

# Seniors help WPU students through mentoring program

By Erik Ortiz Staff Writer

It's your first semester at William Paterson and you're overwhelmed with questions. Is it too late to drop this class? What major should I choose? And how am I going to save money?

The Institute for Creative Aging has a possible solution for any concerned collegian looking for advice--an elder mentor.

Students Of Life (SOL), a program that started in February, invites all students who want school or practical life advice from older adults to join in this year's events, which include luncheons and an intergenerational trivia contest.

Though many of the programs' past participants were freshmen, transfer or international students, the program's director, Erin Jones, says all students can benefit from the program.

"So many people have assumptions about older people," Jones said. "But they've been places, they've done things. Students can learn a lot. And it also teaches the mentors to be open to students, maybe one who has tattoos and piercings, They [mentors] can become non-judgmental.'

The program gives students the chance to talk to seniors on a range of topics, from school issues, to finding a job, to balancing a checkbook.

"This is a supportive mentoring program. It allows students to have a one-on-one with someone who has life experiences, who can give them [students] advice or just listen to them," Jones said of SOL,



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"Students of Life" mentors pose with Institute for Creative Aging staff members during a recognition luncheon for the mentors, held last May.

which matches students with mentors who have similar interests SOL began after Jones real-

ized the potential senior citizens could have on the college campus. With the help of the **SEE MENTORS, PAGE 5** 



New face of the WPU library.

PT Photo/Robin Kavanagh-Charman

## Library recieves new face and name

By Robin Kavanagh-Charman Staff Writer

Of the myriad of new faces that WPU students and faculty will see this fall, probably the most noticeable is the newly renamed library. The Sara Byrd Askew

library received an endowment

# of \$1 million this past June

from former trustee David Cheng and his wife Lorraine. The university renamed the building in their honor.

We are thrilled that David and Lorraine Cheng have decided to honor William Paterson University

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# College students at high risk for deadly but preventable disease

By Robin Kavanagh-Charman Staff Writer

Imagine this: It's time for midterms. You're not feeling well. You've got a fever, your neck is achy, and you feel as if you're coming down with the flu. But you push on because you have to take your exams. Only, you never make it to any of them because a day later, you're dead.

This is the tale of bacterial meningitis and what happens if it goes undetected and untreated.

This disease, which used to mainly afflict young children, is on the rise with college students. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), about 3,000 Americans each year contract bacterial meningitis and often suffer horrible side effects.

But the irony is that this

disease is completely preventable and prevention can be found on campus.

In 1999, the CDC issued a press release stating that college freshman who live in dormitories were at particular risk of contracting bacterial meningitis, an infection that causes the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord to become inflamed.

The reasons for this finding lie in a tendency for

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## The Top 10 Things New WPU Students Need to Know!

#### By Jillian Allinder Staff Writer

Congratulations. You've successfully completed your senior year of high school. You had the time of your life with all of your friends this summer. Mom and Dad just kissed you good bye after helping you move into your new dorm room. And all of the sudden, panic sets in as you finally realize that you are a lonesome freshman with no idea about what to do.

This is a common scenario that takes place at many colleges across the country. Starting college is often considered a rite of passage, but it could be a very frightening experience. The truth is that the way students start school could very well predict the path for the rest of their college career. Here are a few suggestions that could possibly make the transition much easier.

1. Get to know the people who live on your floor. This starts with your room assistant, the person who is in charge of your floor otherwise known as strict at first, but they can help you a lot if you have problems with your roommate, suitemates, or neighbors.

Talk to the people who live on your floor. Most of them are going through the same problems you are. These are the people you will see day in and day out throughout the year. You might as well get to know them. You might end up finding a new best friend.

2. Don't be afraid of Wayne Hall. If you don't already know, Wayne Hall is the cafeteria. It offers a variety of food. But cafeteria food is, after all, cafeteria food. If you don't find something you like make suggestions to the staff members. Wayne Hall isn't a five star restaurant, but the salad bar and cereal are always available. At least you won't gain the freshmen 15!

3. Master the campus. Thankfully, William Paterson University isn't a huge school, but the buildings are spread out. What you need to do is look at your schedule, find the buildings that your classes are in and then the room numbers. Know exactly where they are so when you go to class for the first time you won't be walking with a map in your hand and bumping into people. You will look like a freshman if you do so. For your information, Hunziker Wing and Hunziker Hall are kind of difficult to navigate.

**4.** Find out about the bookstore. A visit to the bookstore (973-720-3232) at the beginning or the end of the semester is usually a nightmare. For some first timers it could be downright overwhelming.

Mornings, unfortunately, tend to be the best time to navigate the crowds. It is also a good idea to go early in the week to take advantage of the less expensive used books that are available. When they are gone, you have to buy the more expensive new books.

Incidentally, the bookstore often runs out of books that you really need, so you can either order books through the store itself or through on-line book purchasing services such as www.varsity.com . Also look around for signs on campus bulletin boards of students interested in selling books from last semester.

**5.** The library is your friend. Back in high school anyone who went to the library was considered a nord. If you go to the library on campus you will notice that it is packed with normal people. The David and Lorraine Cheng Library (ext. 2541) is definitely a step up from the high school libraries you are used to and includes computers, private study rooms and a journal section.

If the library doesn't have it, chances are they can help you get it. You can access many things via the library's web site, as well, at www.wpunj.edu/library.

**6.** Get to know your professors. Some of your professors may seem intimidating at first but each one is different and not all demand the same thing. The key to the game is to find out what they really require. Read and understand the syllabus for the class and ask questions if needed. Don't be afraid, it is your time and money. You have a right to ask questions.

Depending on how the professor is, it might be a good idea to introduce yourself to him or her toward the beginning of the semester so they know who you are. This shows them that you are a serious student.

For some professors, this method doesn't apply because they won't care who you are. Overall, the objective is to understand the requirements for



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#### the class.

In his new book "Making the Most of College", Richard J. Light writes that he tells freshmen the following: "Your job is to get to know one faculty member reasonably well this semester, and also to have that faculty member get to know you reasonably well.

Even if you succeed only half the time, I remind each new student, that means in your eight semesters here you will get to know four professors."

Light reminds them of the benefit of such an acquaintance: "In your senior year, I tell them, when you are looking for a job, or applying to a graduate or professional school, or for some sort of fellowship after college, you will have four professors who can help you, who can write recommendations, who can serve as references."

**7.** If you need help, get it. If you have any dilemmas from school problems to personal issues, there are people who are willing to help you at WPU.

The Academic Support Center (ext. 2563) is located in Hunziker Wing, Room 218. There, you can arrange to get tutoring and other assistance.

The Writing Center is in the Atrium and the staff there can suggest ideas for papers and help you develop them. The people : the Advisement Centerext.2730) at the ground levelif Wayne Hall can help with coosing a major or developin a schedule. Freshen Life

(ext.2219) is locate in Morrison Hall where you recve help with all different types cproblems. The Informion Desk

(ext.2292) at the Sident Center can provide ou with the telephone numbers of professors and other miscellarous information.

If you have ealth issues, the Health and Weless Center (ext.2360) is also lated at the ground level of Wane Hall. Nurse Nancy is the to help with any problem.

**8.** Make frieds with the people at the Bursa's office.

Like any othr student who first comes to /PU, you may be wondering that the heck is a Bursar. The is the title for the person wholeals with the tuition and finacial areas of the University.

Most likely, ou will be taking a few trips tere this year. It's suggested that you go there with patienc and be willing to understand tat they don't have all the aswers to your questions. It's set to visit the office in personsince SEE NEW STUDER'S, PAGE 5

## A tale of first love

by Cheryl Lavin Tribune Media

They say younever forget your first love: the passion, the drama, the adventure. Larry certainly can/tforget.

His tale begis 25 years ago. Larry was a senior in highschool when he met Tracy, "a voluptuoussophomore, a real hottie" and began a tunultuous relationship that has spanned four mirriages (two apiece) and led to a number of fief reunions.

"Somehow sle always knows how to get in touch with mu"

Larry says hi attraction to Tracy was originally "physical."She was attracted to him because he was "a jck and a mild renegate who drove a motorccle and wrote erotic stories about the two o us. We were madly in love."

Larry went iro the Navy after high school. Tracy still he two years of school to go. She remained fathful for a few months, then told Larry she alt he had "abandoned" her. She dumped hin.

"Other boyfrinds soon took my place I never forgave her or not waiting for me. We both did many tings over the years to intentionally hurt on other, although we could never quite searate completely.

Whenever on of her boyfriends wasn't treating her right she'd come back to me for the emotional suport she needed to go on to the next one. wanted more than anything for her to be it my life completely or out of it completely.

"I hate the pwer she had over me. It's based on the univing lust I have for her. And she's an instantlink to my fearless high school days. We have a bond."

Larry got maried right out of the Navy. Tracy was invived with an older man whom she married. arry's marriage lasted only two years, Trac's marriage wasn't too solid at the time whn she and Larry got together for "a romatic tryst." Tracy's husband found out, ancher marriage was soon over.

Meanwhile, Lrry moved around a bit and remarried. He'show been married for 12 years. "Adrien has ben a stable influence for me. She's smart, bu not artistic or much of a dreamer. Not that regret that. It's just something that Trac and I shared."

Larry says tht Tracy "floated a little" after her divorce, bu eventually she remarried, too.

Although thetwo have gotten together many times since hish school, they've never both been single at he same time, and they've never really alked about getting married.

"We did talk bout what life would have been like being married to each other. We both feel that we wouldn't have measured up to our ideals of each other. I don't think it would have lasted. Ve weren't about peace and stability; we brught out a risky side of one another. We near were able to extend the intensity of our hort, and highly charged, emotional irst love affair."

Larry lost trak of Tracy. He hasn't seen her or heard from her in 10 years. But he found her again in a Classmates Web page. She has a 4-yea-old daughter and

# Credit Cards Sink Students In Debt

By Rachel Sams

Knight-Ridder Tribune

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State University junior Lloyd Spring has only one credit card.

He likes it that way. But that hasn't stopped six other credit-card companies from sending him cards in the mail.

Spring threw them all away. He saw a friend run up a \$5,000 debt on four credit cards in his first semester at school, and he doesn't want that to happen to him. So he makes sure he has enough money in his bank account to cover any purchases he charges.

"For me personally, having a credit card has been good," Spring said. "But for many of the people I know, it hasn't been a pleasant experience."

Having a credit card can be a great convenience for college students away from home — and from their parents' money — for the first time.

Responsible use of a credit card can be the first step toward building a solid credit history. But, if students don't exercise restraint, credit cards can create problems that take years — and thousands of dollars — to fix.

The cards are easy for students to get. Credit-card companies spend lots of time and money wooing students.

Many set up displays on college campuses and offer T-shirts or other goodies for signing up. Or, as in Spring's experience, they send students card appli-

another baby on the way. He sent her a note. They've been e-mailing one another.

"We always start out tentatively with each other after these breaks in our relationships, so I don't know much more at this point. Time has mellowed us some, but I still feel the attraction to her and feel she has some deep attachment as well. It seems that we'll never truly lose touch with each other, but it really is for the best that we don't come within range of each other now with our holdover emotions of the past. It's impossible to deny how deeply we felt those emotions, and I think that's what we remember the most about each other. She still has the power to make my heart skip a beat."

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Do you still remember your first love? Have you ever contacted him/her? Send your tale to Cheryl Lavin, Tales from the Front, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611 or e-mail clavin(AT)tribune.com. All names are changed. Letters can not be considered without name, address and day and evening phone numbers. Letters may be used in whole or in part for any purpose and become the property of the column.

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That's their first mistake, financial advisers say. The next mistake many students make is putting purchases on their cards with no plan for how to pay for them later. That's how debt starts to grow.

"It's getting to the point where it's common for a lot of young people 20 or 21 years old to have two or three credit cards, and student loans, too," said Mickey S. Moore, vice president and chief lending officer at Sunshine State Credit Union.

Statistics back him up. Two recent studies — a joint survey by the Education Resources Institution and the Institute for Higher Education Policy and a survey by the firm Student Monitor found that nearly two-thirds of college students had at least one credit card. Between 6 and 13 percent had four or more credit cards.

How much are students charging on those cards? Student loan provider Nellie Mae reports the average student credit-card debt is \$2,478.

Thirteen percent of the students in its sample survey had balances between \$3,000 and \$7,000, and 9 percent had balances of more than \$7,000.

Students' spending habits have made credit cards a big part of the college experience, Moore said. "(Students) have a lifestyle they like to live in college. If you can't work 40 hours a week, it's real hard to go out a lot, have goof clothes, be in a fraternity or sorority." But debt is easily avoided, financial advisers say. Just exercise a little restraint and plan ahead.

"I think students should have credit cards for emergency use only," said Liz Akom, certified financial planner with Akom Financial Consultants.

"Keep a low credit limit on your card so you're not tempted, and don't charge more than you can pay back." "Go slow," advises Sunshine State's Moore. "Get one credit card with a low limit, and use it responsibly before you get another one. Shop around for the best rates, and read your agreements closely."

Most important, financial advisers say, remember that just because a company offers you a card doesn't mean you have to take it.

"Most students I don't think are prepared to have them," FSU junior Spring said. "But they seem more than ready to give them to you."

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## **Pioneer Commentary**

# Seeing the face of AIDS in Africa touches the spiritual soul

By Felicia Pettiford Staff Writer

Spending six weeks in South Africa this summer has taken me on a whirlwind of emotions, ranging from awe to anger and joy to sadness.

However, one of the most heartwrenching things that I had to deal with on this trip was the effect of AIDS in Africa. **COMMENTARY** Through this experience, God showed me that the real purpose of this trip was not just to serve others through the various missionary projects that I participated in, but to change me. The way that I view America, my life and values, God and the scriptures of the Bible will never be the same again.

South Africa has one of the highest infection rates of HIV and AIDS in the world and it seems that politicians and government officials do not realize the effect their refusal to allow drugs for treatment for HIV and AIDS into the country is having on the individuals, families, and children of South Africa.

I was confronted with AIDS throughout the whole trip, and sadly, many of the men, women, and children I met may not be here next year. I have seen the faces of AIDS in Africa. I touched them. I wept for them. I prayed with them.

When I think of AIDS in Africa, I think of the people in Khayletshia, a poor township of South Africa. I also think about the man that I met who, because he was infected with the disease, was having difficulty finding a job and feeding his family, and the young woman I counseled near the end of our trip who was distressed over her pregnant HIV positive sister. Because of the stigma attached to AIDS, the woman's sister is living in fear of people discovering she is HIV positive and, therefore, refuses to go to the doctor.

As a Christian, I see a correlation between AIDS and the Bible's account of Jesus and leprosy. He wasn't afraid to deal with disease. Contrary to cultural and religious custom, He touched and healed many lepers who were considered "unclean," and restored them not only physically, but spiritually as well.

This biblical example occurred to me during my trip. I realized that this s not just "their" problem. It is our problem as well. We, as Americans, should follov Jesus' example and take action. If we don't, the blood of these people will be m our hands. We will then have to answe to God as to why we did not step in on beialf of the poor, oppressed and dying, and speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

The trip to Africa has truly chanced me, and revitalized my faith, because nw I truly know what faith means. I carry i mustard seed in my pocket, given to me by someone in South Africa as a reminder of the faith, strength and courage of a brgotten people; People that through politcal unrest, and now through AIDS, have managed to hold on to the one thing that has allowed them to make it through.

## Politics Suck! Only you change it by choosing to vote!

By Gregory C. Williams Staff Writer

OK, maybe the headline is a little harsh. Unfortunately, too many people in our country feel this way, and who can blame them?

We are bombarded with scandals left and right involving politicians. Our leaders prom-

**COMMENTARY** lise one thing, than conveniently do something else. We even had a president who enjoyed oral sex in the White House with someone other than his wife. The latter might seem "cool" to some of you, but is it really? People who are in politics for their own immoral and dishonest gains are hurting our nation. So the question on the table is how does this happen?

The answer is that most people couldn't care less and do not bother to vote this scum out. Bad politicians rely on people like you and me not to care, and to stay ignorant as to what they are doing. Politics has become a game of deception and division of the American people.

Unfortunately, the strong moral leadership of a George Washington or Martin Luther King Jr. is few and far between now. Leaders are no longer chosen by the people, they are created by "political bosses" with specific agendas.

Why should you bother? Out of respect to the hundreds of thousands of men and women who gave you the freedom to do it! People like your parents and grandparents who fought and died in war, which in turn gave you the right to choose.

They are the reason you can order "Mike's Hard Lemonade" instead of "Coors Light" come Friday night. They are the reason I can right this article and you can read it. At the very least we should take a little time to choose honorable leaders.

Our own state of New Jersey will choose a new leader come November, and we should find out who these people as that will affect our lives. Thy could influence our tuition, taxes, and even the annoying parkway tolls on the way to he shore.

The two front-runners are Democrat Jim McGreevy and Republican Bret Schunder. I will analyze both men and their issues in the coming weeks. This along with simply knowing current events will give you the power to vote smart.

You can get information about registering to vote online, at your local town hall or William Paterson Student Services. The last day to register for the November election is Tuesday, October 9.

Attention Sports Fans! The Pioneer Times is looking for people who like sports to cover campus events. Write or shoot pictures about Pioneer football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, billiards, any many more! Contact Liz Birge at ext. 2356 or stop by the PT office at C1 35 for more information.

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Institute of Creative Aging, created

in 1996 as a way for seniors to get

involved with the University commu-

nity, Jones was able to get the pro-

Now the program has 12 mentors,

ranging from their mid-50's to 80's,

including some retired faculty mem-

members. Some mentors have also

been recruited from local senior pro-

Herb Jager, 61, of Clifton,

Bers, alumni and local community

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Photo courtesy of ICA

(L-R) Judy Jagar, Nat Cancola, Dr. Daphne Joselyn, who is the director of IA, and Herb Jagar attend last May's luncheon in reconition of the mentors.

#### **NEW STUDENTS, FRM PAGE 2** reaching anyone by tephone is extremely difficult.

**9.** Use the shutle system to your advantage. You right feel like you are back in high shool again riding a bus around camus but it sure beats walking in rain r snowstorms. While the shuttle buss aren't always on schedule, they aregenerally a reliable way to get arourl campus.

**10.** Call home This is definitely a must. Call at least nce a week to let your loved ones kpw you are doing OK. Remember, it takes time to get used to living on your own.

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gram started.

Surprisingly, some parents even look forward to when their children call. Besides, they might be willing to give you more money.

The best advice is to manage your time appropriately. Make time to do work but also to go out and meet people. You will eventually develop a happy medium. Ultimately, college is what you make of it. It really isn't that difficult. Just remember to have fun. This is a new beginning in your life.

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campus-dwelling students to engage in cer tain high-risk activities the most substantial being living in close quarters with other peple.

According to th American College Heah Association (ACHA), the bacteria that causes tis disease can be found ving in the throats of 1% of the population. It is passed through the ai and

most people who core in contact with it mak antibodies that kill the bacteria. ability to make these antibodies is impaired by alcohol consumption and smoking, behaviors that are very common among college students, according to the ACHA.

But the body's

Nancy Ellson, a nurse practitioner at the WPU Health and Wellness Center, said that most people who have been infected by bacterial meningitis don't know it and therefore don't get treatment.

Even if the disease is treated early, 10 to13 percent of those infected die, and another 10 percent of those who survive suffer mental retardation, hearing loss, and/or loss of a limb, according to the CDC. "That's why for the last three years we

[the health center] have run a vaccination campaign," said Ellson. The vaccination

against bacterial meningitis has been administered successfully for the last 10 years, according to a letter that is going to be sent to the homes of all WPU students, sometime in October.

The ACHA has said that the vaccine is 85 percent effective against most strains of the disease.

"This is a vaccine

Retired Senior Volunteer Program. "Talking to young kids is a worthwhile thing," explained Jager, who retired four years ago from his job as an advertising art director.

"Young kids have a current slant on life. Students can profit from our experiences and we can profit from theirs."

He and his wife, Judith, who also mentors, thought the program "sounded like a good idea."

The next meeting of SOL will be on Sept. 12, 7:30 pm in Whitehall Lounge, featuring the basics of yoga. Interested students can contact the Institute for Creative Aging at 720-2873.



Photo courtesy of ICA

Mentors Amelia Kosmenchuk and Herb Jagar pose with SOL student Renesha Chambers and friend at the Student Center this past April, after passing out stress balls to students.

preventable disease," said Ellson. "There's just no reason why a student wouldn't want to get it."

The Health and Wellness Center will be administering meningitis and flu vaccines on November 8. A meningitis vaccine will cost \$85 and a flu vaccine will cost \$20.

Informational letters about the vaccines will be sent to the parents of all WPU students in October, which will allow students to make the choice to get vaccinated and even pre-pay the fees.

Students can also drop by the health center vaccination day and receive a shot. Payments must be made on-site and can be made via cash, check, or credit card. Receipts will be given for health insurance reimbursement. For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 720-2360.

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with this very generou gift," said Arnold Speert, WU president, in a recent pres release.

Although he wa not an alumnus of the univerity, Rick Reiss, vice president fr Institutional Advancerent, said that Cheng had a dee love for William Paterson and erved on the board of trustees or 10 years.

"Lorraine and both love and respect a god library," said Cheng inthe press release. "William Paterson University is experiencing a significant period of development and expansion and we hope our gift will help the University continue to grow."

The Chengs had previously donated \$10,000 to the library, which enabled it to add a collection of Chinese language materials, including art books and Chinese language newspapers, to the more than 350,000 books and 1,700 periodical subscriptions the library currently has, according to the release.

The money from the donation will go into the WPU Foundation, where all charitable gifts are deposited, according to Reiss. He said that from there, the university would invest it and set up an account that will house funds for the library only.

The Chengs' \$1 million gift comes on top of the \$10.5 million dollar donation from Christos and Tami Cotsakos, which went to the business school and was announced at the May graduation.

David Cheng, a former "dean emeritus from the City University of New York," operates his own engineering consulting firm, Techtran, Inc., according to the release.

Lorraine Cheng is a retired director of scientific information of Hoffmann-LaRoche and holds a Master's degree in biochemistry from Cornell University.

Unfortunately the couple could not be reached for comment due to familial illness.

## Calendar of Events September 7th - 18th Compiled by Kerry Johnson

#### Sunday, September 9

Opening Masses at the Prince of Peace Chapel, next to Gate 1 — 10:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. welcome back BBQ. For other Campus Ministries calendar items go to www.geocities.com/princeofpeace

#### Friday, Sept. 7

Campus Ministries sponsored trip to Eva's Kitchen, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 720-3524.

**Tuesday, September 11** *Deadline* - Last day for 100% refund for withdrawal from a course. Faculty Staff Meeting from 12:30 pm to 1:50 pm at the Machuga Student Center, Room 205-3. For further information call 720-2136.

#### Thursday, September 13 Midday Artist Series -12:30 pm Shea Center The concert season opens with tenor Thomas Trotter accompanied by Gary Kirkpatrick on the piano. The program consists of art songs, opera arias, and selections from Broadway. Admission is \$3. For further information call 720-2371.

Ben Shahn Galleries "John Goodyear - From Painting to Sculpture," on view in the Court Gallery. "Paintings of William Paterson People," by Marvin Friedman on view in the East Gallery, and the "University Faculty Exhibit" on display in the South Gallery. All exhibits open through October 12.

#### Friday, September 14 Deadline - Last day to request Pass/Fail or Audit Option in the Office of the Registrar.

Sunday, September 16 Masses at Prince of Peace Chapel, by Gate 1 - 10:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m. with commissioning of new officers, 8:30 p.m. Club Social and first meeting of semester.

Monday, September 17 New Music Festival - 7 p.m. Shea Center This year's festival opens featuring the rhythms of Talujon. This group showcases alumnus Tom Kolor and is co-presented by the Composers Guild of New Jersey Admission is free. For more information 720-2371.

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# Through the Looking Glass A series of strange but true events

#### By Mike Pingree TMS Campus

#### **HOW COULD YO DO THIS TO ME!?**

A female juge went ballistic when she spotted hr 20-years-younger boyfriend out on a ate with another woman. Her beau, /ho is a sheriff, contends that their conthouse affair had ended, but apparerly that was not her understanding. Afte a decidedly unpleasant confrontation a a New Jersey restaurant, the judge followed the couple to a nearby saloon whee she continued to air her distress at highvolume and with great hostility. Police invovement followed. She has been suspende from the bench.

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home, but forgot to turn it off before he lit up a marijuana cigarette. The resulting explosion actually blasted the house off its foundation before burning it to the ground. The man suffered minor injuries. He was arrested.

#### MMMM, SALMON, HEY, WHAT THE .... !?

As he reeled in a salmon in a small boat off British Columbia, Myron Chamberlain didn't realize that, beneath the water, a killer whale was just about to chomp that very fish. But Myron pulled it into the boat first, depriving the orca of his lunch and greatly angering him. The irate whale rammed the vessel several times, so Chamberlain sped from the scene,

#### WHAT THE HECK, IT'S ONLY MONEY:

When an attractive young blonde appeared at the door of their Oslo, Norway home, elderly brothers Arne and Oeystein Tokvam, were only too happy to let her in. The two men, ages 73 and 80, were even happier when she started to disrobe, and she was soon joined by her female friend who did the same. They left after a 15-minute strip show, and the men soon discovered that while it was going on, an accomplice was stealing their safe containing \$8,200. But Arne said they didn't feel too badly about it: 'It's been a long time since we had so much fun."

#### SPORTSMANSHIP ABOVE ALL **THINGS:**

After a 15-year-old boy scored the winning run at a youth league baseball game in Salt Lake City, upset parents of the losing team beat up his mother.

#### HOT ENOUGH FOR YA? GLUB, GLUB!

A heat wave in Moscow has encouraged many citizens to seek relief in the city's rivers and lakes, but, since Russians mix beer and vodka to both cool

off and get drunk quickly, many have drowned. Since the beginning of summer, 211 people have been pulled from the water, dead, and 'most of them drown in an inebriated state," a local doctor said. \*\*\*

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## Volunteer opportunities at **Catholic Campus Ministry**

The Bishop Rodimer Catholic Ministry Center, which serves the WPU community will be offering students and faculty regular opportunities to volunteer their time to serve the community.

Among the many social, service, spiritual and self-awareness programs the ministry provides, the following volunteer projects will be in operation at the start of the fall semester:

Mondays: Visits to the Preakness Nursing Home

**Tuesdays:** Tutoring at the St. Therese School in Paterson.

Wednesdays and Sundays: Visits to the North Jersey Developmental Center.

First Friday of the Month: Serving at Eva's Kitchen in Paterson.

In addition, the ministry will be collecting joods for the Emergency Food Coalition of Passaic County this autumn for its Thanksgiving Awareness Program, and also in the spring for their annual "Sheltering the Homeless" drive. The spring drive will collect goods to be donated to Eva's Sheltering Program and Youth Haven in Paterson.

For more information or to volunteer, please call 720-3524.

# WANTED The Pioneer Times

The semester's first Pioneer Times meeting will be held on Thursday Sept 6, at 12:30 PM in Room 146 in Hobart Hall. We need writers, editors, ad reps, photographers, columnists, cartoonists, and commentary submissions. All are welcome!

Those interested should contact Prof. Birge at ext. 2656 or write PioneerTimes@ student.wpunj.edu.

