner  
Librarian

## PC rules hold art and literature behind

To the editor:

"It wasn't the grounding that didn't keep us back but a little. We blowed out a cylinder-head."

"Good gracious! Anybody hurt?"

"No'm. Killed a nigger."

"Well, it's lucky, because sometimes people do get hurt."

-An excerpt from a conversation between Huck and Aunt Sally from the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

By Mark Twain

The first time I heard this, it was being read to my class by a professor in the English department. And I was the only person present who laughed.

And thinking back on that moment, I realize the irony in it. Because I'm certain that when those lines were first being read over a hundred years ago, almost no one laughed then either. They didn't understand there was a joke there. With rare exceptions like Mr. Twain and Huck, the average person didn't think a black man was a person. And these lines highlight that evil ignorance like few other writings of that time. And you'd think the audacity to expose the ridiculous stupidity that infected human thought back then would be cheered in a racial integrated college classroom of educated free thinkers. Instead, I think I just narrowly avoided being beaten to a pulp for my appreciative chuckle.

For just as no one got it in Twain's time, nobody gets it now. Not because their minds are narrowed with bigotry (for if that was the case, the idea of "No'm. Killed a nigger" would be damn funny), but because they just can't get



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By Frederick F. Boon  
Insider's View

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D O G III A

Welcome to another edition of "Scene This One?". This week, I gave Renee the week off and brought in veteran movie critic, Jeffrey Wickersty. We'd like to thank the folks over at **Loews Theatre**, in Wayne, for their support. Without their kindness, we poor college students would be unable to afford going to the movies every week. Moving along, this week's target is ... "Dogma."

**Presented by:** Lions Gate Films  
**Produced by:** View Askew Productions  
**Directed by:** Kevin Smith  
**Written by:** Kevin Smith  
**Starring:** Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Linda Fiorentino, Salma Hayek, Jason Lee, Jason Mewes, Alan Rickman, Chris Rock, and Kevin Smith.

Bartelby (Ben Affleck) and Loki (Matt Damon) are two fallen angels trying to find a way back into heaven. With the help of a vengeful demon (Jason Lee), these two angels find a loophole that will finally allow them to escape their hell (Wisconsin) and return to



Chris Rock, Jason Mewes, and Salma Hayek stare into the unknown during a scene from the controversial new movie, "Dogma," care of Kevin Smith. photos courtesy of Associated Press

heaven. But first, they'll have to make it to a New Jersey church. Oh, and it should be mentioned that their success will destroy existence as the human race knows it. So, the good guys step in to stop the destruction of humanity. With help from "the voice of God" (Alan Rickman), two not-so-profitable prophets (Jason Mewes, Kevin Smith), and the long-lost 13th

Apostle (Chris Rock), Bethany, an abortion clinic employee, must save the world. . . Perhaps she'll even get a little help from the man upstairs (Alanis Morissette).

M- Okay, first of all, I would like to say that as warped as Kevin Smith is, he has created another hilarious, original comedy that goes where few filmmakers dare go. "Dogma"

is an off-the-wall, action packed, laugh-filled comedy with a killer cast. Smith took a simple philosophical concept, religious in nature, and twisted it beyond the bounds of decency. I mean, there are points in this movie that range from silly to down right crude. I loved it!

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**Malibu Dude Ranch is more fun than you might think ...**

When my boyfriend mentioned that we were going on a weekend trip to a dude ranch with another couple, the idea sounded less than enticing. I had never actually rode a horse by myself and the thought made me nervous. However, I am always open to new ideas, so I decided not to put up a fight and go along.

We headed to the Malibu Dude Ranch in Milford, Penn., and arrived there after an hour and fifteen minute ride. We made it just in time for dinner, which is served in the main lodge dining room that is reminiscent of "The Great Outdoors" with deer, elk and moose heads on the wall. It was a buffet style meal with the taste of hearty home cooking. Afterwards, we all went to the bar for a cocktail, then it was off to bed.

At about 6 a.m., I was woken up by the distinct call of a very vocal rooster. I opened the door to our little bungalow-style room to see the sun just beginning to rise.

For the first time I could see the horses in the distance. The entire scene was nice but it was cold and I was still sleepy. I went back to my warm, cozy bed and fell back asleep.

We got up at about 8 a.m. and got breakfast. Then, we headed to



photo by Susan Daubaur/The Beacon

the stables and pen where all the horses were kept. I was actually excited. The men working with the horses sized me up and paired me with a cute horse named Tonka. Because I am barely 5 feet tall, I got the horse most children ride. This was fine with me. Tonka had short legs, which meant that I would be seated closer to the ground. In my head, I was figuring it was only about a 3 foot fall if anything unexpected should happen.

We were off. All the horses followed each other in a single file line and you are not to change this order (I'll explain later). I was third in line behind two kids and our guide, Brian, or as I liked to call him, the Marlboro Man. He liked to hold the reins with one hand as he lit his cigarette with the other. We took a nice, leisurely walk through the woods on a trail that is mostly paved. It was about forty-five minutes long. We returned to the pen safely and without any real discomfort.

The couple we were with said "Let's go again!" Fine, I thought that's what we're here for. We started off again. This time I got Little Bear, another smaller black horse. I felt safe and secure. We had a new guide named Paul, who was very friendly and had more personality than Mr. Marlboro. This ride was all adults, which, a

One of many beautiful views at the Malibu Dude Ranch, a short car ride away in Penn.

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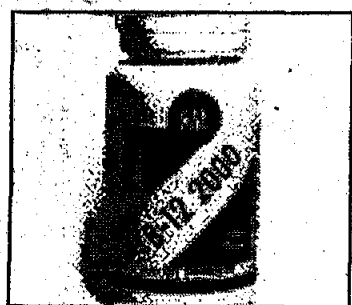


# 6 ways to prevent han-over

By Michael Lieberman  
Insider Contributor

(Editor's note: Bear in mind during reading this that the writer, although employed by a nutrition store, is in no way an expert, and therefore this editorial must be regarded as tongue-in-cheek.)

Let me start by saying that I don't condone drinking. Alcohol, basically, is poison. Drinking inhibits the body's ability to digest foods and absorb essential nutrients; it is one of the few substances that can cause damage to the liver that it can't heal, inflames the pancreas, promotes blood and throat cancer, raises blood pressure, reduces testosterone production, and causes pathological enlargement of the heart. And if there is anything your author fears more



than all that, it's the hangover he gets after drinking all night.

Thus, as a public service, I list here the greatest trade secret of the writer's guild: the secret to fortifying yourself for a night's indulgence.

1) Drink water. Lots of it. Before, during and after drinking. This counteracts the dehydrating effects of alcohol.

2) Eat food. Another obvious one. Eat a big helping of healthy food. Avoid grease, spices and other things that will not sit well in your stomach. You don't want to do anything that might bring about nausea. Also, remember that food gives you energy. And since drinking tends to mess up your digestion, even if you bring yourself to eat later it probably won't do you much good. No one likes a tired drunk. Plus, food in your stomach dilutes booze so you can impress your friends by drinking more.

3) Take Vitamin B-12. This is the most important thing you can do when drinking. Alcohol (or technically Ethanol) destroys vitamin B in the blood. And while you need to replace all the various Bs (B1, B2,

B3, B5 ait's the destruction of B12 uses the fatigue, depressive disorders, headachitability, memory loss and in the ears that accompanying. B12 is best taken "sally" (under the tongue) should buy it in either 1 or candy like "nuggets" self have found that 500(microgram) before drinking another 5000mcg after dirr more than enough (this is ent to 166,666% of the daily needed value). You can't get by on two doses of g. Trust me, you'll be thank took this in the morning.

4) Take vitamins. Alcohol robs the f vitamins C, D, E, K and all Plus it robs you of magnesizing supplementation in this is a good idea as well.

5) Always remember the order of drinking: or then beer, never fear. Beer, or, never sicker. Always inking on a soft note, as d to going out with a bang.

6) Get seep. The more the better. Tv for maximum recovery usually like to start my fun e I can finish early. But that's e. After all, what do I knovy do this for a living.

# Various opera scenes to be staged

Scenes from operas by Mozart, Gounod, Bizet, Verdi, and Menotti will be performed by members of William Paterson University's Opera Workshop on Thursday, Nov. 18 and Friday, Nov. 19.

The performances, which will be staged and costumed, begin at 8 p.m. in the Hunziker Black Box Theater, on campus. Tickets are \$6 standard and \$5 for students and seniors.

Under the direction of Stephen Bryant, associate professor of music and director of choral activities at WPU, vocalists will present portions of "The Marriage of Figaro," by Mozart, "Romeo and Juliet," by Gounod, "Carmen," by Bizet, "Rigolito," by Verdi, and "The Medium," by Menotti.

Vocalists Thomas Courtright, of Newton, and Beth Ann Coleman, of New Milford, will perform scenes from "Romeo and Juliet." "The Marriage of Figaro" will be performed by Regina Altman, of Livingston, and Philip Haltman, of Marlboro. Richard Hilton, of West Paterson, and Shelli Haynes, of West Orange, will perform "Carmen." Melinda Blum, of Randallstown, MD, will perform "The Medium." Euclides Zoto, of Paterson, and Ann Haefele, of Putnam, CT, along with Blum and Haynes, will perform an additional scene from "The Marriage of Figaro."

Bryant has accrued extensive credits in oratorio, concert and opera venues. During the 1999-2000 season, Bryant makes his Israel Philharmonic debut as bass soloist in Mendelssohn's "Walpurgisnacht," with Kurt Masur conducting. Also this season, Bryant will return to the Portland Baroque Orchestra as bass soloist in "Messiah," and will make his Arizona Opera debut as George in "Of Mice and Men," a role he has performed with the Utah Opera.

Bryant created the major role of Dante for the world premiere of Tan Dun's "Marco Polo," which he performed at the Munich Biennale, the Holland Festival in Amsterdam, the Hong Kong arts Festival, New York City Opera, and with the Japan Philharmonic in Tokyo. The New York Times, in its review of the production, called it an "extraordinary work," adding that Bryant "made the vocalism and movement seem natural."

A native of Princeton, Bryant received his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and his master's degree and doctorate in voice and choral conducting from the University of Michigan. He resides in Upper Montclair.

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# Horoscopes by Natasha

**Aries** (March 21 to April 10)  
Watch your steps, leaps and bounds. Carefully consider any moves you make, and make sure you have a backup plan that acts as your safety net.

**Taurus** (April 11 to May 20)  
Romance rounds the corner and might catch you when you least expect it. As you stop to settle yourself, everything falls into place. You know the routine without even having to try.

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20)  
Discard all that is not absolutely necessary. You hold the material that means the most in the depths of your mind. All else acts as a distraction to the duties you have been assigned.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22)  
Keeping as busy as a bee ensures that your mind doesn't wander toward that which is unsettling. At some point, though, stopping to consider all of the options is essential.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22)  
Temptation has you cornered in a bit of a hot spot. At least you know that you don't have to watch your back. Only start when you deem it is completely appropriate.

**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22)  
A new experience gives you tons to talk about. Remember that most others weren't there at the time, so your recollections need to be precise if there is to be a complete understanding. This week is an 8.

**Libra** (September 23 to October 22)

The potential to be tried has been placed in front of you in plain view. You might as well welcome it as warmly as you can, as it test you either way you choose to play the game.

**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21)  
You ability to intellectualize makes for an impressive debut in any of your undertakings. You ensure that your smarts are as wise on the street as they are in the classroom.

**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21)  
While you spend time looking over all of the details, be wary of being blind to that which is obvious. You could see stars if you allow the facts to hit you over the head.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19)  
Discussion pours forth in a way that is most productive. Everyone feels as if their input is valuable, and you are leading the charge in this arena. Communication rises to a crescendo.

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18)  
Long-term solutions and planning could have you shortsighted when it comes to making your moves. Live in the here-and-now for the moment, and the rest should follow suit.

**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20)  
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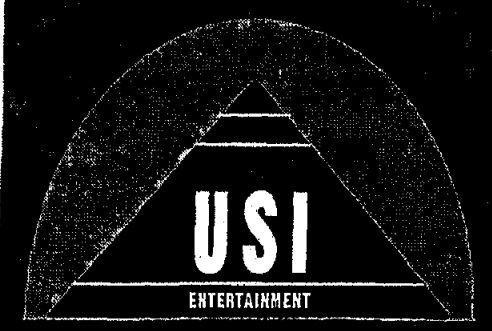
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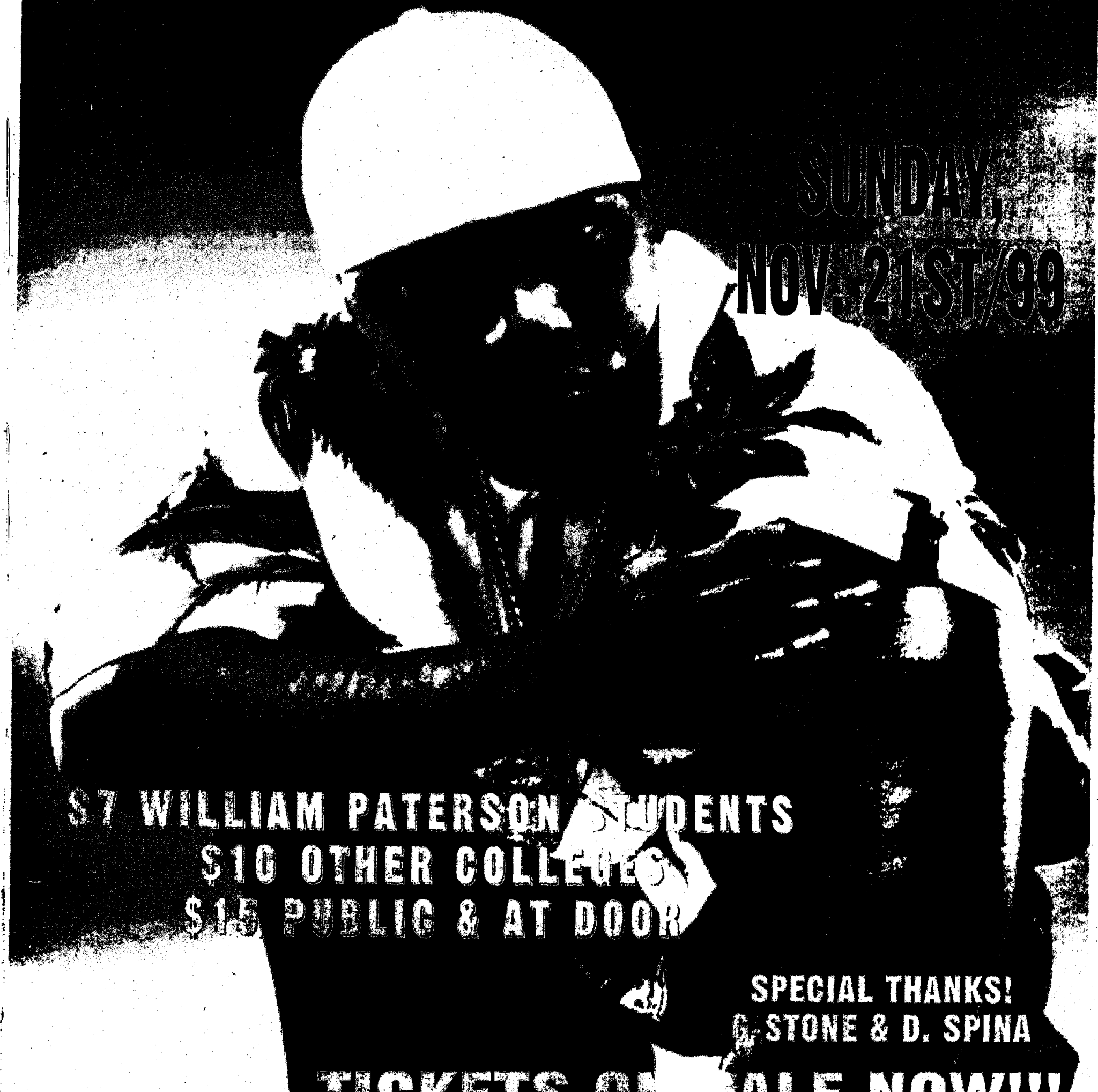
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# Meat Loaf rips through Newark

By Frederick F. Doot  
Insider Writer

On Nov. 11, I was graced with the opportunity to attend Meat Loaf's "Storyteller's Tour," at the NJ Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ. I came into the show with high hopes, only because I had 4th row seats (and a beautiful date). I knew Meat Loaf was probably over 50 years old (52 to be exact) so my expectations were not too high, to avoid being let down. The show opened with Meat Loaf walking out onto the stage, and introducing a clan of interviewers who would be walking around the theater with microphones. I was not totally familiar with the "storyteller" procedure. I just assumed he'd play a few songs, give a brief interlude (about

one or two), and play some more. I was mistaken. Meat Loaf took off with an immediate comedy skit, bashing latecomers, telling jokes, and just amusing the crowd to death. Throughout the show, he had Q&A sessions with the crowd, took song requests (not popular songs, as they were already played, or would be played) and told stories behind some of the songs.

He spoke of one story during the time he was signing autographs for his new book. He said an old lady was on line at the bookstore and approached him. With tears in her eyes, she dropped an envelope with a letter in it on the table. He put it aside as he did with his other gifts, and saw the lady walk away, not getting an autograph, handshake, or introduction. Later that night in

the hotel, as Meat Loaf sifted through his gifts, he opened the letter. It seems her daughter was on the verge of suicide, with a gun to her head, when his song, "Heaven Can Wait" came on the radio. She took the song as a personal message and put the gun away. He then went on to play the beautiful song.

Later in the show, he began speaking of the song, "I Would Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)." He asked the audience, "What is THAT?" No one knew. He then rolled out a blackboard and gave a little lesson as to what THAT was (as seen in the photos, provided by my sister) before singing the full version of the song, complete with the duet near the end.

I was impressed with the song list, having played all the songs I

Meat Loaf teaches lessons about what he will and will not do, according to the song.

expected to hear, and nearly all the songs I wanted him to play. Some of the favorites he played including the ones above were, "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad," "You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth," "Rock and Roll Dreams Come Through," and "Life is a Lemon and I Want My Money Back."

The highlight of the show came near the end when he played "Paradise by the Dashboard Lights." Apparently before the show, there was a table set up with surveys about what songs to play, and what questions to answer. What the people didn't know about the survey was the reason for the Marital Status question. See, Meat Loaf went through a list of "singles" and randomly took two to "act" out the middle portion of the song. For those of you not familiar with the song, it consists of a section where two people are heard making out. Meat Loaf called out two names

and the participants climbed on the stage. He then made the man climb lay on his back on a desk, and made the woman straddle him, and begin making out with him during the song. Seeing the two complete strangers make out with one another on stage was entertaining to say the least.

Meat Loaf closed the show with an explosive rendition of "Bat Out of Hell" and an even higher-octave encore of "All Revved up and No Place To Go." His voice showed no sign of aging even after over 25 years, and looking at my clock, I found that he played non-stop for over three hours, which was even more impressive. I urge and recommend any fan try and see Meat Loaf as he plays in NYC later in December and January. For me, the show was one of the best shows of my life, and a perfect first date; the night was wonderful. Thank you, Mr. Loaf.



photos by Laura Doot/Contributor

Meat Loaf and friends in concert at NJPAC, in Newark, on November 11.

## Dude Ranch experience is unexpected fun

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it turns out, is a warning sign for the novice rider.

We went into the woods and Sally, our friend asked, "Are we going to run on this ride?" Paul was happy to oblige and asked if everyone was alright with this. I did my best to look scared and confused. Paul said that if anyone wanted to slow down just yell, "STOP!" He checked all of our saddles and straps and we were off running.

After about 5 seconds of a bumpy downhill run through mud I screamed, "Stop!" So we did, and I felt like a small child. Everyone said, "Sue it's O.K. Just put all of your weight on your feet and sit up straight. Here we go again. We took off galloping and I was scared but had a better handle on the situation. We ran for a few minutes and slowed to a trot. I felt a rush of adrenaline shoot through my body as we slowed down and I began to really enjoy my weekend for the first time. I guess this is what being a dude is all about. I pulled back on the reigns of my horse so that I could ride next to my boyfriend. My horse decided he didn't like another horse and tried to take a nip at him. This is when our guide said not to get out of our assigned order.

Upon returning to the stable, I hopped off Little Bear and began to feel the ache of sore inner-thighs that comes with riding. It was worth it though. We walked along the outside of the stable and

peered into a few stalls, one of which held an adorable little donkey named Bobo. There are ponies, sheep, goats and chickens at the ranch. Because I am an animal lover, I was ecstatic about all the wildlife.

The ranch includes: a rifle range; a small lake with canoes; a main lodge with dining room, bar, video game room and store. It really has a lot to offer college students looking for a relaxing, back-to-nature getaway. It was a great change of pace and surroundings. Also, if you take a ride down the

street you will pass a huge llama farm—very interesting.

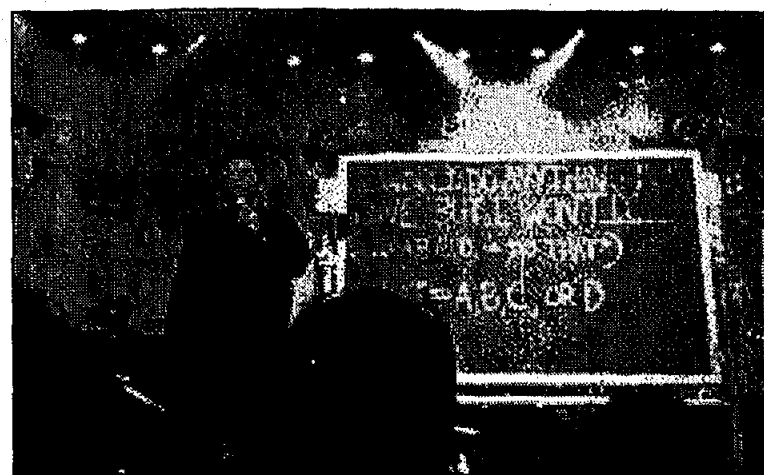
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The writer enjoying here first horseback riding experience.



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The highlight of the show came near the end when he played "Paradise by the Dashboard Lights." Apparently before the show, there was a table set up with surveys about what songs to play, and what questions to answer. What the people didn't know about the survey was the reason for the Marital Status question. See, Meat Loaf went through a list of "singles" and randomly took two to "act" out the middle portion of the song. For those of you not familiar with the song, it consists of a section where two people are heard making out. Meat Loaf called out two names

and the participants climbed on the stage. He then made the man climb lay on his back on a desk, and made the woman straddle him, and begin making out with him during the song. Seeing the two complete strangers make out with one another on stage was entertaining to say the least.

Meat Loaf closed the show with an explosive rendition of "Bat Out of Hell" and an even higher-octave encore of "All Revved up and No Place To Go." His voice showed no sign of aging even after over 25 years, and looking at my clock, I found that he played non-stop for over three hours, which was even more impressive. I urge and recommend any fan try and see Meat Loaf as he plays in NYC later in December and January. For me, the show was one of the best shows of my life, and a perfect first date; the night was wonderful. Thank you, Mr. Loaf.



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J- You're damn right, Mike. There's nothing better than a movie that takes something decent and wholesome and completely ruins it! Seriously, though, "Dogma" really impressed me, too. It took the concept of religion, specifically Catholicism, and the myths and biblical history surrounding it, tossed it around a little bit, and came out with a really great flick. The movie reminded me a lot of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" series, a collection of great books, in the way it twisted history to tell a humorous story. Like, for example, introducing the "13th" apostle, and backing it up with an altered version of biblical lore. Plus, if you could find three minutes to stop laughing, then you probably weren't paying attention.

M- Right on! This movie was, above all, a terrific comedy. If you do not go into this movie willing to laugh than you are in for a long two hours. The cast that brought this story to life was phenomenal. From an acting point of view, you will not find a weak link in this film. Matt Damon and Ben Affleck did a great job as the two fallen angels and provided some good bits of comedy. Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith reprise their roles as "Jay" and "Silent Bob," which as you may guess, provides much of the crude humor and profanity throughout the film. Chris Rock,

on the other hand, was not what I expected. As one of the heroes of the film, he gets a short stand-up like routine in his first few minutes of his screen time and then creates a solid character. Alan Rickman also deserves mention for his more serious role. He is a wonderful actor and his presence only made this film better. There are also a number of cameos by such names as George Carlin and Janeane Garofalo, as well as an assortment of actors featured in Kevin Smith's previous movies. There's even Alanis Morissette as God ... isn't that ironic?

J- Yeah, it's like rain on your wedding day, Mike. Or like having one hand in your pocket while the other one's ... well, nevermind. What's important is that this movie is winding up on my top five for the year without a doubt, and is one of the freshest films I've seen in long time. Plus, I got a glimpse of Janeane Garofalo, who I am deeply in love with, and any movie with Janeane is okay with me. I'd also like to mention George Carlin's brief but masterful role. We all know George the stand-up, and those of us who are familiar with his skits know he is against religion as an organization. So, Carlin's role as a Cardinal in Dogma was quite ironic, and was a very nice touch to the film. Beyond cameos, this movie also packed some quality lines that I sure won't forget. Matt Damon and Ben Affleck (who



(left) Matt Damon and Ben Affleck play fallen angels attempting to get back to heaven. Their attempts are thwarted by "prophets" Jay and Silent Bob, (Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith, below).

photos courtesy of Associated Press

I usually can't stand, but was definitely a quality addition to this movie) were without a doubt critical to this movie - but it was not "their movie" like, say, "Good Will Hunting" was Damon's movie. This movie could not have succeeded without every role exactly as they were. Whoever did casting for this film should win an award. Oh, and I think Linda Fiorentino was fantastic.

M- Overall, "Dogma" was a great film! The script is clever, if not somewhat disturbing, and the acting is superb. The special effects used were also pretty good. Although this movie is a comedy, it is also a movie that makes you think. I don't know how you'll feel, but I know I left the theatre thinking, "Good God, what if the fate of the world really fell on the shoulders of these idiots?" If you are not offended by jokes involving New Jersey or the Catholic reli-



gion, go see this movie; it is well worth the time and money and you will definitely laugh.

J- I don't see why anyone would be offended by jokes involving New Jersey - everyone that lives in the Garden State knows it's the armpit of the country, and everyone who doesn't live here assumes it's an armpit - so that shouldn't be a problem. But for all you uppity-ups out there who are going to get all riled up when you see some fun being had at the expense of the Catholic church, you've got to do either of two things: Don't see this movie, miss out on a great flick, and be safe knowing your view of religion was not scored by, off all things, A MOVIE!!! Or, go see this movie, leave your blame-pointing fingers of God at home and enjoy yourselves. The bottom line is this - while Dogma does poke fun at religion, it totes some positive

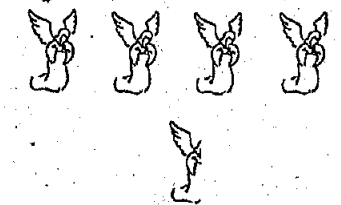
ideas about faith and life. So, don't think you'll wind up severing the heads of goats while dancing in a chicken costume and casting black magic just because you went and saw it. It's really a quality piece of cinema ... and if you don't believe me, I'll put a hex on you.

On a scale of five fallen angels...

Mike rates this film 4 fallen angels.



Jeff rates this film 4 1/2 fallen angels.



## SUPER COMIC BOY

By Alejandro Cardenas  
Insider Contributor

Welcome back, readers, to the next installment of Super Comic Boy. I'm going to inform you as much as I can about the different kinds of comic books out there. First of all, there are different time lengths of comic books.

The most common one is the on-going series, that is, a comic book that ships regularly (usually once a month), but that has a long term agenda with no end in sight. Second is the mini series; this comic book has a time length of usually 2 to 8 issues that means it has a beginning, middle and end.

The maxi series is usually 9 to twelve issues and is like the mini series but longer. The one shots are issues that ship just once a special on-going meaning or maxi series that tells a short story in just one issue.

There are two major comic book companies. These 2 companies have been struggling for years for the leading position in the market area. They are Marvel Comics and DC Comics. Marvel Comics is the

company that owns such characters as Hulk, Spider Man, Captain American, Thor, and the hot sellers X-Men.

DC Comics owns Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Flash, and the Vertigo line for mature audiences and the Wildstorm line that includes Danger Girl, Crimson, and the best seller Battle Chasers.

Other comic books are independent or owned by smaller companies. Image has been around for a while and is one of the best small-scale companies with such titles as Witchblade, Darkness, Ascension, and Spawn. This company is for more mature audiences.


The hottest titles right now are X-Men, Fathom, Spawn, JLA, Avengers, Wolverine, Daredevil, Earth X, Spider Man, Fantastic Four, Batman, Witchblade. Marvel Comics is the company that dominates the market with its titles. Although DC Comics has more famous characters and succeeded with Batman and Superman franchise. For next week I will begin comics for you.

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# Student Council for Exceptional Citizens says, 'Let them eat turkey'

Ryan Caiazzo  
Staff Writer

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, the Student Council for Exceptional Citizens wetted the appetites of WPU students and faculty with a turkey luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

For a \$4 donation, a student could indulge in a complete turkey meal with all the fixings, pumpkin pie included.

The luncheon drew many hungry patrons, including University President Arnold Speert.

"I think this is a great fundraiser...everyone likes to eat, and this turkey meal was definitely a nice alternative to the usual food court meals," said Lisa Montobello, who was pleased with the food selection and price.

According to Michele Dorn, vice president of the Student Council for Exceptional Citizens, the turkey fundraiser was a "huge success."

"We raised \$440. We appreciate the support of the campus community," Dorn said.

Members of the Council cooked and served food for the luncheon. Dorn made a 13 pound turkey and stuffing.

The Council has about 25 members who have an interest in special education and want to help citizens in the community who have special needs.

The group travels to the North Jersey Developmental Center with Catholic Campus Ministry on Wednesdays to interact with those who are disabled. Arts and crafts are a popular activity during these weekly visits.

According to Dorn the money raised by the luncheon will be used for the club.

"We were thinking about having someone come in and talk to the members of the (special education) department and the club," she said.

Money will also be utilized to purchase supplies for the club's community outreach initiatives with the North Jersey Developmental Center.

Dorn, a senior, added that the



photo by Ryan Caiazzo/The Beacon

For \$4 a plate, students got an early taste of Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Council is always looking for new members. "You don't have to be a special education major to be a member. The more (members) the merrier."

Publicity for the turkey luncheon was accomplished through letters being sent to professors seeking their help to advise students of the fundraiser.

Dan Curcio, President of the Council, stood in the front of the Student Center entrance holding a large sign that read: "Turkey Lunch, \$4, Ballroom."

According to Dorn, the recent success and activism of the Council can be attributed largely to the club's new advisor, Dr. Susan Kuveke of the Special Ed and Counseling Department.

"Our advisor last year became sick and now we have Dr. Kuveke, who has been great."



photos by Ryan Caiazzo/The Beacon

The Student Council for Exceptional Citizens raised \$440 for their organization with the help of students' grumbling tummies.

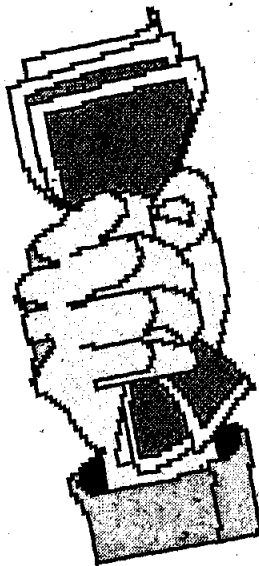


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# Latin Clubs bring culture to WPU for Latin American Heritage Month

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Salsa to become a class here at William Paterson," said DelRosario.

Participants at the luncheon seemed to have a lot of fun. Food, music and Brazilian Dancers sponsored by Presidente Restaurant were all on hand. The event

enabled students to experience a real taste of the Latin culture.

Although the month looks promising, both DelRosario and Paz, executive vice-president of Business L.I.N.K., hope to see more involvement among the entire student body.

Paz acknowledged that the

month is for all Latinos to, "understand and know each other better" by learning about their heritage. She hopes to see new faces representing different heritages attending the scheduled events.

DelRosario also stated that she would like to see the entire student body attending the festivities to

learn more about the culture and to have fun. Both DelRosario and Paz stressed that the events were created and planned with the college community in mind.

"I get a chance to learn about my culture and other Hispanic cultures and share that with people of a non-Hispanic background," said Elena Mendez, a freshman Business major from Elmwood Park.

Mendez did not attend many of the events thus far, but enjoyed the Luncheon, which was held on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Many events are scheduled for the remainder of the month.

The Annual Miss O.L.A.S. Pageant, an event where one Latina will be awarded Miss O.L.A.S., along with prizes and gifts, is scheduled for Nov. 17 in

the Student Center Ballroom at 8 p.m.

Hispanic Recruitment Day, which is slated for Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ballroom, will offer Latin organizations coming together to offer information for incoming WPU students.

Five young artists will speak about Afro-Latino culture at Billy Pat's Pub in the Student Center on Nov. 30. Poetry readings are also scheduled, an event that was an enormous success last year. The coordinators are hoping for a large turnout. This year's organizers were Melissa DelRosario, Alex Gomez and Lazara Paz.

A detailed list of all events are publicized on posters throughout the campus. For more information, contact the Student Government Association, 720-

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Gay rights activists target Zimbabwe President

By Mark Fonseca Rendelro  
Staff Writer

HARERE, Zimbabwe - During Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe's official visit to London, gay rights activists attempted a citizen's arrest for crimes against homosexuals.


As the President's motorcade left the hotel on the morning of Oct. 31, it was suddenly surrounded by members of Outrage!, Zimbabwe's gay rights movement. One member of the group, Peter Tatchell, opened the car door, grabbed the President by the arm, and then recited the charges against him: "President Mugabe, you are under arrest for torture. Torture is a crime under international law." Turning to the President's security officers, Tatchell told them: "Call the police. The President is under arrest on charges of torture."

When commenting about homosexuals in Zimbabwe, Mugabe has publicly used the terms "sexual perverts" and "beasts," and stated that he believes homosexuals are "worse than dogs and pigs." In reference to the human rights of homosexuals, the President said, "we don't believe they have any rights at all."

Such remarks have triggered large-scale hostility against gay and lesbian citizens in Zimbabwe. In parliament, there is a growing rhetoric of homophobia, especially from the ruling party, the ZANU PF. Here, authorities have reportedly threatened to arrest homosexuals.

When police arrived at the scene of the attempted citizen's arrest, the activists were arrested and the President was allowed to go free. Members of Outrage! maintained, "We were attempting to arrest Mugabe under Section 134 of the Criminal Justice Act of 1988 which allows for the arrest of any person in Britain, who commits an act of torture anywhere in the world, as defined in the United Nation's Convention Against Torture 1984, the very act that Britain used to arrest former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet."

Though the President was not officially arrested during the confrontation, this action by Outrage! has brought international attention to the human rights violations in Zimbabwe. Among these violations, Mugabe and his government have been accused of misusing public funds, murder, torture, and denying basic rights to citizens.



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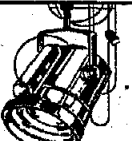
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## SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR HEALTH



### Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, the cancer to beat all cancers

Caroline M. Schmidt  
Staff Writer

Cancer is usually not something that people think about too much--"It could never happen to me," and so on and so forth. But, a relatively new cancer that was never taken too seriously has reared its ugly head in our own backyards.

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma has been rising heavily and fast and has become the fifth most common cancer in men and the sixth in women, according to the Bergen Record. During the last 25 years, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma has been slowly and insidiously invading our neighborhoods and homes.

The rates of this killer have increased 95 percent for men and 63 percent for women, which places this cancer at almost epidemic levels. In fact, 56,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year alone, as stated by the National Cancer Institute.

The main problem, the one that scares people the most, is that this disease has virtually no symptoms and no screening tests. The causes of this mystery cancer are even blurred. Some researchers believe that it is caused by pesticides and herbicides, while others claim that a mystery virus has infiltrated our lives. Some believe that it is caused by a high-protein diet consisting of eating red meat more than once a week, and still others believe that black hair dyes, physical activity levels, and even the sun might be responsible. Whoever and whatever caused this malady will someday be discovered, possibly in our lifetimes.

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is a cancer that attacks the white blood cells, the "soldiers" of the immune system. Their job is to destroy any foreign invaders in the body. When the white blood cells begin to die, other diseases

can take hold, causing fatal results if a victim's immune system is unable to suppress it.

Tumors are associated with Non-Hodgkin's, and it is here where virus researchers have possibly discovered a link. The virus that causes Epstein-Barr syndrome has been discovered hiding inside the tumors. Other diseases discovered inside lymphoma tumors include the virus for AIDS, hepatitis C, HTLV-1, Burkitt's syndrome, and the bacterium Helicobacter pylori, which the National Cancer Institute reports as a cause for some ulcers.

The pesticide theory is supported by tremendous amounts of incidences in farmers who use pesticides, herbicides and chemicals. The protein theory is endorsed by the Mayo Clinic, which states that in a study of 84,000 women who ate pork, lamb, or beef once a day, the rates of this cancer were significantly higher.

This dangerous disease has claimed notable people over the years, including Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and King Hussein of Jordan.

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma can strike at any age and race. Cancer is not usually forgiving, but there are treatments available after diagnosis. One is a short-term and simple injection of a new drug called Rituxan, which attaches to the lymphoma and signals the immune system to destroy it, according to Jim Salwitz of UMDNJ and the Robert-Wood Johnson Medical School. For more advanced cases, a bone marrow transplant has seen promising success. Regular check-ups with your doctor are urged for detection and treatment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Coming next week: "Diabetes and You," in observance of November as National Diabetes Month.



Et Cetera...

Activists say, 'Free Mumia Abu-Jamal'

Pam Africa, president of International Concerned Friends & Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal will be the keynote speaker of "On the Move," and in depth lecture and discussion on the case of prisoner, Mumia Abu-Jamal.

The event, which is presented by Students for African Unity, Brothers for Awareness, Caribbean Students Association, Haitian American Students Association, the African American Caribbean Students Department, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sisters for Awareness, Bask Leadership and Equality, the Freshman Class and Omega Psi Phi, will take place on Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Refreshments will be served. The event is funded by the Student Government Association.

For more information, please contact Leah Prescott at 720-5252 or Waverly Fair at 720-5040.

'College Bowl' lets students test their knowledge

Campus Activities presents "College Bowl" on Sat. Nov. 20 in SC 203. College bowl is a fast-paced question and answer game played between two teams of four students each. The game is played in seven minute halves. Players signal to answer toss-up questions. When they answer correctly, they earn 10 points and a chance at a bonus question on which all members confer.

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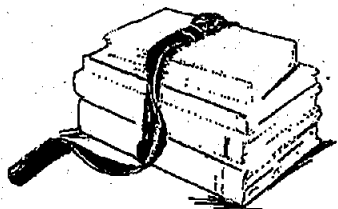
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FRESHMEN FOCUS

By Katherine Scala



Writing Effective Prose: effective or pointless?

This week's topic is the ever-so dreaded, but required course: Writing Effective Prose 110. For those of you who have placed out of it, good for you. That's one less load to carry around, but you're missing out. Others may feel that the class varies from "effective" to "pointless."

Writing Effective Prose is a required class for all students, which provides the chance to review forgotten proper grammar techniques, and introduces the transition of high school writing to college writing.

Although some may feel it is pointless, there really are different aspects with which one can view the course. If you are an English major, this class is the most beneficial to you. It is the pre-requisite for all other English requirement classes for graduation (as well as Intro. to Lit). It also benefits anyone who loves to write and wants to improve his or her writing skills.

What many freshmen students don't understand is how helpful this course is for everyday life, as Director of Freshman English, Cornelia Wells explains.

"I believe that language is the center of all knowledge. We know nothing until we have words."

Wells continued to interpret how she thinks college students' attitudes are concerning this subject. "People think because you don't have to read and write in a particular job that you don't need it. I think that what (people) don't realize is how important it is to have good language skills, even in sci-

ence, music, and engineering."

There seems to be mixed feelings about this class. As Freshman Kennia Fulgencio, a Computer Science major explains how her experience so far with the class has been very positive.

"I like my Writing Effective Prose class. It helps me with my writing. I used to write about tiny things, but now that I am taking this class, it helps me to broaden my ideas."

Others like Ned Fern, a Music major, feel that it hasn't been exactly what he had expected.

"The class all depends on the teacher. My class hasn't furthered my learning. I haven't gotten anything out of it yet."

While no two people share the same exact beliefs, many are caught somewhere in between on this issue. Freshman Amanda Moras, a Psychology major, has mixed feelings about her writing class.

"It has taught me to broaden my thinking processes due to the fact that we learn critical thinking techniques. However, it doesn't really help my writing and that is what the purpose of the class is."

Whether or not you love to hate Writing Effective Prose, it still remains an absolute necessity in developing your sense of knowledge. The result will have a positive influence on your life, even if you don't believe it now. In the end, its "effectiveness" will show. Sooner or later you'll be writing better research papers, resumes and letters than you ever thought possible.

Is there something you would like to see written about in Freshman Focus?  
E-mail the Beacon at Beacon.student.wpunj.edu.

Campus Girl Scouts teach about 'People of The World'



The Campus Girl Scouts of William Paterson University sponsored their annual People of the World cultural event for hundreds of local Girl Scouts on Sunday, Nov. 14 in the Student Center.



photos by Laurie Koba/The Beacon

WP to honor senior citizens

from WPU page 5

All senior citizens attending the dinner will return to their residence with more than a wonderful

memory. Numerous merchants have donated gift certificates or merchandise items to be raffled. Gift baskets created by the university's various departments and faculty/staff will also be given as prizes, and every guest will receive their own bag of complimentary items supplied by local medical and nursing home facilities.

Arduous efforts have been coordinated by the Dinner Committee to provide another spectacular holiday occasion for our neighboring senior citizens. But the efforts that make this event successful depends greatly on the number of community and university volunteers. Community representatives, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to assist in the various tasks such as decorations, escort service and servers. Individuals who want to volunteer may do so by contacting Valerie Marino at extension 2601 in the Office of Special Adult Programs. Gift baskets and other donations should be delivered to the Office of Special Adult Programs in College Hall, room 350, before Thursday, Nov. 18.

The university acknowledges the great success of last year's dinner, and looks forward to a bigger and better event with the support of the William Paterson University community.

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## Women's and men's Cross-Country season runs out on high note

By Jeffrey Slavinsky  
Sports Editor

This year Men's and Women's Cross-Country teams recently participated in two cross country meets. The Collegiate Track Conference Cross Country Championships (CTCs) were held at Garret Mountain on Saturday, October 23, 1999. The women's team placed third and the men's team placed ninth. In the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Cross Country Championships held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Washington's Crossing Park, in Ewing, NJ, the women's team again placed third and the men's team placed fifth.

The women's team had the best finish in the school's history at the CTC and the NJAC. There were tremendous individual performances, that contributed to these accomplishments.

In the CTC, the women's individual results were: 19th-Morgan Small, Sr./Freehold (21:45); 23rd-Jill Sanders, Fr./Butler (21:56);

25th-Cori Distaso, Sr./Bayonne (22:03); 38th-Lauren Collins, So./Wall (22:52); 42nd-April McGreevy, Jr./Middletown (23:13); 54th-Amy Forte, So./Hackettstown (24:10); 55th-Beth Mohan, Jr./Somerdale (24:14); 60th-Cara Giamanco, Fr./Budd Lake (27:29).

In the CTC, the men's individual results were: 29th-Steve McKibbin, Fr./Gloucester (29:47); 56th-Tom Acconzo, Fr./Keansburg (32:22); 58th-Shaun Kennedy, Fr./Keansburg (32:34); 59th-Germaine Bacon, Fr./East Orange (32:35); 66th John Loiacono, Jr./Cedar Grove (33:36).

In the NJAC, the women's individual results were 15th-Jill Sanders, Fr./Butler (21:20); 19th-Morgan Small, Sr./Freehold (22:00); 21st-Cori Distaso, Sr./Bayonne (22:14); 24th-April McGreevy, Jr./Middletown (22:53); 25th-Lauren Collins, So./Wall (23:00); 30th-Amy Forte, So./Hackettstown (23:52); 31st-Cynthia Speid, So./East Orange (24:18); 33rd-Beth Mohan, Jr./Somerdale (24:23); 43rd-Cara

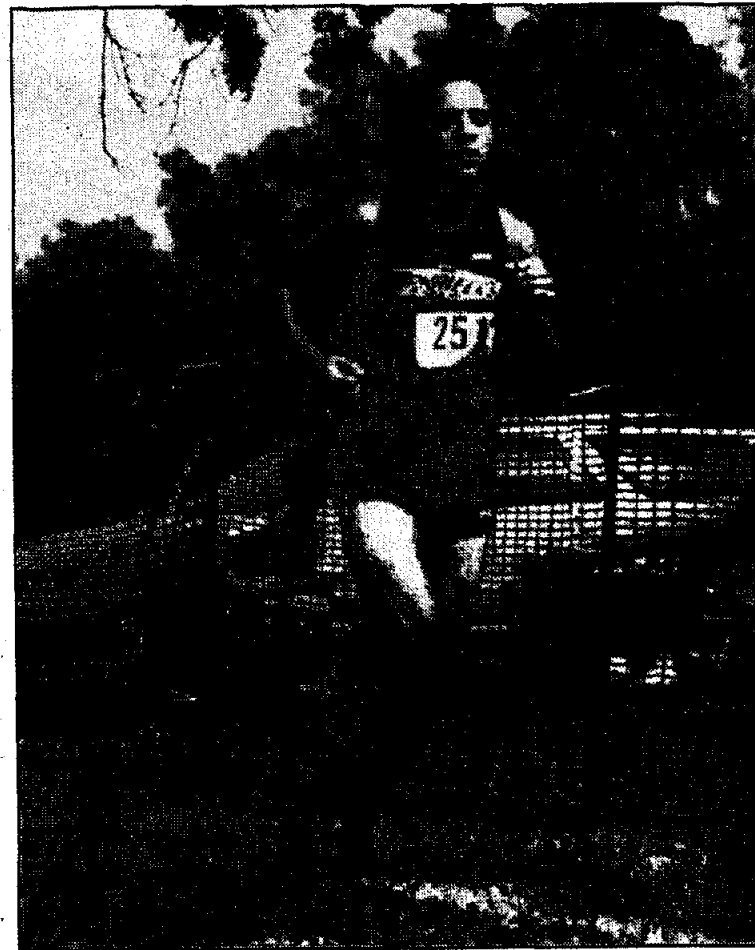
Giamanco, Fr./Budd Lake (27:59). In the NJAC, the men's individual results were: 26th-Steve McKibbin, Fr./Gloucester (30:04); 28th-Aaron Winkelspecht, So./Riverside (30:10); 32nd-Jeff Burr, Fr./Basking Ridge (31:04); 34th-Germaine Bacon, Fr./East Orange (31:25); 37th-Shaun Kennedy, Fr./Keansburg (32:05); 38th-Tom Acconzo, Fr./Keansburg (32:32); 39th-John Loiacono, Jr./Cedar Grove (32:56); 40th-Andy Stubenvoll, Jr./Wayne (33:30).

Next season looks to be promising with all the returnees and an expected new crop of freshman recruits. On the women's team three will be returnees Lauren Collins, Amy Forte, Cara Giamanco, April McGreevy, Beth Mohan, Yarrisa Rodriguez, Jill Sanders, Cynthia Speid, Eryn Tadrilana, Gingi Woodard.

On the men's team there will be Tom Acconzo, Germaine Bacon, Jeff Burr, Shaun Kennedy, John Loiacono, Gary Marks, Steve McKibbin, Andrew Stubenvoll, and Aaron Winkelspecht returning.

The Head Coach of the Men's and Women's Cross Country Team is Ralph LaMonica. Coach LaMonica is in his fifth year at WPUNJ.

LaMonica's Assistant Coach is Lisa Giaconia. Giaconia is a former Division I NCAA Women's Athlete of the Year from New Jersey (1977). Coach Giaconia holds many St. Peter's College Cross Country and distance records. She ran in the 1998 New York Marathon (3:14) and the 1999 Boston Marathon



courtesy of Cross-Country Team

Steve McKibbin

(3:06).

"Congratulations and many thanks to our departing seniors: Morgan Small and Cori Distaso, who have made strong contributions to our team," said coach

LaMonica.

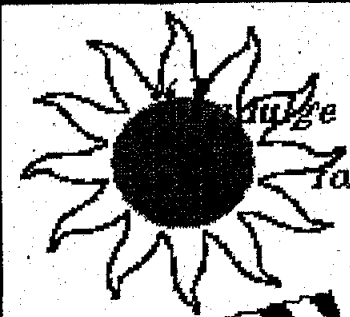
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## Athlete Profile - Meg Renna: All-around student athlete

By Marianne Kelly  
Sports Contributor

After battling a severe leg injury last year, junior Meg Renna is back on the basketball court and ready to show the conference that she hasn't missed a beat.

As this year's starting point guard, Renna, is one of three Pioneer basketball captains. Last year, she had surgery on her leg due to a sports-related injury, causing her to miss both the soccer season and the basketball season.

Renna says it was "very frustrating" having to sit out and watch both her soccer and basketball teams play throughout their seasons. What she did learn, however, was how her teammates reacted to different game situations. She took that knowledge and is now able to apply it to her own style of play.

Renna graduated from West Milford High School in 1996 with fellow captain, Wendy Kane. She was excited to be going to school with her long-time friend and teammate. She says that it is not too often students end up "coming to college and playing [sports] with someone they know." Ironically, Kane currently has the

same type of injury that Renna had a year ago. However, the senior will not undergo surgery.

Around the age of nine or ten, Renna began playing basketball because her parents persuaded her to try it. Until then, she had no interest in sports. Whenever she felt like giving up or quitting, her parents were there to push her to keep at it. They must have done something right, because Renna is now one of the conference's best.

Renna has three brothers, whom she credits with making her mentally tough. One of them is Justin Renna, who is the assistant coach of the WPU Women's Soccer team. Excelling at basketball and soccer is not the only accomplishment Renna has recently seen. She also maintains a high GPA, while holding down a part-time job off-campus.

Renna has no favorite when it comes to choosing between basketball and soccer. "Whatever I'm playing at the time, I like better," she said.

Renna was named Rookie-of-the-Year her first year of soccer. Also, while playing soccer for WPU, she was named to the First Team All-Conference and All-Regional American.

For basketball, Renna was selected for the Second Team All-Conference two years ago. "She deserves the credit," said Erin Monahan, WPU Women's Basketball Coach Erin Monahan.

Coach Monahan believes Renna is one of the key reasons why WPU Women's Basketball is now considered one of the best teams in the conference. Monahan shows she has high expectations for Renna by asking her "to run the team" as point guard.

"She's one of my better players," said Monahan. "She has some incredible moves."

Even though Renna just came back to practice about two weeks ago, she is still just as tough and unpredictable on the court as ever, claims Monahan.

Renna mentioned all her past coaches for motivating her to be her best. "I feel very comfortable with them," she explains. "A lot of coaches are just your coach...but they've always kept me going."

Although Renna has no plans to play sports after graduating college, she does wish to get her master's degree in Sports Administration, in order to become an Athletic Director.



Photo by Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon  
Meg Renna returns to basketball action this season, as the Pioneers hope to return to the NCAA Tournament.

## Women's soccer has several players recognized by NJAC this season

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Renna tallied nine goals and five assists on the season. Fluhr added five goals and three assists while

Armstrong collected four goals.

Senior Cindy Laudien, last season All-American, was named to the NJAC second team, and senior goalkeeper Maren Fluhr, last year's

NJAC "Goalie of the Year," received honorable mention.

Laudien had nine goals and six assists, collecting a team-high 24 points. Maren Fluhr had ten

shutouts and only allowed 12 goals in 19 games.

Coach Woods and the lady Pioneers will sorely miss Lubrano, Armstrong, Laudien, Parks, Maren

Fluhr, and seniors Dana Feltz and Monique Donahue. "I thought they did a great job," said Woods. "They were a big part of us becoming one of the best teams in the country."

"There were so many seniors and we were not ready to end it," said Parks, who scored a career-high eight goals this season.

"When Aimee came freshman year, we didn't expect much from her," said Woods. "Over the summers she worked on fitness and skills, and she is the most improved soccer player ever."

Woods also expressed admiration for the other seniors that will not be returning next season. "Feltz is so dominant in the center of the field trapping balls and gaining control, and Monique was our silent leader. She played steady at sweeper in the back," added Woods.

Despite the losses, and the disheartening non-inclusion in the NCAA Tournament, Lady Pioneer Head Coach Keith Woods is excited about next season.

"We will be pretty solid next year with the returning players because we have a good, solid nucleus," said Woods. "I think we have enough talent coming back to compete for a conference championship."

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## Top Ten Stadiums - # 3 Yankee Stadium

By Jeffrey Slavinsky  
Sports Editor

A historic landmark, as it has been called, Yankee Stadium is sometimes compared to the Roman Coliseum. The original Yankee Stadium, which was built in 1923, is probably the greatest stadium ever built with a close second going to Ebbets Field. Although the new Yankee Stadium is a masterpiece, it does not rank any higher than third on the top ten list.

Before 1923, the Yankees played their home games at the Polo Grounds. The Polo Grounds were located in Manhattan on 155th St and 8th Avenue, and was also the home field to the New York Baseball Giants. The Giants, who allowed the Yankees to play in the Polo Grounds, became infuriated when the Yankee's attendance soared higher than the Giants, due to the acquisition of George Herman "Babe" Ruth. Therefore, the Giants notified the Yankees to move out of the Polo Grounds immediately.

The New York Yankee owners, Col. Ruppert and Huston, bought ten acres of property across the Harlem River in the Bronx. They planned on building the first triple decked structure and the first ballpark that would be referred to as a "stadium." What the Osbourne Engineering Company built is legendary.

The New York Yankees, lead by Babe Ruth, would win their first World Series Championship in their first season at Yankee Stadium. (1923) They would go on to win 24 more over the next 76 years. Even more amazingly, over this time period, the Yankees would qualify for the World Series 36 times.

In the mid to late 1920's the Yankees were lead by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. As their careers came to an end, Joe Dimaggio and Bill Dickey took the reins. Although these were big shoes to fill, Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra were next in line for greatness. The list goes on from there, as the Yankees have retired 14 numbers while retiring number eight twice (Bill Dickey, Yogi Berra).

When attending a Yankee game, be sure to visit Monument Park, located beyond the left center field wall. Since 1932, Monument Park is where the Yankees pay tribute to great legends of the past. There are presently 17 plaques and five monuments in Monument Park. Among these are Henry Louis Gehrig Jul. 4, 1941; Miller James

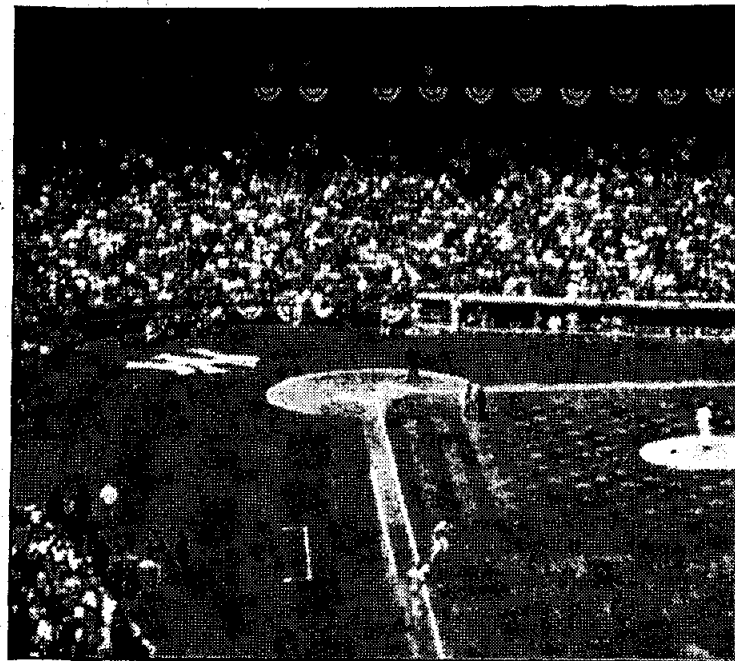


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Joe Dimaggio, his last Opening Day appearance, throws out the ceremonial first pitch before a sellout crowd at Yankee Stadium.

Huggins May 30, 1932; George Herman (Babe) Ruth April 19, 1949; Mickey Mantle Aug. 24, 1996 and Joe Dimaggio, this past season.

However, before the stadium was remodeled, three monuments actually stood on the playing field. [Miller Huggins, George Herman (Babe) Ruth and Lou Gehrig]. They were placed in center field, on the warning track, about ten feet in front of the outfield wall. If a ball was hit over a center fielder's head, it could become an obstacle course.

Unbelievably, there have been almost 100 World Series games played at Yankee Stadium. There is no need to search the archives for some classic games. This past season had some great moments. After taking the first two games of the 1999 World Series in Atlanta, the New York Yankees totally demoralized the Atlanta Braves when they came back from a 5-1 deficit in Game three, at Yankee Stadium, to win 6-5 on a Chad Curtis home run in the tenth inning. Roger Clemens was dominant in Game four as the Yankees would sweep the Braves and win their 25th World Championship.

Another historical event took place in the first game of the 1999 American League Championship Series. The Yankees would come back from an early deficit to tie the Red Sox 3-3. Then in the bottom of the tenth inning, Bernie Williams provided the heroics with a game winning home run off Red Sox closer, Rod Beck.

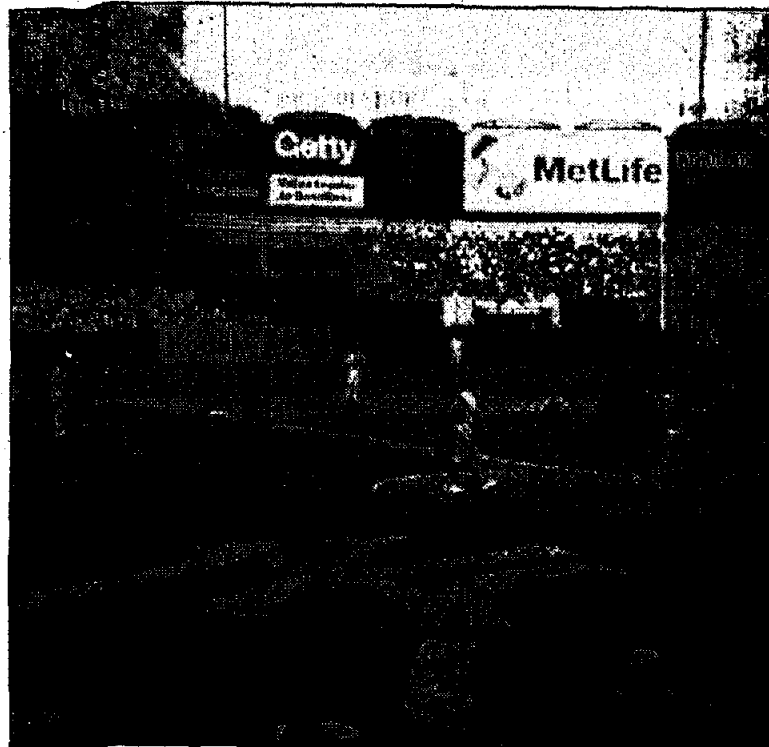


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Yankees take on the Athletics on Opening Day 1998. Ricky Henderson, a former Yankee comes to bat.

Griffey, Jr. twice.

Although Yankee Stadium is most noted for its great baseball games, the New York Football Giants called Yankee Stadium home from 1956-1973. During that time spars, the Giants were a championship caliber football team with a top-notch defense.

In 1958, the Giants would take on the Colts in Yankee Stadium, in what many people believe was the greatest football game ever played. As I mentioned last week, this game that the Giants lost 23-17 in

overtime, was probably what put professional football on the map.

Despite being a home to many great athletes Yankee Stadium has taken on a persona all it's own. The stands are right on top of the playing field with the facade encircling the outfield. Although it is an honor to play in Yankee Stadium, visiting teams despise playing here and the fans and players know it. This makes for a hostile situation and when the Yanks are good, they get about winning in Yankee Stadium.

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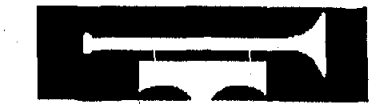
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## Season ends with bitter picture of the new NCAA playoff structure

### Lubrano named NJAC 'Player of the Year'

by Paul Bonney  
Editor in chief

With a 15-4 record and only two regular season New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) losses, the William Paterson women's soccer team suffers the first effects of the new NCAA playoff structure, as they are shutout from the tournament.

"Unfortunately, we are in a difficult situation now," said Lady Pioneer Head Coach Keith Woods. "The new rule gives teams that don't usually get in an opportunity to play. Our conference will probably only get two teams in, in most every sport and it is terrible for our conference."

The NJAC is traditionally a stronger conference than others across the country. The Pioneers along with the College of New Jersey (TCNJ), Montclair State University, Richard Stockton College and Rowan University are perennially strong out-of-conference, regional opponents for non-JAC teams.

The new NCAA format selects teams in total. 30 of these teams are conference champions, ten are from independent teams (teams without conferences), and five are selected from invitations called at-large bids. The at-large bids are selected from about 220 teams

across the country that were not conference champions.

"Five at-large bids is totally ridiculous," said Woods. "If it was ten to 15 I could see the format still working."

With five, your leaving out the schools that are good enough, yet don't win the conference," he added.

The at-large bids are selected by a committee and are based upon three factors of criteria. First, regional winning percentage, or what a team did in its regional play, was considered. The second criterion is the strength of schedule and how successful the opposing teams were, based upon records. Lastly, the out-of-conference "common opponents" determines the teams which will be selected.

William Paterson got unlucky for a number of reasons this season. The lady Pioneers switched from the New England Region, where they played for two years, to the Mid-Atlantic Region this year. With the switch, WPUNJ's schedule still carried many New England opponents. This hurt them in regional play, as they finished 9-4 in the region.

Rowan (16-3-1), who was 1-1 versus the lady Pioneers this season, finished 16-2 in the region. The Pioneers made the NCAA Tournament despite being defeated 4-3 in the NJAC conference

semifinals against William Paterson, on Oct. 27. Looking at common opponents, Rowan defeated Scranton 1-0 in overtime and William Paterson lost 1-0 to Scranton back on Oct. 2.

Three other teams WPUNJ defeated this season, Oneonta (NY), Mary Washington (VA) and Hardin-Simmons (TX), also made the NCAA Tournament. In addition, all four losses the lady Pioneers had were to NCAA Tournament teams, with two to the nation's number one team, TCNJ (19-0-1).

Coach Woods fears that recruiting will suffer because of the decision made by the Division III universities' and colleges' Presidents about the new playoff structure. Coach Woods also feels that the conference and regional games will become most important, and he fears that William Paterson needs to be in the NCAA tournament to draw interested players to the university.

"The way they changed it is unfair," expressed senior forward and mid-fielder Aimee Parks. "We were in the tournament the last two years, and I think if we had the chance, we could have gone a long way."

William Paterson had several players recognized by the NJAC this season. Senior mid-fielder Kyle Lubrano was named "Player of the Year" for the second straight season. Lubrano scored four goals



photo from file/The Beacon

Kyle Lubrano (No. 18) was recently named NJAC "Player of the Year" for the second straight season.

and had nine assists, pushing her Pioneer all-time career assists lead to 36.

"I thought she played the best out of her three years here as far as soccer is concerned," said Woods of Lubrano. "She just did everything right -- she made the right decisions, stepped up at crunch time, and she was a leader on the field."

Senior Dana Armstrong, and juniors Michelle Fluhr and Meg

Renna were named to the first team All-NJAC.

"I thought it took Meg (Renna) a while to get into it after a year off, but I think she is one of the best forwards in the region," said Woods of Renna, whom was also All-Conference in her freshman and sophomore seasons.

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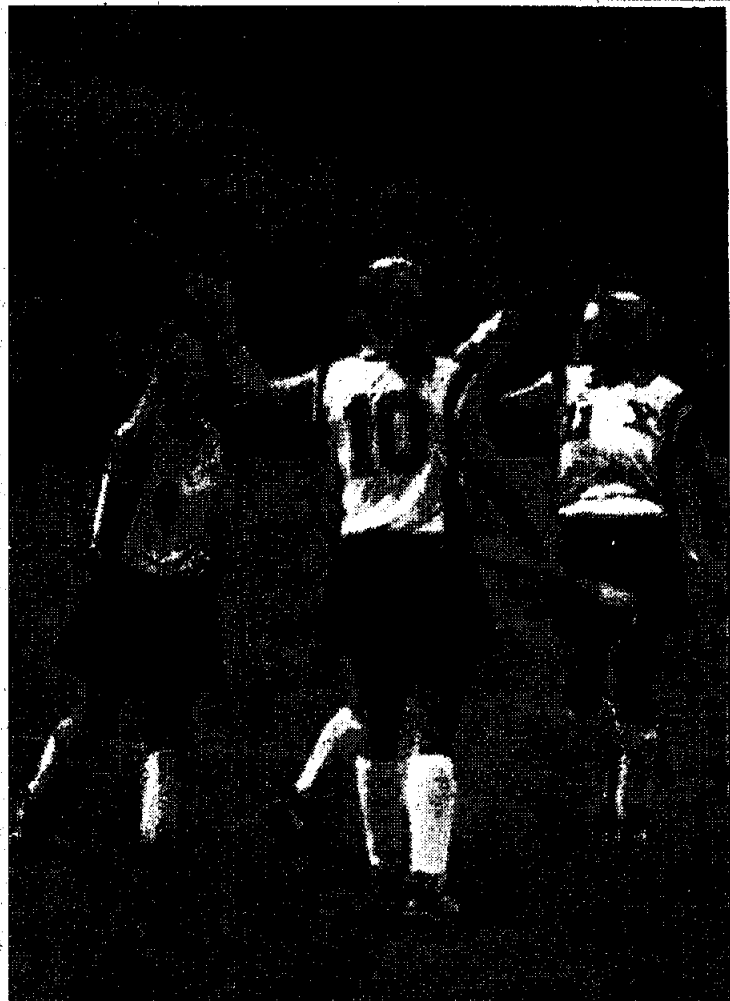


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Drienne LuBrant (No. 6), Summer Conaway (No. 10) and Katie Higgins (No. 11) celebrate after one of their many goals this year.

## Field hockey concludes a winning season

By Laurie Quinlan  
Sports Writer

On Monday, Oct. 25, the Pioneers concluded the 1999 season at Wightman Field with a 7-0 win over Delaware Valley, giving them an overall winning record of 9-7.

The team's success was attributed in part to five starting seniors: Team Captain Rebecca Persichino, Danielle Marchetti, Dorothy Puszkas, Tina Kapila, and Summer Conaway, who have all played their final game as Pioneers.

"The team has been at .500 or better in the four years that Danielle (Marchetti) and I have played," said Team Captain Rebecca Persichino.

Persichino was chosen to play in the North/South Senior All-Star Game in Boston. She also made the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) team, along with sophomore forward Lesley Ann Dube, who led the Pioneers with 12 goals for the season.

Each player of the team has worked diligently throughout the season to enhance her performance.

"Everybody on our team improved from the first day to the last day," said Persichino.

Although the Pioneers finished

with an overall winning record, their NJAC record was 2-6.

"We hoped we would have done better but we didn't beat the tough teams like Hartwick, The College of New Jersey, and Rowan," Persichino stated.

William Paterson did not qualify for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament or the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament.

"We didn't make the ECAC or the NCAA because we didn't capitalize on beating teams like Montclair and Kean," said senior Danielle Marchetti, who totaled 10 goals this season.

One of the most positive aspects of the Pioneers' team is the fact that there is good communication and interaction among the players.

"We had good team camaraderie," said Marchetti. "We all like each other."

Having a smaller team this year than last year decreased competition for playing time, thereby increasing support of each other's success.

"In the past four years, we've had a lot of girls so there were many on the bench," said Persichino. "This year, with a smaller team, everyone got to play and was more supportive."

Each player could be counted on to step up and play well when the

situation arose.

"Our team didn't have just one star player because, on any given day, anyone could be the leader," said Marchetti. "We had a really strong bench so we would not suffer if a starter was taken out."

The team's positive relationship with each other reflects the type of interaction they shared with the coaching staff.

"The coaching staff was great," stated Persichino. "We had a friendship with them on and off the field."

Persichino and Marchetti were disappointed at the season's end because they didn't realize at the time that their last game of the season was also their last game as William Paterson students.

"It was disappointing because there was no sense of closure," said Persichino.

The Pioneers proved they work constructively together off the field also by volunteering, for the second year in a row, to create a haunted house for the Boys and Girls Club. They plan to make this an annual event.

Last week, ten of the Pioneers' players also volunteered to participate in the Wheelchair Basketball Game, which was sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children.