



Have you got a cold? Head to wellness center

By John Greco
Staff Writer

Winter is just about out the door, but the common cold is not. For students still locked in winter's discontent, there's a place on campus they could go to take the sting out of the cold season.

The William Paterson University Center for Health, Wellness, and Counseling Services located in Wayne Hall offers a self-care cold clinic to help treat and teach students about their colds.

"Our goal is to help people begin to answer simple questions about each of the symptoms they could have of some kind of upper respiratory illness," said Nancy Ellson, nurse practitioner at the Center for Health, Wellness, and Counseling Services.

Ellson saw a self-care cold clinic as a better way to educate students about colds and the flu besides treating their symptoms.

"When you traditionally go to a healthcare provider, it's not a teaching experience," said Ellson. "In this situation, I'm trying to help people understand why they're getting antibiotics or why they're not [and] why we're going to treat their symptoms."

During a visit, a student is given a symptoms checklist to complete. He or she is then given a handout on how to identify whether he or she has a cold or the flu. A regular examination then takes place at which the student's ears, sinuses, and throat are looked.

"Sometimes we'll do other stuff," said Ellson. "If people are having abdominal pains, diarrhea, or vomiting, we'll try to sort out if that is the same problem or a sign of appendicitis or something else."

One of the main objectives of the self-care cold clinic is to teach students how to avoid getting sick. One

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NJCUE program opens doors for new teachers

By Robin Kavanagh
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Those interested in science, math, and special education have a new opportunity for teaching certification.

William Paterson University has joined forces with Montclair State University; New Jersey City College; Kean University; the state's Department of Education; and the municipalities of Paterson, Jersey City, and Newark to form a new route for teacher certification called New Jersey Consortium for Urban Education (NJCUE).

The program, whose hub is at MSU, is funded by \$5 million of federal grant and private donation monies. Cynthia Onore, director of the NJCUE and MSU's Center for Pedagogy, said the whole idea is to recruit teachers while providing them with a more supportive environment than what is offered by the state's

alternate route program.

"We hope that we will prepare them for the classroom, not just recruit and throw them into the classroom," Onore said.

NJCUE's premise is not original, but it is still simple. Like alternate route, applicants must pass the Praxis exam and graduate with a Bachelor of Science or Arts degree. But the similarities end there.

After initial approval, the applicants would attend classes during an eight-week session over the summer, while teaching part-time in their assigned districts. Unlike alternate route, these new teachers are paired with a mentor during the summer who meets with them regularly throughout their participation in the program. Participants are also given a stipend for the summer.

After the summer is completed, the teachers begin a three-year com-

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OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM One conflict, many opinions: WPU community speaks out

By Steve Baker
Staff Writer

The diverse opinions of the people of America have not stopped since the battles have begun in Iraq. Public opinion regarding the war is still on both sides of the for or against line.

"As a Muslim, I can tell you that I immediately felt a certain backlash against the Muslim community when the war began," said senior Nazek Habatfha. "I went out to the mall just two days after the war started and I drew so much attention it was crazy. I mean, I know I obviously stand out, but its never been like this before."

"The war has affected my life directly because the parents I babysit for did not feel comfortable leaving their children and going on vacation this week while the

country is at war," said junior Erin Karp.

The William Paterson Baseball team was beginning their season in Florida over spring break when the war began.

"It was a little nerve wracking flying back to New York at the end of the week knowing that the country was at war," said baseball player Matt Cleary.

Should the coalition forces successfully remove Saddam Hussein from power, the United States could benefit.

"Think of what a victory from this war will do for the U.S. economy. Think how much more wealth will pour in," said Rishi Jain, a student at WPU.

Even if the domestic economy does prosper, the effects of U.S. involvement in war may be long lasting in the international community.

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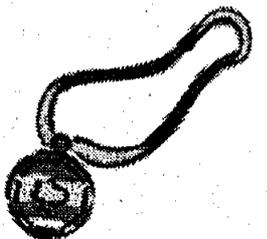
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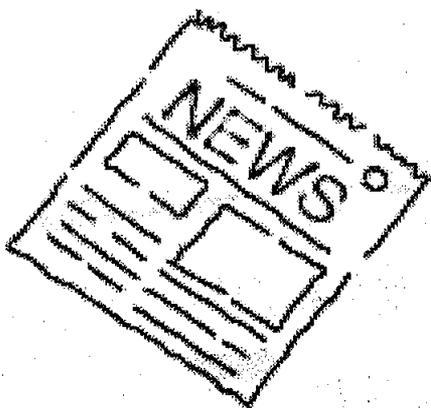
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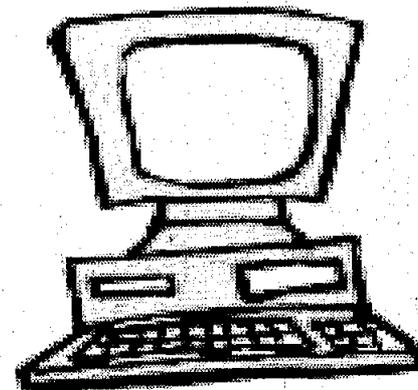
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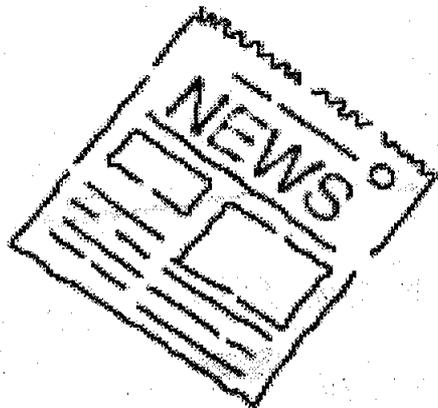
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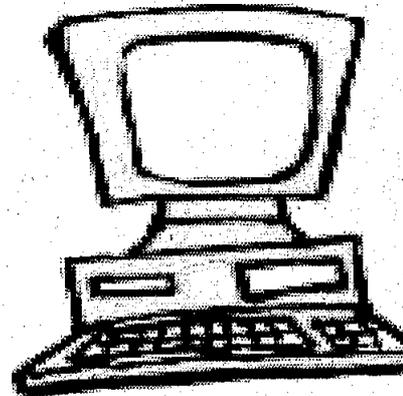
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Allison Leisz
Staff Writer

Tabitha Capri Minster, a William Paterson sophomore, plans to run for president in 2004.

Sound crazy? Not when you realize that she doesn't want to run the country, but rather the Metropolitan Division of Train Collectors (METCA).

Minster, 19, recently became a METCA "member in full standing," which occurs when a junior member turns 18. She plans on seeking the organization's presidency in its 2004 elections. She has been a member of the METCA Kids Club, which she helped to organize. Scavenger hunts and coloring contests are some of the events that Minster helped arrange, allowing Kids Club members to have fun at adult train shows.

"It was always considered a family secret," said Minster in speaking about her passion for collecting tin plate toy trains.

Her parents were cautious about telling people outside of the family, unsure if someone might try to take the family's trains while they were away at a show. Minster estimated that the average monetary investment for an avid collector is \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Most of Minster's friends find it interesting when she tells them about her hobby, and wonder how she got into it.

Minster inherited the hobby of train

collecting from her family, and believes it increases the bond she has with her relatives. She said that the hobby also allows her to feel close to her grandfather who passed away when she was 3. According to Minster, the family's love of train collecting began when her uncle was 5 years old and received a toy train that he wanted for Christmas from her maternal grandfather, John Bonett.

Minster and her family travel to various train shows throughout the year, and her family runs shows at least three to four times a year.

When asked what train she aspires to purchase in the future, Minster responded by saying that she desires to inherit her grandmother, Hilda Bonett's American Girl Toy Train Set, one day. The pink and blue train set has been passed down from Minster's grandmother to her mother, and Minster hopes that someday it will be willed to her.

The Minster family owns hundreds of Lionel tin plate toy trains, most of the family prefers to collect older trains

Aside from train collecting and attending William Paterson University, Minster is an assistant manager at the Clearview Beacon Hill 5 movie theater in Summit.

To find out more about train collecting go to: <http://www.metca.org> for information on METCA or <http://www.tca.org> for information about the Train Collectors Association.

Student enjoys her sales job at WPU Ticketmaster outlet

Allison Leisz
Staff Writer

Alima Hawthorne, a William Paterson sophomore, works at one the university's most secretive of locations – Ticket Master.

William Paterson has its own Ticket Master outlet, but not many people seem to know it exists.

"I didn't even know that there was a Ticket Master on campus until I started working here," said Hawthorne. "I needed a job on campus that was convenient for me, so I ended up coming to the Rec Center and they had an opening here."

Hawthorne has worked at Ticket Master for a year and a half, and says that things are typically quiet around the outlet.

"We don't really get a lot of action here."

For big-ticket sales, however, students are advised to show up before 8:30 a.m. to reserve a spot in the raffle that determines the ticket line order. Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis, and there are no student discounts. Some of the bigger stars were shows have generated larger ticket crowds are Cher, Aerosmith, Summer Jam, and Hootie and the Blowfish. Broadway tickets are also sold at the outlet.

Hawthorne said no one has ever gotten out of control over sold-out tickets. She said that people have called the outlet from outside wanting it to open so they can get their tickets, but the clerks can't help anyone until the store opens.

"People mainly tend to be disappointed when they come and can't get the tickets they wanted," Hawthorne said.

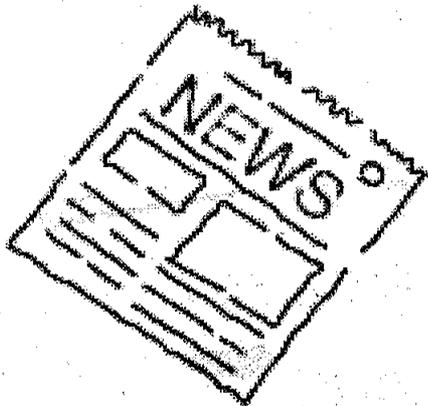
Are there any special perks for students working at the outlet?

"No, we really aren't allowed to do that," Hawthorne said. "We basically have to stand on line like everyone else, but knowing when the tickets are going on sale helps a lot."

The Ticket Master outlet is located in the William Paterson Recreation Center and is open 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For further information, call the Rec Center at (973) 720-2776.

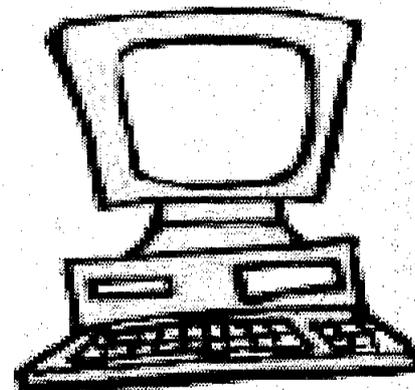
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PIONEER COMMENTARY

They may live across the world, but young Iraqis are just like us

By Jill K. Sanders
Co-Editor

Is anyone else confused besides me? Does anyone not know whether to be for or against the war?

I realize there is a need to help free the Iraqi people. I realize that Saddam Hussein needs to be removed from power. I also know that Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction that just might be aimed at the U.S.

But war... no matter what, it is a horrible thing. People are dying. Bombs are exploding and guns are firing.

Homes and buildings are being blown away. Lives are being destroyed; these people are just like you and me, no matter what the color of their skin or the clothes that they wear.

MTV has done a report on the lives of two young men that live in Baghdad. In this report, these men show just how similar they are to you and me even though they live on the other side of the globe under a murderous dictator. They like to drive cars, listen to music their parents don't like, and have bad habits like smoking and swearing. It makes me feel horrible to know these men are in the middle of a battlefield.

Yet Hussein must be taken out of power. Maybe you are like me and think that the job should have been done 12 years ago when George W. Bush's father, George Bush, was in office. I question every day if this current battle with Iraq could have been completely avoided.

My brother is in the military. He

was just married a few weeks ago. He sits in wait at an Army base in Texas for a call that could send him to Kuwait and into the line of fire... that could bring him to his death. Could it have been avoided?

But still, the situation of today must be dealt with. I don't want anyone to be hurt, especially my own flesh and blood, because war is horrible and almost inevitably lives must be lost.

Yet Hussein still reigns, nuclear arsenal in tow.

I hope for a quick, decisive battle with as few lives as possible lost. I hope not only for the safety of our troops but for the safety of the Iraqi people who are just as much a part of this as any of our troops are.



Photo courtesy of CNN.com
Muslim women in Jakarta, Indonesia, want the war to stop, but they also want to save Iraq from Hussein.

We are a world community and cannot simply fight for the safety of our country and ourselves. We must fight for those who cannot fight, even if they do not welcome our intervention. There is a greater cause out there. This cause is a distant dream: world peace.

THE BANG REPORT

By Erin Bang
Staff writer

The argument for justice sometimes outweighs the argument for peace. In President George W. Bush's speech to the nation last week, he made it known that the U.S.'s good faith has not been returned by Saddam Hussein.

"Saddam Hussein has used diplomacy as a ploy to take advantage," said Bush.

Attempting to pass a second resolution (it is actually the 18th, although liberals do not like to admit it) was unnecessary, but Bush and his advisors were considering a resolution to appease increasingly vocal countries.

The entire U.N. Security Council, including France, approved Resolution 1441. Resolution 1441 read that immediate action would be taken if Iraq did not cooperate with inspectors. Iraq has not cooperated by doing so, Saddam has managed to buy himself more time.

Hussein does not deserve any more time to take advantage of peaceful and democratic nations like the U.K. and the U.S.

Since 1995 France has opposed action against Iraq. Why did it sign all of the previous resolutions?

As a result of France's economic ties to Iraq, France is adamant in declaring they would veto anything brought before the Security Council.

Historically most wars have not had U.N. approval. The liberals and backstabbing entries want to seek that unnecessary route. Exhausted tactics and an already passed resolution are encompassed in 1441. We already have the U.N.'s "permission" for military action.

According to MSNBC, the U.N. has not been capable of dealing with Saddam Hussein and has been unable to enforce its own resolutions.

Gratefully, President and Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain have not forgotten that bears ago Hussein

massacred 5,000 Kurds; he knowingly and willingly ended his own people's lives.

Hussein has admitted that at one time his country possessed weapons of mass destruction, but they do not have them anymore. However, Saddam was unable to give any evidence as to how they were destroyed and what happened to the evidence.

We do not need France, Germany, Russia, Belgium, or China for that matter. These countries have illustrated ambiguity in their loyalty and therefore cannot be trusted.

We have the unconditional loyalty of Blair and the U.K. In addition to the countries, we have loyalty from Spain, Albania, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Australia, Portugal, Italy, Poland, and Denmark. These countries are illustrating their allegiance over-and-over again.

Furthermore, Turkey is reconsidering its previous decision and may allow the U.S. access to its country. With access to Turkey our brave military men and women will be able to have a northern military offensive into Iraq.

Bush made it clear that we, the United States of America, cannot sit idly by while our security is being threatened.

"We will not submit to blackmail," said Bush. "Iraq is in breach of Resolution 1441 and past resolutions because of the lack of loyalty and cooperation."

Iraq will not disarm as long as Hussein is in power.

"The U.N. Security Council has not lived up to its responsibility. We will live up to ours."

Rising to the occasion is what we do, especially when our good faith has not been returned.

"Freedom overcomes hatred in the pursuit in the peace."

How true are those words of our president.

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"Although the members of the union are mostly Democrats, the representative that supports higher education more efficiently is the representative that is backed by the union, despite party affiliation," he said.

Dr. Sheila Cins, a WPU political science professor said most of the professors in her department do not consider themselves liberal. Liberals tend to follow the Democratic Party, she noted, adding that her leagues label themselves as progressives. Progressives tend to be left of what is typically considered to be liberal.

"What professors identify with, plays a role in how they teach, but they are able to teach objectively and make students aware of both sides," she said.

Dr. Rachel Wetzsteon, an English writing professor admits that she tries to find a happy balance between preaching

her liberal views on political matters and keeping them totally hidden during class discussions.

"The former may lead to suffocation; the latter to pointless mystery," she said. "I certainly tell students how I stand on matters like abortion, the death penalty, et cetera, if they ask me."

Wetzsteon also said that it is difficult to come to a definitive answer as to why the majority of faculty members on campuses are liberals.

Mason said that a committee mostly composed of progressives recently hired a young economist who does not consider himself to be a progressive.

Charles Kufner, a reporter, recently wrote: "many (of these) liberal professors were really good at their jobs. They were good teachers who respected their student's opinions."

Are professors too liberal?

By Erin Bang
Staff Writer

As a student, do you sometimes feel that your professors' views are not diverse and, as a result your views and opinions may be swayed?

If you feel your professors' views are not varied, you have good reason to think that way. Professors' political

views on William Paterson's campus as well as on college campuses throughout the country are mostly in the liberal camp.

"American universities are the exception to American exceptionalism,"

said Dr. John Mason, chairman of WPU's political science department.

According to Mason, state colleges in the mid-1990's had the highest percent of liberal faculty, as compared to the 19 percent of liberal Americans.

Christopher Chow writes in a recent on-line article, "A New Study Reveals

Extreme Partisan Bias Among Faculty," that "a new study of the party affiliations of college professors proves to be a massive gulf between Right and Left. Liberal professors outnumber conservatives by 10 to one and sometimes by more than 20 to one on campus."

WPU senior Nazek Habatfha, who has dual majors in political science and communication, said her classes "do not have any variety in political views. However, the professors are fair regarding both sides of an issue. They want to hear students' opinions."

Robert Bing, president of the WPUNJ Chapter of American Federation of Teachers Union and a business professor, said the WPU campus is typical.

"The majority of faculty members are liberal," he said. Liberals seem to be attracted to the teaching profession."

Bing said that he has not heard any criticism regarding the union's support for political candidates, who, for the most part, are Democrats.

Entertainment

'Tears of Sun:' predictable film with suspense

By Robert Samme
Staff Writer

The screenplay of "Tears of the Sun" is weak and predictable. The movie tells the story of a Navy SEALs unit whose mission is to rescue four United States nationals from a Nigerian war zone. The nationals are a priest, two nuns, and a doctor. For Lt. Waters (Bruce Willis) the problem is getting these people to cooperate. The priest and nuns ignore his



Photo courtesy of KRT.
Bruce Willis as Lt. Waters in "Tears of the Sun."

request and Dr. Hendricks (Monica Bellucci) also give him a hard time. She won't leave without her patients. But Waters cannot allow it because of limited helicopter space. Eventually he forces Hendricks on the top. But after looking at the village that had been destroyed by rebels, he changes his mind.

Now he has disobeyed direct orders from his superior. Waters requests extra

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'Bringing Down the House' brings in the laughs

By Blaine Martin
Staff Writer

Opposites do attract, and nowhere is this more visible than in "Bringing Down the House", directed by Adam Shankman.

Steve Martin (Peter Sanderson) and Queen Latifah (Charlene Morton) play a pair forced together by unusual circumstances. Sanderson is a tax lawyer who thinks he's met an intelligent female attorney online - a shapely blonde, according to the picture attached to her profile. When she shows up at his house for dinner, however, he gets an unwelcome surprise - a convict fresh from a jail-break named Charlene Morton, who is also African American.

Charlene wants Peter to prove her innocence in the armed robbery that sent her to jail. Peter forces her out his home. Charlene screams about bearing his love child until he has to let her in. Charlene's jive-talkin', head boppin' routine is deceptive. Though full of snappy attitude, she provides sound advice to Peter on talking to his teenage daughter as well as romancing his ex-wife.

Eugene Levy as Peter's trusted colleague, Howie Rottman, offers, by far, the movie's funniest performance. From his first glance of Charlene, he has the hots for her throughout, and even goes into hilarious lapses of hip-hop lingo with every encounter.

Ashley, played by Missi Pyle, is Peter's former sister-in-law and quickly makes her contempt of Charlene painfully clear. Their animosity piques in a heated locker-room fight scene with a delightful ending.

Peter's nosy neighbor, played by Betty White, can't fathom a minority family buying a house in their neighborhood. To avoid shocking her, Charlene must be sneaked into Peter's house. Likewise, Peter attempts to land the billion dollar business of Mrs. Arness, a heiress, played by Joan Plowright. She warmly recalls memories of her family's history of slave ownership, as Charlene,

posing as a cook, fumes in disgust.

The most glaring fault with the movie is the way racial issues are dealt with. From early on, Charlene is pitted against most white people that cross her path. In this world, white people are either devoid of personality or outwardly racist, while most black people are embarrassingly loud and obnoxious. The formula was not at all daring - an interracial kiss would have spiced up the movie.

"Bringing Down the House," predictably, breaks no new ground as a comedy or as a vehicle to address whites' misconceptions about blacks. However, Martin and



Photo courtesy of KRT.

From left: Steve Martin, Queen Latifah, and Eugene Levy.

Queen Latifah made a decent team, and Levy pushes the film into the above-average realm. Overall, it's a funny film and well worth the ticket price.

'Red Dragon' continues Lecter trilogy

Chris Tinney
Staff Writer

On March 11, 2003, I attended a viewing of Red Dragon, sponsored by SAPB. Released in 2002, Red Dragon is a prequel to Silence of the Lambs and the first of the Hannibal trilogy. In this film, Dr. Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) does not disappoint, portraying Hannibal as a gruesome, masterful psychologist.

The film begins with FBI investigator Will Graham (Edward Norton) consulting with Dr. Lecter, in search for a Hannibal killer. When Graham realizes that the doctor is the killer we learn how Lecter was originally caught in the 1980 movie.

Almost losing his life in the capture of Dr. Lecter, Graham retires from his job and moves to Florida with his family. Three years later Graham's former boss, Jack Crawford (Harvey Keitel) begs Will to consult a new case with him - a psycho serial killer, nicknamed The "Tooth Fairy". With Dr. Lecter in a Baltimore Asylum, Graham agrees to

help out with the case.

Unable to break the case of the "Tooth Fairy" Graham is forced to turn to the man who almost killed him, Dr. Lecter. Lecter is known as a great mastermind of riddles, clues, and serial killers. He eventually helps Graham find the killer but with a price for the young detective to pay. At the end of the movie Dr. Lecter is sitting in his cell when a police officer informs him that another FBI agent needs his help. Lecter asks the name of the agent and the officer responds, "Clarisse". This part of the movie foreshadows what is to come in Silence of the Lambs.

I was extremely satisfied with the third installment in the Hannibal series. I give Red Dragon two thumbs up. Edward Norton plays off Hopkins soft humor so well it leads us to no surprise that he is one of the best young talents in Hollywood today. Released in 2002, it is now out on tape near video stores near you. If you liked Norton in Red Dragon, you should also check out: Primal Fear, Fight Club, Rounders, and The Score.

'The Hunted:' shameless chaser thriller

By Blaine Martin
Staff Writer

There have a handful of recent films that carry the hunter and the hunted theme. "The Hunted," directed by William Friedkin, draws shamelessly from the blueprint of chaser thrillers, most recently from movies like 1994's "The Fugitive" and 1998's "U.S. Marshals."

Tommy Lee Jones, however brings a genuine feeling to his role as hunter that few can imitate. He plays a worn survivalist-tracker named L.T. Bonham who is forced to hunt down a soldier, Aaron Hallam (Benicio Del Toro), whom he trained to be a special forces assassin. Jones adapts his role instinctively, and the movie seems designed just for him - including the harsh backgrounds and heated chase scenes.

Jones fulfills his part with a spine-chilling quality. His character exhibits the quiet confidence of an old professional that is sick of military life but still thrives and fights with precision. L.T. taught Aaron how to kill, which earned him a silver star in Special Forces. However, since he's turned up missing in action and in need of L.T. advice. L.T. ignores Aaron's letters pleading for help and soon after a killing spree ensues.

The film starts in Kosovo during the Bosnian war, where Serbians are murdering an entire village of unarmed civilians. Aaron is set loose on a vicious Serbian officer and pounces on him, killing him with remarkable efficiency delivering undeniable torment to his victim. Deer hunters are treated to a painful death as well.

L.T. jumps on the case and recognizes his student's signature as well as he sees tracks in a field of grass or movements in a crowded street. L.T.'s and Hallam's chases are engaging and exciting, moving from bicycles to train cars and through a traffic jam. Backgrounds are excellent in the wilderness, linking brilliant forest colors with the impending threat waiting in hiding. L.T. and Hallam use the Kali style freely - a brutal, bloody dance of knife thrusts.

But "The Hunted" leaves much to be desired in terms of Hallam's character. The audience can't help but wonder why Hallam is so hell-bent on murdering deer hunters - he explains their methods of killing deer are cowardly, but there should be something more on this obsession of his - a particular event that triggered this maniacal behavior, perhaps.

Jones and Del Toro make a good action team duo, but the movie is in no way cerebral. The chase scenes

and battle scenes are exciting, nonetheless. Pick another movie for a deeper story, but if battle and bloodshed is what you're into, this movie will give you a quick fix.



Photo courtesy of KRT

In "The Hunted," Tommy Lee Jones (left) plays a worn survivalist-tracker named L.T. Bonham who is forced to hunt down a soldier, Aaron Hallam (Benicio Del Toro), whom he trained to be a special forces assassin.

Old master plan has evolved into current one

By Lori McCurley and
Jennifer Urban
Staff Writer

Planning and upgrading a college campus is a never-ending process; advancing technology, growing enrollment and financial status all complicate the effort.

In 1990, William Paterson University started to plan for the improvement and redesign of its grounds with the development of a master plan and Charette. Over the years much has been accomplished, but much remains to be done.

According to Steve Bolyai, vice president for administration and finance, at that time the state government offered aid to those universities that could provide a master plan. While some of the suggestions were not completed, other changes have greatly improved the dynamics of the campus.

Completed projects from 1990 master plan include the construction of the Atrium and Hillside and Century residence halls, the expansion of the library, upgraded football, soccer and field hockey athletic fields, new

storage lockers and athletic facilities and the purchase of Power Arts and College Hall buildings. The cost of the improvements totaled approximately \$150 million, which was generated by state aid, tuition and student fees.

Due to time and money constraints some plans were never completed. The original plans from 1990 also called for parking decks in Lots 2 and 5, a new academic building in Lot 4, another academic building between the Towers and Science Hall and up to three more residence halls along College Road.

Those projects that weren't completed have now evolved into the discussion phase of the current master plan.

"With the acquisition of Valley Road and the Power Arts building we need to take a step back and look at the space we have," said Bolyai. "There have been major changes since 13 years ago."

This time around the university chose to go with a different designing firm, the Saratoga Associates.

Currently the state is in a financial crisis with budgets being cut. The university has to take this informa-

tion into account when considering future plans.

According to Bolyai, the economic downturn will slow the development of several plans but the university is still moving ahead with the expansion of the Machuga Student Center beginning this May. Funds have been allocated by student center fees, which will continue to increase over the next few years. Bolyai added that the university hopes to start construction on another set of residence halls along College Road by fall 2005.

Another aspect to the current plan is that at least \$100 million will be spent on deferred maintenance costs, which includes the basic upkeep of the buildings' heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing systems.

Last summer a consulting firm hired by the university assessed every building on campus. It compiled the findings, comments, and reviews into a database that the university could keep track of what has been done, what needs to be done and how much each building will cost.

Calendar of Events: March 27th through April 10th

By Kerry Johnson
Calendar Editor

Thursday, March 27

The New Music Festival presents award-winning composer Arthur Krieger. An organ rehearsal will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by the concert at 12:30 p.m. in Shea Center. A panel discussion will immediately follow the concert. Admission is free. For more information call ext. 2371.

Friday, March 28

A Minority, Women, and Small Business Vendor Fair will take place in the Rec Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christos M. Cotsakos, former chairman of the board and CEO for E*Trade Group, Inc., and a 1973 graduate of William Paterson, will speak as part of the 2002-2003 Distinguished Lecturer Series in Shea Center at 8 p.m. For information and tickets, call Shea Center Box Office at ext. 2371.

Saturday, March 29

"Three Fold Divas" featuring Lucy Kaplansky, Patty Larkin, and Susan Werner perform at 8 p.m. in Shea Center. Admission is \$24 standard and \$22 senior citizens. For more information call ext. 2371.

Sunday, March 30

The Catholic Campus Ministries will celebrate an Asian Mass commemorating the Asian New Year, followed by traditional Asian foods and decorations in the CCM Chapel at 7:30 p.m. For more information call ext. 3524.

Monday, March 31

The Yearbook Senior Portrait Session will take place at Billy Pat's Pub from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call ext. 2271.

Tuesday, April 1

The Health and Wellness Center will hold a blood drive in conjunction with the Bergen Regional Blood. For times and information on signing up, call ext.

The Yearbook Senior Portrait Session will take place at Billy Pat's Pub from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call ext. 2271.

Darryl McDaniels, author of "Run - DMC" will lecture and sign books at 8 p.m. in Science Hall 200A. For further information call ext. 2271.

Wednesday, April 2

The Yearbook Senior Portrait Session will take place at Billy Pat's Pub from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call ext. 2271.

A William Paterson Author Recognition Reception will be held in the Cheng Library, Paterson Room at 3:30 p.m. Contact Pamela Theus at ext. 2160 for more information.

Thursday, April 3

The Yearbook Senior Portrait Session will take place at Billy Pat's Pub from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call ext. 2271.

Friday, April 4

The Yearbook Senior Portrait Session

will take place at Billy Pat's Pub from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call ext. 2271.

The UCGC will hold a Mini Dance Marathon in Wightman Gym from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call ext. 2271.

Saturday, April 5

The Spring Writers Conference where the topic will be "Family and Literature," featuring novelist Russell Banks with writing and literature workshops. For more information, contact John Parras, English Department.

The Academic and Leadership Development Conference presents Dr. David Abalos and Dr. William Small, Jr., who will speak at the annual conference for African-American and Latino College Men. The conference will take place in the Machuga Student Center Ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 6

The Catholic Campus Ministries will celebrate a Model Seder and Mass with students and faculty of the Jewish faith at 7:30 p.m. at the CCM Chapel. For more information call ext. 3524.

Monday, April 7

The Greek Gong Show will take place in the Machuga Student Center Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information call ext. 2271.

Tuesday, April 8

The Languages and Cultures Faculty

Lecture Series present Dr. Maria Taj, Spanish Program, speaking on "La Negociacion de la Identidad del Emigrante en Diario de un Emigrante de Miguel Delibes y Caellas Sensa de Victor Omgba" and another lecture by Spanish major Mariluz Lopez Munoz. The program will be in the Machuga Student Center 324-325 at p.m.

Mark Weitzman, director of the Task Force Against Hate of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, will present a report on the growth of hate propaganda in our region and on the web in the Chg Library Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information call ext. 3456.

Wednesday, April 9

The Philosophy Department Colloquium presents Robert Talisse, Vanderbilt University, "Can Value Pluralists be Comprehensive Liberals" in Atrium 126 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call ext. 2173.

Thursday, April 10

The Women's Center presents the Clothesline Project in Zanfino Plaza. For more information call ext. 2946.

The Chemistry and Physics Seminar series presents Professor Siu-Tung Ye, Department of Physics, Hunter College, City University of New York, speaking on "How to Observe Single Molecule Events and Manipulate Single Molecules" at 12:30 p.m. in Science Hall 433. For more information contact Dr. S.H. Chung at ext. 3458.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

U.S., British forces invade Iraq from south; first casualties suffered

By S. Thorne Harper,
Juan O. Tamayo, and
Martin Merzer
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

INSIDE SOUTHERN IRAQ - More than 60,000 U.S. and British troops invaded southern Iraq, artillery batteries bombarded enemy positions and Tomahawk cruise missiles blasted Baghdad again Thursday night as the second Gulf War expanded.

And the United States and Britain suffered their first casualties in the war to oust Saddam Hussein, as a U.S. Marine helicopter crashed in Kuwait. All 16 aboard the CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter were believed killed, a Defense Department official said.

The unarmed transport helicopter, with a four-person American crew, was carrying 12 British troops back to Kuwait after a mission in Iraq, defense officials said.

The crash around 7 p.m. EST - 3 a.m. Kuwaiti time - was probably due to mechanical problems, officials said. The Defense Department confirmed that all U.S. personnel aboard were killed. British officials had not confirmed the deaths of their personnel Friday.

While there were no Iraqi chemical or biological attacks Thursday, Iraqi forces fired at least four ineffectual missiles at U.S. positions in Kuwait. Iraqi forces also torched at least nine Iraqi oil wells or pipelines.

Early Friday, hours after the invasion began, hundreds of allied military vehicles were backed up at the Kuwait-Iraq border. Marines waiting to enter could see a fire burning in the al Rumeila oil fields to the east.

A plume of thick, black smoke



Photo courtesy of CNN.com

Journalists survey the ruins of a cluster of houses that were reportedly hit during airstrikes in Baghdad.

stretched south as far as the could see. Radio traffic indicated a Marine detachment had been sent to take control of the oil field but it was unclear Friday morning whether the efforts were successful.

U.S. officials called Iraq's military response modest and uncoordinated, suggesting that key aides of Saddam Hussein - perhaps even Saddam himself - may have been incapacitated or killed by the precision air attack opened the war.

That raised the possibility that the war's duration could be shortened and the cost in lives and property reduced.

Still, the war was intensifying Thursday.

"Aim point is Baghdad. Joe Dowdy said as 60,000 Marines plus Navy SEALs and British marines abandoned foxholes and positions in northern Kuwait, climbing a snaking convoy of thousands of armored vehicles and rumbled into."

Mortars and cannon shells screamed overhead - and U.S. infantry cheered. Army artillery and helicopter gunships raked Iraqi positions. A Marine unit knocked out an Iraqi 1950s-vintage T-55 tank, eliciting "hoorahs" from officers at headquarters.

In addition, hundreds of British Royal Marine commandos, U.S. Navy SEALs attacked a beach at the head of the Persian Gulf.

"Tonight, British servicemen and women are engaged from land and sea," British Prime Minister Tony Blair told his nation during a televised address.

The British force was made up of the Royal Marines' 3 Commando Brigade. Units named 40 and 42 Commando attacked the al Faw peninsula while the 539 Assault Squadron landed on the beach and cleared mines, according to British officials.

The attack was supported by naval gunfire and air strikes across the channel that separates Bubiyan Island in Kuwait from Iraq. Earlier in the day, Royal Marine snipers, 3 Commando Brigade Reconnaissance Force and U.S. Navy SEALs infiltrated the area to harass Iraqi forces on the al Faw peninsula.

Apparently in response to Iraq's subdued response, the Pentagon launched a limited ground attack ahead of schedule but did not accelerate much heralded aerial blitz.

Instead, U.S. and British forces launched another round of limited air attacks on Baghdad

and then began the ground advance into Iraq by the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and various British units.

The objective, according to two senior administration officials who requested anonymity, was to oust Saddam and disarm Iraq without causing widespread civilian casualties and immense destruction to Iraq's economic infrastructure.

The evolving strategy also could place fewer American lives in danger.

President Bush and his aides on Friday morning will consider whether to launch the massive aerial blitzkrieg after darkness falls in Iraq Friday evening, or whether to continue using more limited force in hopes that Saddam's regime will collapse without massive destruction.

"There's no question we've sent the finest of our citizens into harm's way," Bush said during a Cabinet meeting at the White House. "They perform with great skill and great bravery. We thank them, we thank their loved ones, we appreciate their sacrifice."

As darkness fell on Baghdad, another large volley of Tomahawk missiles - more than two dozen - launched by U.S. and British submarines and warships rocked the capital. Heavy explosions shook the city, and dense black smoke rose from several sites.

Precision strikes hit the main presidential palace and the ministry of planning. Other key targets included strongholds of Saddam's elite Republican Guard and the special security organization headed by Saddam's son, Qusai.

The International Red Cross said one person was killed and 14 people were wounded during the first wave of U.S. missile strikes; no casualties were immediately reported from the second attack.

Even as the fresh wave of missiles struck Baghdad, CIA analysts concluded that it was Saddam, not one of his doubles, who appeared on Iraqi television shortly after the U.S. attempted to kill him and his top aides in the opening salvo.

The analysts, however, were not sure if the appearance was live or prerecorded - leaving open the question of whether Saddam was alive. Even if he was, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

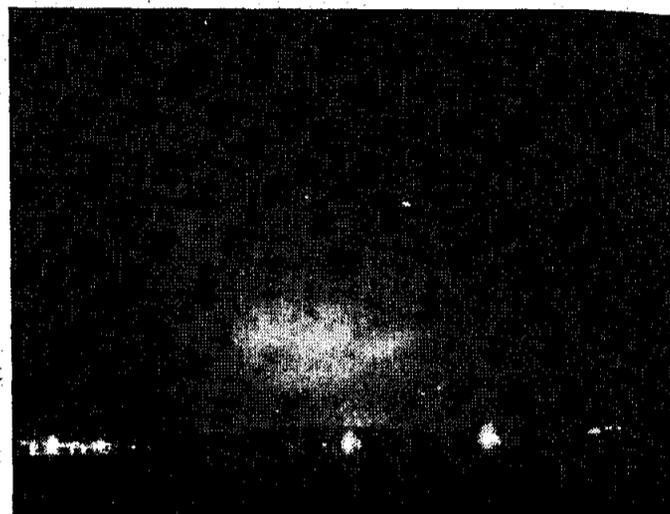


Photo by Tom Pennington (KRT)

Iraq is illuminated by anti-aircraft artillery, machine gun fire, and several large explosions late Friday, March 21.

said, "the days of Saddam Hussein are numbered."

Millions of people around the world vented again over the war.

Protestors blocked streets and bridges in Washington, D.C., and gathered in Philadelphia, San Francisco, New York and other American cities.

Demonstrations also flared in many cities in the Arab World and in Europe.

Meanwhile, U.S. and British troops streamed into southern Iraq as artillery batteries and attack helicopters pulverized enemy positions.

Behind them, hundreds of Humvees and trucks rumbled off ships in Kuwait City, lined up in rows, and immediately began their journey to war.

A semblance of a counterattack came when Iraq fired at least four missiles at U.S. positions in Kuwait.

Sirens sounded repeatedly in U.S. bases and Kuwait City. U.S. officials issued several chemical weapons alerts and American troops wore gas masks through much of the day.

Patriot anti-missile missiles intercepted three Iraqi missiles, according to Army Lt. Col. Geoff Ward of the 3rd Infantry Division. Among the troops, cheers and applause greeted each announcement of a Patriot interception.

One missile fell near Camp Commando, a Marine headquarters position in northern Kuwait, carving a 2-foot-deep crater, slicing some overhead power lines, but inflicting no other damage.

Inside one bunker in northern Kuwait, Staff Sgt. Teresa Hawkins, 32, made the sign of the cross as sirens wailed outside.

"This was the first time I've been in a war," she said, "and I was thinking, 'I could die.'"

The casualties of war

The faces of some of those who have died in combat

Maj. Jay Aubin

36; Waterville, Maine

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

Killed when a U.S. CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed March 21



Capt. Ryan Beaupre

30; Bloomington, Illinois

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

Killed when a U.S. CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed March 21



2nd Lt. Therrel S. Childers

30; Harrison, Mississippi

1st Battalion, 5th Marines

Killed in combat in southern Iraq March 21



Cpl. Brian Kennedy

25; Houston, Texas

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

Killed when a U.S. CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed March 21



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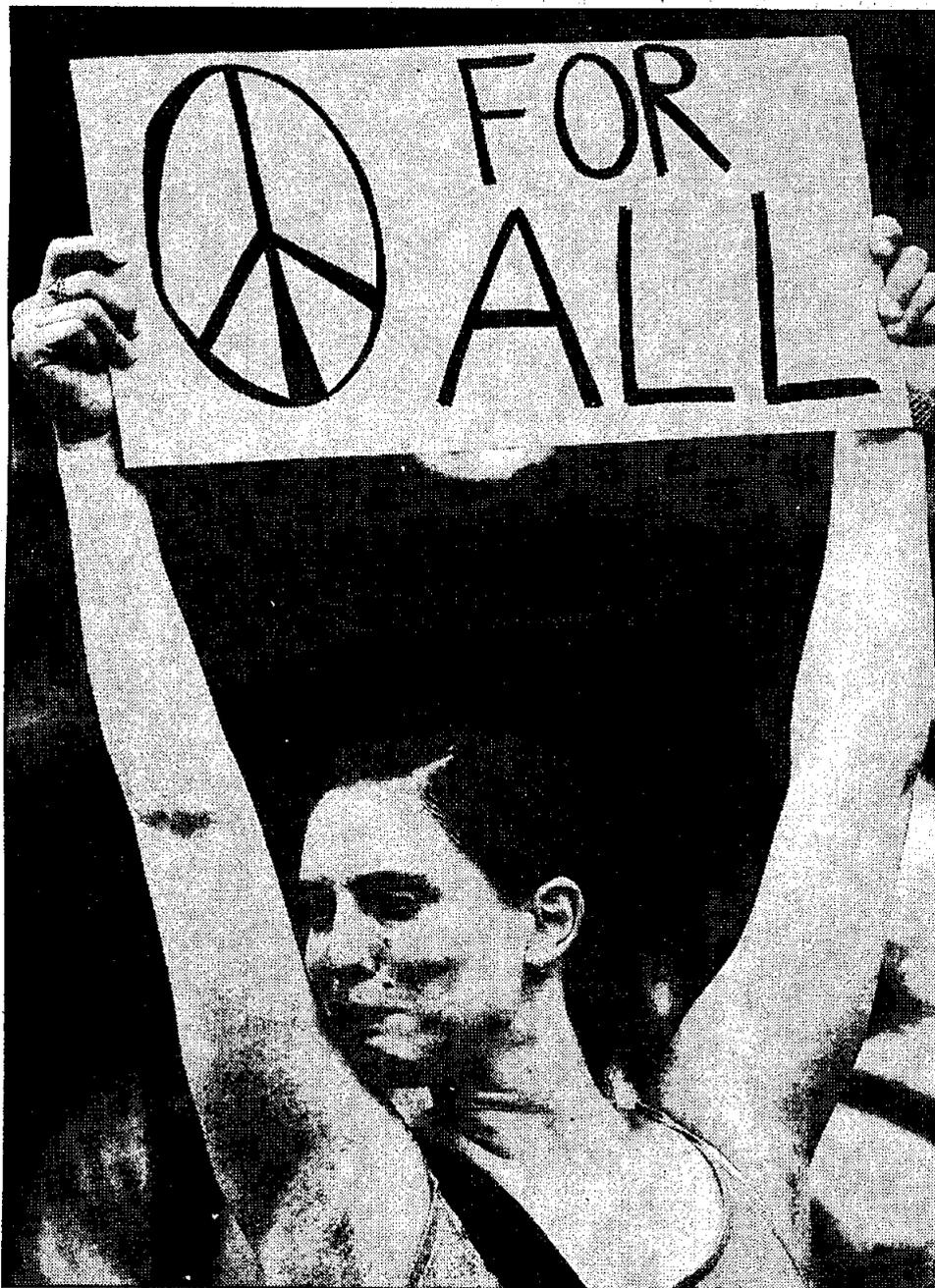
29; Baltimore, Maryland

3d Marine Aircraft Wing

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Anti-U.S., antiwar sentiments are heard across the globe

LAHORE, Pakistan — About 70,000 people rallied against the United States and Britain in Lahore Sunday in the first major antiwar demonstration in Pakistan since the Iraq war began.

Demonstrators chanted anti-U.S. slogans, carried placards supporting Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, burned an American flag and burned effigies of U.S. President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Observers said leaders of extremist religious parties were among those taking part in the demonstration. The country-wide protests, dubbed as a peaceful "Million (Man) March," organized by the Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA), fell short of the projected number.

"The U.S. has already captured Afghanistan. After Iraq, it will attack Saudi Arabia as part of a conspiracy to create Greater Israel," Reuters quoted MMA leader Hafiz Hissain Ahmed as saying.

The MMA a grouping of religious parties made strong gains in October elections as anti-U.S. sentiment spread across the country.

In Sudan, antiwar protestors threw rocks and clashed with police in the capital Khartoum on Sunday. A police station and patrol car were set alight as hundreds of



Photo courtesy of CNN.com

Pakistanis burn a U.S. flag with more than 100,000 people taking to the streets to condemn the war in Iraq. Pakistan, a key ally in the U.S.-led war on terrorism, has said it "deplored" the military action.

rioters protested the killing of a 22-year old student during a similar demonstration on Saturday.

Elsewhere in the Muslim world, about 3,000 Egyptian students gathered at the Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt, and riot police used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse thousands of protestors heading towards the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain.

Protests also took place in Indonesia, Lebanon and Jordan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

Up to 30,000 people chanting "No war, no war" blowing whistles and beating drums brought traffic to a standstill in Sydney, Australia. About 5,000 congregated outside the parliament in Canberra to scatter flower petals in the shape of giant peace signs.

Polls show the majority of Australians oppose the war but the government has sent 2,000 military personnel to the Gulf.

And in Italy, about 8,000 people marched to the U.S. Navy base at Sigonella in eastern Sicily and a "few thousand" demonstrated outside the Aviano air base in north-eastern Italy.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has allowed the U.S. to use the country's airspace and bases for logistical support but has ruled out sending troops.

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At left: Urdina Nagy weeps as she protests the war with Iraq along with hundred of other students at Florida State University, Thursday March 20.

Photo by Eric Draper (KRT)

At right: President George W. Bush meets with his war council in the Situation Room of the White House Friday, March 21.



Iraq war is not just about confiscating oil but removing a brutal murderer

By Sally C. Pipes
KRT

SAN FRANCISCO - As war with Iraq commences, anti-war voices on the Left are becoming more strident.

At protest marches and in left-wing publications like The Nation, the rallying cry of "no blood for oil" is once again in vogue. This charge collapses under scrutiny and is based upon the flimsiest of reasoning.

Years ago, President Bush was in the oil business; Iraq has the world's second-largest oil reserves; America imports a lot of oil; and Bush seems likely to go to war with Iraq, so the war "must" be about oil.

Implicit in this shaky logic are two contradictory explanations for President Bush's alleged motivations.

On the one hand, he is said to be acting to protect American access to Iraq's oil.

At the same time, he is supposedly promoting the financial interests of American oil companies. But greater access to Iraqi oil would only drive down prices, helping consumers but hurting energy companies.

If America's true concern was access to Iraqi oil, the most effective way to get it would be to persuade the United Nations to drop the sanctions against Iraq imposed after the Gulf War.

Iraq wants to sell more oil to the United States, which we are refusing, not the other way around. Logic and international economics suggest that the long-term effect of toppling Saddam would benefit American consumers, not producers of oil.

Given that Iraq's potential for producing oil is significantly underutilized, due to the understandable reluctance of companies to invest in such an unstable country, the likely effect of Saddam's ouster would be increased production of Iraqi oil. This would lower oil prices - benefiting American consumers at the expense of the oil companies.

The likelihood of this scenario is confirmed by trends in the futures market for oil, which shows high

prices for the next few months, anticipating conflict, followed by steadily declining prices.

America, of course, would not stand to benefit uniquely from access to post-Saddam Iraq's oil.

Companies from Europe, Russia, and many other countries will compete in the open marketplace for those contracts. But one nation's response to the Iraq crisis does seem to be influenced by existing oil contracts.

France reportedly has \$60 billion - not million - in clandestine oil contracts with Iraq. The strident charges of the Left ignore the lessons of history, economics and politics, as well as the clearly stated reasoning of President Bush and Prime Minister Blair.

There are, of course, real questions about conflict with Iraq. Reasonable people may wonder whether a desperate Saddam, on the eve of his destruction, might lash out at America and its allies in some horrific manner.

Certainly war will have its costs in American and allied lives (few, we hope) and innocent Iraqis (many, we fear) whom Saddam has deliberately made into human shields by stationing his weapons next to - or even within - schools, hospitals and mosques.

Some argue that Saddam's aggression has been effectively contained in the last decade of sanctions. These arguments may or may not be persuasive, but they are legitimate concerns worthy of serious examination.

But the reasons for war with Iraq are clear: Protecting the American people from the threat of terrorists armed with Saddam's weapons of mass destruction; upholding the power of the United Nations and the terms of surrender that Iraq agreed to in 1991; and freeing the Iraqi people from one of the most brutal and repressive dictators the world has ever seen.

Whether American and allied forces should be fighting to overthrow an Iraqi tyrant and mass murderer is worthy of a serious and honest debate - but certainly one that should be undistracted by the mindless mantra of "no blood for oil."

After many delays, student scribe joins embedded journalists in Kuwait

By Ronald Paul Larson
KRT

There is only one reason to go to Kuwait now, and a person's reaction when I tell them I am going there illustrates it. They either roll their eyes with a sort of "Oh geez!" kind of expression or shake their head in disbelief. I feel a little self-conscious about telling people, but I must admit, I liked to see how they would react.

In London, my flight into Kuwait was delayed by several hours.

As I sat at the gate, I wondered who would fly into a country on the eve of a war? In front of me, a Middle Eastern-looking man with short hair and gray eyes talked to a friend about the range of Scud missiles. When he saw me listening to him he began speaking another language.

I couldn't tell what it was. I thought it was either Hebrew or Arabic.

Sitting a few rows away to my left was a young man with short hair. He could be military, I thought.

The ticket agent announced that we could begin boarding the bus to the airplane. When I walked to the counter to hand in my boarding pass, I thought I saw Christiane Amanpour, CNN's chief international correspondent, behind me. I heard her voice, and I knew it was her.

I wanted to go back and introduce myself, but I chickened out.

I was the third or fourth person on the bus. Others came on. One man sitting down a few seats away from me asked, "Where's Wolf Blitzer?" The gray-eyed man I saw earlier entered and sat opposite me. "Great," he said. "A busload of journalists."

After a few moments, Amanpour got on and the gray-eyed man called at her, "Hey Christiane, if you need a liberal Kuwaiti perspective, interview me." Amanpour acknowledged him and began talking to the people around her.

Then Wolf Blitzer, CNN news anchor, came on board and sat up front by Amanpour.

Wow, I thought, I guess I am in the right place. Although I had been worried about being late because my departure had been delayed by technical problems, I felt relief. Nothing important could happen before Amanpour and Blitzer got there, I thought.

Our flight into Kuwait was delayed another hour on the runway so I took the opportunity to write Amanpour a note saying how much I respected her. During the stopover in Cyprus she invited me up to meet her.

She asked me what school I wrote for, and I told her Cal State Fullerton.

She then asked what unit I was embedded with.

I told her the 416th Engineer Command and then, trying to sound professional, used some military jargon. She pointed out that my readers would not know what I am talking about if I use jargon.

I agreed and, feeling like I had shown my lack of experience, thanked her for her advice. I went back to my seat.

She was very gracious. I felt like I blew it. I wrote her another note thanking her.

I arrived in Kuwait late Monday night. It was too late to go to the CFLCC PAO (Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Public Affairs Office).

I got there Tuesday morning to learn that journalist embedding had ended the day before. I was dumbfounded. How could I come so far, pay so much money, get so much publicity and not have it happen? I explained the reasons for my delay to the officers present and waited for a few hours.

Finally, an officer came out and told me that they would "take care of me." I felt reborn.

That night two CBS cameramen, who were going to be embedded with the 101st Airborne Division, and I were given a lesson on the nuclear/biological/chemical protective suit and how to give atropine antidote injections.

The next morning Staff Sgt. Johnson of the 318th Public Affairs Detachment, a stocky ex-college football linebacker from Indiana, drove me to Camp Arifjan, which is west of Kuwait City.

"You are the last embed to be placed," he told me.

It was a distinction I could have done without. I am embedded with a cameraman for NBC news, a reporter for the New Orleans Times-Picayune, a cameraman and reporter for TVE (Spanish television) and two Chinese reporters from Phoenix Television in Hong Kong. But most of them will be moving to different units in a day or two.

One complication is the weather. As I write this on Wednesday afternoon there is a fairly strong dust storm outside.

There is a constant and gusting wind. The sky is brown with sand and many of the soldiers walking outside wear goggles or sunglasses to protect their eyes. Some cover their mouths with scarves.

The walls of the tents shake and undulate back and forth like waves and the air smells like dust. The only soldiers I have had a chance to talk to are those from the 318th Public Affairs Detachment in Kuwait City.

They all seem to be highly motivated and are reservists from southern Wisconsin, Indiana and the Chicago area.

There is a good chance I will be sent to another engineer unit soon and will go farther north. I can report more after Thursday morning. There is still an air of uncertainty here.

The soldiers and journalists know what will probably happen in terms of the big picture, but not what will happen specifically to us as individuals, or when.

In my reporting in the next few weeks, I will attempt to describe what life is like for soldiers in my unit - what I see of the war.



Photo by ABD Rabbo Ammar (KRT)
At left: The Iraqi capital of Baghdad is shelled by U.S. cruise missiles on Thursday, March 20, hitting the presidential palace.

Group of U.S. soldiers killed or captured; coalition encounters stiff opposition from Iraqis

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Twelve U.S. soldiers are unaccounted for and are believed to have been captured after an attack by Iraqi guerrilla forces outside the southern city of An Nasiriyah, a U.S. Army spokesman said Sunday.

In addition, Iraqi troops have attacked U.S. troops on two occasions after signaling their intent to surrender, Lt. Gen. John Abizaid said.

New explosions, meanwhile, were heard in Baghdad about 10:20 p.m. Sunday (2:20 p.m. EST).

The Arabic language, Qatar-based news network Al-Jazeera broadcast a tape Sunday of what appeared to be the bodies of a number of U.S. soldiers, some of them apparently shot in the forehead.

The tape also showed several soldiers identifying themselves and their place of origin. At least two appeared to be wounded. Pentagon officials said they had begun the process of informing the soldiers' families.

Iraqi television filmed the interviews Sunday.

President Bush told reporters Sunday that he expected the prisoners to be treated humanely.

"I expect them to be treated as POWs," said Bush as he returned to the White House from Camp David,

Maryland.

Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the soldiers' appearance a violation of the Geneva Conventions.

"This is just one more crime by the Iraqi regime," a grim-faced Myers said at the Pentagon shortly after the capture had been confirmed.

The news came as coalition ground forces faced pockets of strong resistance Sunday moving through the Iraqi desert toward Baghdad and other strategic targets.

U.S. Marines encountered heavy resistance and have suffered casualties Sunday in fighting near the southeastern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah.

A troop carrier capable of carrying up to two dozen Marines was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade.

The worst fighting appeared to be along a stretch of road between two bridges, and resistance seemed to be stiffening as night fell. Michael Wilson, a New York Times reporter south of Nasiriyah, said that U.S. and Iraqi artillery had been trading shots for most of Sunday and that Marines in the city had been under machine-gun fire.

Doctors were preparing to treat as many as 50 wounded, said Wilson. The exact number of casualties was not

immediately known, and there was no indication whether any Marines had been killed.

Marines entered the city after Iraqi forces ambushed a U.S. military convoy bringing supplies to coalition forces in the region, according to CNN's Alessio Vinci, who is

with the Marines.

Meanwhile, U.S. warplanes struck suspected Iraqi artillery positions ahead of the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry Regiment, the lead element of the 3rd Infantry Division, after an Iraqi artillery barrage left a U.S. soldier wounded.

In the artillery barrage, three shells landed within 75 yards of U.S. forces, sending troops scrambling to disperse their tanks and armored vehicles.

Earlier, soldiers on reconnaissance missions reported that they had seen members of the Iraqi Republican Guard herd Iraqi women and children to military positions for use as human shields, a U.S. military source told CNN's Walter Rodgers, who is accompanying the 7th Cavalry's 3rd Squadron.

The 3rd Squadron has been battling a battalion-size fighting force of the Iraqi army but remained ahead of schedule in its march to Baghdad, the squadron's commander said.

In Umm Qasr, U.S. Marines ended a skirmish with a small pocket of Iraqi forces. Forces from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit exchanged fire with Iraqis inside a large concrete building early Sunday, according to David Bowden, a British reporter embedded with the unit.

The clash ended with a quick airstrike from a Harrier jet. A staff sergeant from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit called the incident "effectively over" and said Marines were heading out to pick up prisoners of war.

Arab media reported Sunday that a coalition plane went down in Baghdad and that Iraqi crews were searching the Tigris River for the pilot or pilots, but U.S. and British military officials denied the reports.

Arab television broadcast video of Iraqi troops firing into the water from the riverbank and soldiers in small boats patrolling the river. At one point, soldiers set reeds along the riverbank on fire, apparently to try to drive out whomever

they were searching for in the area.

Myers told reporters, "All American aircraft are accounted for."

A British military spokesman Sunday confirmed that a Tornado GR4 aircraft returning from an operational mission was shot down by a Patriot missile near the Kuwait border.

The crew is listed as missing, and an investigation is under way, the spokesman said.

U.S. soldier detained in camp attack
U.S. Central Command said Sunday that a soldier wounded in a grenade attack at a 101st Airborne Division base in Kuwait has died.

Another soldier attached to the 101st is being questioned in connection with the fatal grenade and small arms attack at one of the division's camps in northern Kuwait, Army V Corps spokesman Max Blumenfeld said Sunday in Kuwait. U.S. military officials said 12 soldiers were wounded, at least five of them seriously.

A brigade commander said the soldier in custody is suspected of lobbing three grenades into three tents housing commanding officers from the tactical operations center, according to a reporter embedded with the unit.

A soldier was killed and a second was injured Sunday morning in a vehicle accident in southern Iraq, U.S. Central Command said.

The soldiers, from a support unit attached to the 3rd Infantry Division, were evacuated to an Army hospital in Kuwait.

The accident brought the total number of confirmed coalition deaths to 23 — 14 Britons and nine Americans. In addition to the death in a grenade attack in Kuwait, two have died in combat, and the rest were killed in accidents.

CNN Correspondents Nic Robertson, Walter Rodgers, Brent Sadler, Martin Savidge, Barbara Starr and Alessio Vinci contributed to this report.

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Bombs from a U.S. A-10 Warthog "tank killer" jet destroy Iraqi vehicles on a ridge near Najaf. The U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division has faced Iraqi resistance there as it pushes north toward Baghdad.



Photo courtesy of CNN.com

An unidentified Iraqi holding his son cries after his house was reportedly hit in airstrikes on the Iraqi capital.



Photo by David P. Gilkey (KRT)

Soldiers with the 2nd Platoon, A Company 1-30 Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team 3rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, from Fort Benning, Georgia, are the first to set foot in Iraq as they search an Iraqi borderpost that was hit with artillery just hours before as U.S. ground forces moved across the border from Kuwait, Thursday evening, March 20.

CAMPUS TO CAMPUS

COLLEGE NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Supreme Court ruling to decide fate of affirmative action

By Dane Suchetka
KRT

It's the fall of 2004. Parents are dropping of their daughters and sons at UNC Chapel Hill, at Duke University and N.C. State. And you can't help but notice that there are fewer African Americans and other minorities among them, fewer than there have been in years. It could happen.

This summer, in what some are calling the most important affirmative action case in 15 years, the U.S. Supreme Court could order colleges and universities across the country to stop using race in deciding who gets in.

The court could also uphold current law and allow colleges to use race, as one of many factors, in making admission decisions. Or it could decide something between the two. It will be a historic decision that will affect higher education—especially the most selective schools for years to come.

That's why public and private colleges are watching intently. Much of the rest of the country is, too. Hundreds of organizations, from the Coca-Cola Company to the Bush White House are speaking out on it.

Bush is asking the Supreme Court to ban race-based admissions, which he says "amount to a quota system that unfairly rewards or penalizes prospective students solely on their race."

On the other side is Gene Nichol,

dean of the law school at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, who, with law-school colleagues, is petitioning the Court to allow schools to continue to consider race.

"To pretend that racial difficulties and the challenges of becoming one society will simply go away if we take them off the table is powerfully misguided," he said. "There is, if anything, more at stake than people have generally understood."

To understand their effect on the Carolinas you have to understand the cases. In 1997, three white students, represented by the Center for Individual Rights, filed two federal lawsuits against the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and its law school. The suits claim the university violated the Civil Rights Act and the Constitution when it turned the students down while accepting minority students with lower grades and test scores. Justices hear oral arguments April 1 and will likely rule in June.

Already, the lawsuits are having an impact on the most selective schools in the Carolinas. Less competitive schools

aren't as affected. If a school accepts most applicants, race is not an issue. At UNC-Chapel Hill, for example, the admissions office employees are setting aside time this summer for workshops explaining the court's decision.

Chapel Hill also has researchers looking into ways the school might keep the student body diverse without considering race as it reviews freshman appli-

attract minority students, a spokesman said. Enough apply to ensure a diverse student body, he said. The fall 2002 freshman class was 12 percent African American.

But admissions officers at a number of Carolinas colleges, even less-selective schools such as the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, go out of their way to increase applications from minorities usually under-represented on campuses—Latinos, African and Native Americans. They send admission officers to high schools with large minority populations, for example, hoping to attract applicants. And once the colleges decide which high school graduates to admit, they push hard—with letters and calls—for minority students to say yes.

Even doing that, most schools do not end up with the same percentage of minorities as in the general population. In fall 2002, for example, the percentage of African American freshmen at UNC Chapel Hill was 12.3. At North Carolina State, it was 11.1 percent. At the University of South Carolina: 12 percent. Of North Carolina's 18-year-olds, 26 percent are African American. In South Carolina, it's 35 percent. Many schools won't talk about their admissions process in detail.

Wake Forest University issued a three-paragraph statement saying the school is committed to diversity but declining further comment. Legal scholar

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cations, which totaled more than 17,000 for 3,460 places last fall. Now, many schools—public and private—choose students based on grade-point average, standardized test scores, class rank, special talents and other characteristics.

Is the student the first in his family to go to college? Are her parents alumni? Those things are considered, along with race, admissions officers say. Schools aren't allowed to use racial quotas or set-aside, which the court forbade in 1978. Some schools—the University of South Carolina, for example—do nothing to

Uncle Sam offers incentives to attract college graduates

By Crissa Jansen
and Scott Williams
(KRT)

Ranll Washington studies finance at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and he has not given much thought to trading his diploma for a pair of dogtags after graduation. But mention \$18,000 in student loan forgiveness or a \$5,000 bonus for college graduates who serve a scaled-back, 18-month stint in the military, and Washington raises an eyebrow.

"I would definitely think about it," the 21-year-old junior said. "It sounds appealing."

In an effort to draw more college graduates into military service at a time of heightened patriotism, the Department of Defense is developing a short-term enlistment category that is less onerous than the usual four-year commitment. With financial incentives to pay off loans or fund graduate study, the new category is designed to remove one of the major hurdles believed to prevent college grads from signing away four years of their professional and personal lives.

"Eighteen months—that's not a long-term commitment," said Tiffany McWhorter, 23, a senior studying social work at UWM.

Though she believes some graduates may be lured by the money or the desire to serve the country for a shorter period of time, McWhorter says she wouldn't

have anything to do with it.

"I'm so anti-American-government right now," says McWhorter, who cites the United States' stance on war with Iraq as her primary reason for distrust.

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Service program, the new recruitment tool is intended to promote the military more aggressively on college campuses. It was sponsored by U.S. Sens. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.), and approved by Congress last year as part of the 2003 Defense Authorization Bill.

With advanced machinery used in the military nowadays, recruits with no advanced education often are ill-prepared for the modern battlefield, said Pat Grobschmidt, spokeswoman for the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion in Milwaukee.

Grobschmidt said her office in the past six months has enlisted 231 Army recruits who are college-educated—more than 20 percent of those who signed up during that time period. She expects to

see a continuing focus on colleges over high schools.

"It's been a gradual shift," she said. "We need to continue that trend."

Bayh and McCain also want to expand the AmeriCorps community service program from about 50,000 members to 250,000 by 2010, but that and other

civilian-related elements of the bill are still being evaluated by lawmakers.

"We're obviously hopeful of action this year," said Marshall Wittmann, communications director in McCain's Washington office. McCain was not available for comment. Enlistees in the short-term program will go through the same basic training as traditional recruits and will be required to serve two years in the active reserves on completing their 18 months of duty.

The first recruits for short-term enlistment are expected to be in boot camp in fall. Justin Barnes, a junior studying marketing at UWM, said he thinks the military will likely find better-prepared recruits in college graduates than those fresh out of high school.

"After (college) graduation, you have

more of an awareness of what you want to do, where you want to go," said Barnes, 22. "When you come out, you're more prepared for the world."

Hanging out with Barnes and McWhorter in UWM's union on a recent day, Washington agreed with Barnes' assessment, adding that he thinks the military could help people build on their college experience.

"From a life experience perspective, maybe I could get something out of it," Washington said. "Like discipline, learning how to become team-oriented, or just expanding my values more. I really don't approve of the war myself, but just the experience for myself might be valuable."

The war is exactly why 20-year-old Lisa Ihrcke would not join the military. She had considered joining the reserves to help pay for college but decided against it.

"I'll be honest. Most of the reasons why I wouldn't join are pretty much selfish," said Ihrcke, who plans to become a pharmacist.

"I don't want to go to war."

Steve Wollner, a sophomore studying architecture at UWM, said he might consider joining if he couldn't pay for graduate school.

"It depends on where I want to go. If I can afford it, I wouldn't," said Wollner, 20. "Service to the country is a good thing by itself, but I'd be a little reluctant, I think."

Reaction

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"I feel that this war is the beginning of a very bad turn in this country's foreign policy agenda and will reflect upon us badly for a very long time," said Habatfha. "The administration is attempting to change the dynamics of international politics and the current world order in the most aggressive ways possible seemingly with the intentions of world domination."

Lindsey Anderson, a junior studying in Ireland, touched on anti-American sentiments in Ireland.

"There are quite a few people who don't like Americans, so I try not to parade around announcing that I'm a US citizen," she said. "I am by no means ashamed to be American, but for my own safety, I try to keep a low profile."

As far as timing of the war is considered, a CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll shows that 70 percent of those polled believe that the United States took military action against Iraq at the right time.

"Even though this is a controversial issue, I believe it is important that we come together as a country and back our President and our troops during this time of war," said Cleary.

One of the numerous differences between Operation Iraqi Freedom and Desert Storm is the media coverage. The Pentagon has granted journalists unprecedented access to the frontline to enhance the war coverage.

"They are showing as much as they can without compromising our security," said freshman Jen Riggins.

However, not everyone agrees with the

media's coverage thus far.

"It is disgusting and pathetic how the media ha[ve] commercialized and capitalized on this atrocity even before it had commenced," said Dwayne Fray.

The media have also given some attention to the anti-war protestors who continue to show their dissent.

"I do believe that anti-war protestors have every right to protest," said junior Corey Schor. "However, I totally disagree with violent protests. Respect other people's lives and don't block bridges or attack police. Further, I believe that anti-war protestors hurt the troops moral. They see the TV as well and they watch protestors who object to their goal of winning this war."

As for Hollywood, the debate was not whether or not the U.S. should attack Iraq, but rather should the Academy Awards presentation be televised as scheduled.

"The Oscars should continue," said Jain. "There is no point in canceling it. I just hope they don't bring up war questions because I really don't feel like hearing celebrities give their 2 cents on the war... it's like listening to a 5-year-old. Celebrities are just plain stupid."

Once the fighting has ceased and Saddam Hussein has been ousted from power, the coalition forces will have to take on the task of helping build a new Iraqi state.

"After this war we really need to look at who are allies really are and who are not our allies," said Schor.

Yankees start to gel

By John Bertollo
Staff Writer

After a rough spring training start for the pitchers of the New York Yankees, the Bronx Bombers are starting to show their potential.

Four of the Yankees starting pitchers (Roger Clemens, Andy Pettite, Mike Mussina, and David Wells) have improved as they continue to pitch multiple scoreless and hitless innings.

Jeff Weaver, who is battling for the fifth starting position, is also producing well. Yankees manager Joe Torre has stated

that he is **COMMENTARY** hoping Weaver

can be the fifth starter, moving Sterling Hitchcock to the long reliever role, according to www.yankees.com.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner continues to comment on certain players in the organization. Steinbrenner is impressed with new comers

Hideki Matsui and Jose Contreras. Through March 16, Matsui was batting .355 with three triples and a team leading

eight RBIs. Despite a few bad outings, Contreras began to pitch up to his potential and shut out the Devil Rays on March 14.

Any problems that evolved between Steinbrenner and shortstop Derek Jeter seem to be over. There hasn't been any further information on the situation, as Jeter's spring training numbers continue to rise. However, problems between Steinbrenner and Wells seem to be progressing. In his new book, Wells referred to some drug problems in baseball, and said he was hung over during his perfect game in 1998. This led to Steinbrenner to fine Wells \$100,000.

The Yankees open up their season on Monday against the Toronto Blue Jays at the Sky Dome. The Yanks will remain on the road for six games, before returning home to Yankees Stadium on April 7 when they face the Minnesota Twins.

This season will definitely be a memorable one! Go Yanks!

Clinic

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approach Ellson suggests is getting adequate sleep.

"For most college students, that's that last thing on the list. Most people, when they look back the week before they got a cold, they weren't sleeping right. The foundation is rest because at night our immune system works to repair whatever damage we've done to ourselves all day."

The other step in prevention of the common cold is eating right.

"The five servings of fruits and vegetables a day are the best protection," said Ellson, who also recommended increased doses of vitamin C and Echinacea.

Stress plays a role in getting sick, and the center helps students manage it as a way to keep students healthy.

"When people are stressed, those are usually the times when they get sick," said Ellson. "Sometimes just knowing there's a place on campus where someone will ask you, 'How are you doing?' And I don't just mean how is your nose. I'm asking how are 'you' doing because sometimes there is more going on."

Teaching students how to manage and prevent colds is just one aspect of the self-care cold clinic, however. The other is giving students the opportunity to be able to decide what they can do about their situations, and letting them know that there are people on campus who really care.

"We're here. We're free. We want people to feel cared for and cared about," said Ellson. "I would like to see people come through the clinic a couple times, learn what they have to learn, so they are better able to be consumers of their own healthcare in the future."

Students interested in taking advantage of this service should make an appointment with the Center for Health, Wellness, and Counseling Services by calling ext. 2360, or by visiting the office.

"If we can be meaningful when things get difficult in their life, people will come back, because they will have a good first experience," said Ellson. "It's not just about colds; it's about people."

The Center for Health, Wellness, and Counseling Services in Wayne Hall is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NJCUE

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mitment to their district as a full-time teacher while still attending classes at night for the first year. The district in which they work would pay a salary for the teacher.

However, all these classes give the teachers more than just tools for the classroom; they also earn them up to 16 graduate-level credits, which can be applied toward a master's degree. All of these classes are provided free-of-charge, unlike alternate route.

"This is what we hope is a very supportive alternate route," said WPU Assistant College of Education Dean Maureen Gillette. She said that the program itself is very unique because of the partnership and collaboration among the universities, municipalities, and the state as well as the opportunity to earn free graduate credits.

And while the perks may sound sweet, a very serious commitment is expected of those who apply. Applicant requirements include:

- BA or BS in math for the math positions.
- BS in a natural or physical science for the science positions.
- For special education, a liberal arts major is required.

- A 3.0 GPA.
- Pass the appropriate Praxis II examination.
- A commitment of three years in one job.

"We are looking for people who are serious and committed to being teachers in urban schools," Gillette said of potential applicants.

Onore said that the reason for targeting only math, science, and special education is because that's what the districts asked for.

"What we're doing is allowing our participating districts to dictate to us, based on their need, who will come into their district," she said.

NJCUE is a brand-new program and is still under development.

"We're all now collectively developing the curriculum for the summer and fall," Gillette said.

Those interested in the program can submit applications until April 1. Information about the program, as well as applications are available at www.state.nj.us/njded/njcue. Only about 15 applicants from each campus will be accepted into the program.

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TO: The University Community
FROM: Arnold Speert, President
Chernoh M. Sesay, Provost and Executive Vice President
DATE: March 11, 2003
SUBJECT: Appointment of Ron Maggiore, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ronald P. Maggiore as associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, effective May 1, 2003. He is charged with providing University-wide leadership in the development and implementation of a comprehensive enrollment management plan.

Dr. Maggiore brings to this position diverse and active leadership experience in enrollment management, including most recently service as Dean of Enrollment Management, Humboldt State University (CA).

Previously, he served as Associate Provost for Enrollment Management and Planning, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (PA), 1995-2000; Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Institutional Research, 1993-1995, and Director of Institutional Research, 1991-1993, Bridgewater State College (MA); Coordinator of Institutional Assessment, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 1990-1991; Director of Institutional Analysis and Studies, University of Maryland System Administration, 1988-1990; and Director of Institutional Research, Bowie State University (MD), 1983-1988.

Dr. Maggiore holds a Ph.D. in Psychology, 1979, and an M.S. in Psychology, 1976, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1973. He is an experienced teacher in the field of psychology and research in behavioral science, and assessment, and he is published in the field of behavioral and learning disabilities.

We look forward to Dr. Maggiore's contributions to building the institution and supporting student success and academic excellence. Reporting directly to the Provost, Dr. Maggiore will have immediate responsibility for the Offices of the Registrar, Admissions, and Financial Aid. He is charged to work with the entire campus community in the recruitment, retention and finally graduation of students.

Please join in welcoming him to William Paterson University.

Health and Wellness Center to hold blood drive on April 1

The Center for Health, Wellness, and Counseling Services is holding a blood drive in support of the U.S. troops in conjunction with the Bergen Regional Blood Center on April 1. For more information, please contact Nurse Nancy Ellson at ext. 3176.

Artist Patricia Cudd's work on display in East Gallery

Artist Patricia Cudd, whose artwork examines the lives of women, presents a selection of her recent prints in an exhibit at the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Paterson University in Wayne from March 24 through April 18. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The works, on view in the East Gallery, combine text and images to explore the construction, deconstruction and reconstruction of women's lives. Many of Cudd's prints on fabric are fashioned into aprons, which are displayed on a round clothes rack similar to those found in clothing stores. Cudd was selected to receive the one-person show as the grand prize winner of NorthEast Prints 2002, a juried show of works by professional printmakers held at the Ben Shahn Galleries in spring 2002. A print instructor with the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, Cudd previously served as assistant curator of prints and drawings for the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

For additional information, please call the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Paterson University at ext. 2654.

"Three Folk Divas" to perform at Shea Center

"Three Folk Divas," the singer-songwriters Lucy Kaplansky, Patty Larkin and Susan Werner, will perform. The trio seamlessly blends genres to create some of today's most inventive and exciting music with diverse influences from jazz, rock, country, R&B, and Latin music.

Tickets are \$24 standard, \$22 for senior citizens and WPU faculty, staff, and alumni and \$7 for students. For additional information or to reserve tickets, please call the Shea Center Box Office at ext. 2371.

Newark artist Roycrosse presents a variety of works in Ben Shahn Galleries

Roycrosse, a New Jersey artist who examines elemental and universal themes of life through a variety of mediums, presents a one-person exhibit in the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Paterson University in Wayne from March 24 through April 18. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The exhibit, in Ben Shahn's Court Gallery, features drawings, paintings, sculpture, prints and books. Drawing inspiration from different cultures, Roycrosse, who was born in Trinidad, includes references to African sculpture, Caribbean folk art and religion, and Modernism.

For additional information, please call the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Paterson University at ext. 2654.

Art exhibit at Ben Shahn celebrates printmaking

NorthEast Prints 2003, a juried exhibit of works by 25 professional printmakers from New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut will be on view at William Paterson University's Ben Shahn Galleries from March 24 through April 18. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The show, in Ben Shahn's South Gallery, includes a variety of printmaking media, including woodcut, etching, monotype/monoprint, lithography, intaglio, silkscreen, and processes involving photography-derived imagery and digital collage. The exhibit was curated by David W. Kiehl, curator of prints for the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

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HE MAKES A GOOD WOMAN. HE ALMOST LOOKS AS GOOD AS YOU. NO WAIT, THAT CAME OUT WRONG!! REWIND!

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FORGET IT by JIM

LISTEN DOYLE,

YAH?

I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THE AIR.

SAY NO MORE. YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

I DON'T?

I HAD A CRUSH ON YOU, YOU DIDN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY...

So... NO HARD FEELINGS?

NONE.

I'M GLAD.

ME TOO.

SCRUNCHE HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.

Courts

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ars aren't surprised. No school wants to become the target of an expensive affirmative-action lawsuit. And private schools aren't required by law to open their records to the public. But private colleges will likely have to follow the court's decision because they receive federal research grants and student aid.

Up until now, though, it's been almost exclusively public schools that have been sued. One of those is the University of Texas at Austin. In 192, four white students filed suit, claiming they were denied admission to the law school while minority students with lesser qualifications got in. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the school, in effect banning the use of race in admissions in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal, so the ruling stands in those states. As a result, the number of minorities admitted to the law school dropped at Texas.

In 1995, for example, the first-year law class was 7.4 percent African American and 12.5 percent Mexican American, the school says. Two years later, after the decision, the first-year class was 0.9 percent African American and 5.6 percent Mexican American. Those numbers have risen, but not to predecision levels, the university says.

Texas is trying to improve its undergraduate diversity by saying any student who graduates in the top 10 percent of his or her class is guaranteed a space in a public university. Florida and California have similar

plans. But such plans have been criticized by The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University.

"Our research shows that they, in themselves, have very modest effects at best and do not lead to the level of diversity reflective of the students they are intended to serve," a Harvard report says. That's troublesome to Carolinas admissions directors who worry a Supreme Court decision banning race will decrease the number of minority students, at least for a few years, at schools here.

"Our diversity will drop. There's no doubt about that," says Jerry Lucido, admissions director at UNC Chapel Hill. "Because there is no substitute that's been found yet that replaces the direct consideration of race."

Still, admissions directors in the Carolinas say, schools will find ways to maintain diversity.

"It's preparing for a mature adulthood in a complex society," says Christoph Guttentag, director of undergraduate admissions at Duke University. There are other reasons, too.

But Jon Sanders, a policy analyst with Raleigh's John Locke Foundation, which opposes race-based preferences, says doing away with race in the admissions process could actually help minority students who will end up enrolling in less-competitive schools.

"It improves their chances of graduation," Sanders says. The court will decide who's right.

PIONEER Times named winner of press association Awards

The Pioneer Times has won for awards in the annual Better College Newspaper Contest sponsored by the New Jersey Press Association.

Robin Kavanagh, the paper's online editor, won first place award for opinion writing and second place for layout and design. In the opinion category, Kavanagh topped the list of 4 entries for two editorials, one criticizing the University for refusing to make the campus police log available, another urging members of the campus to make winter graduation as big a celebration as the one held in May.

Under state law last year, the University was not required to release police log material because it was considered part of an ongoing investigation. In July 2002 the state adopted changes to the law and a campus reporter recently successfully petitioned the University for similar material using the Open Records Act.

Kavanagh also won second place for the layout of two front pages, the March 27, 2002 issue, and the March 8, 2002 issue; there were nine entries. Kavanagh is a senior majoring in communication.

Dan Diaz, who was graduated in May 2002 with a B.A. in communication, won first place in the feature writing category; there were 28 entries. Diaz was singled out for his profile of

David Rothman, the father of Jeffrey Rothman, a William Paterson University student who died during spring break 2001 while on a vacation with members of his fraternity.

Jennifer Petrocca won second place in the Arts and Entertainment/Critical Writing category for two movie reviews, including one that suggested viewers should disregard critics and follow their own instincts when selecting a film to watch. Petrocca is a senior majoring in communication; there were 26 entries in her category.

The contest, which covered the 2002 calendar year, attracted 250 entries from 16 New Jersey college papers and was judged by members of the NJPA, including editors from the Asbury Park Press, the Press of Atlantic City and the Daily News. An awards ceremony is scheduled for April 3 at the Asbury Park Press.

The Pioneer Times is published every other week during the academic year under the auspices of the Communication Department with funding provided by the University. Students from across the University, regardless of their major, are welcome to write, edit and take photographs.

The paper is advised by Dr. Tina Leshner and Prof. Elizabeth Birge, both of the Communication Department.

Cell phones

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phone with 50 Cent's, 'In the Club' or Jay-Z's, 'Big Pimpin' went off in the middle of a religious ceremony.

Erin Zapic, a sophomore communication major, remembers during a performance of "Godspell" at her high school when a cell phone, to the tune of the Mexican hat dance, went off during the most solemn part of the show when the characters are saying goodbye to Jesus. Most theatres, performance halls, and classrooms now ask audience members to turn off their phones. However, this plea is hardly foolproof.

A new technology is currently undergoing testing in Australia called Q-Zone. The system can communicate with mobile phones to control their ring volumes and switch them to silent upon entering specific quiet zones. Ringing can automatically be muffled within a 33-foot coverage area.

Q-Zone utilizes Bluetooth technology that creates a short-range radio link between electronic devices telling them to change volume settings. The inventors of Q-Zone are talking with mobile phone manufacturers to have the software placed in Bluetooth-enabled phones for the system to work and hopefully become a standard feature in the next two years.

Time will tell if patrons of the arts embrace this new technology, but Golan Levin most likely will not. Levin is the composer of 'Dialtones (A Telesymphony)' that premiered September 2, 2001, at the Arcs Electronica Festival in Linz, Austria. The piece is orchestrated for 200 cell phones.

"The mobile phone's speakers and ringers make it a performance instrument," the American composer said. "The buttons make it a keyboard and remote control. Its programmable rings make it a portable synthesizer."

For the piece to work, audience members are asked to register their cell phone numbers in the lobby of the auditorium prior to the concert. The mobile phone owner then receives a seating assignment and a melodic ring tone automatically downloaded onto the phone.

During the concert, a small group of

musicians, including Levin, will "perform the phones" by dialing them up with a specially designed, musical software instrument. Some of the ring tones heard will mimic nature sounds, such as crickets, cicadas, frogs, and birds. The audience is instructed not to answer their phones during the concert.

Cell phones now seem to be an integrated part of our culture, so don't be surprised if you hear the melodious sounds of Mozart's 'Turkish March,' Devo's 'Whip It,' the Austin Power's theme song, or even the clucking of a chicken as you stroll through campus.

Lori Michael, a senior English major sums it by saying, "Cell phones are the devil."



PT photo by Jessica Muddell

It looks harmless... The Devil? Or just a really handy little piece of communications equipment? You decide.

Tears

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helicopters but his superior refuses him because he will not put the choppers at risk. Therefore, the only way to save the people is to travel through the jungle to Cameroon. With rebels behind them, they don't have much time.

As I mentioned before the screenplay is predictable. It is about the conflict between a trained professional soldier and his feelings. In this movie his feelings win out over his professional attitude. Waters and his men must keep these people safe. To do so, they will have to avoid the rebels pursuing them. Perhaps what saves this movie are the moments of suspense and action.

Like "Die Hard" the movie has huge guns and explosions. But for the less violent minded this movie addresses educational topics like genocide. Despite the weak plot, Bruce Willis performance brings a sense of suspense to the movie. In one scene, Waters asks the men if they want to continue following him. Each one of them follows him, even though he is acting on his own will. Willis does not say much but his mere presence on screen is what saves "Tears from the Sun" from being a dud. However, if you are going to see this movie don't expect it to imitate a "Die Hard" Bruce Willis performance.

CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of the Pioneer Times the paper incorrectly stated the cause of Andrew B. Crawford's death. Crawford died from injuries suffered when the car he was driving was hit by a man whom Newark police say was trying to evade authorities after a carjacking. The Pioneer Times apologizes for the error.

The staff and advisers of the Pioneer Times would like to extend apologies to Jessica Muddell for not including her name in our staff box in our last issue, Volume 3, Number 11.

PIONEER Sports

Baseball team logs 4-4 Florida record

By Ryan Andregg
Staff Writer

Pioneer baseball is back, as the team has started spring training action with a 4-4 record.

The team embarked for Florida on March 12, where it played 10 games in nine days.

"It doesn't get better than this," says Head Coach Jeff Albies. "It's been 83 degrees in Boca Raton. Here it is 27 degrees. We are looking forward to running around in the sun."

The Pioneers, who have been relegated to practicing in the gymnasium for the past six weeks, are returning many key components from last year's team, a year that saw them go 26-13.

One of the strengths of this year's team could be their pitching depth. Senior hurler Charles Bowman (3-1, 4.66 ERA in 2002) pitched the teams' opener vs. Drew on March 14 and got the win. Fellow senior, Dan Singer (4-1, 3.11 ERA in 2002) faced Wesleyan the following day and also came away with the victory.

"I don't really know who is going to start the third game," says Albies entering his 29th year as head coach. "The beauty is I have nine or 10 guys that I can count on to go out there and give me good innings."

Junior Mat Sackman (3-2, 3.54 ERA in 2002) is penciled in as the teams' closer. He had six saves last year, but had off-season shoulder surgery. He has progressed quicker than expected, and the shoulder looks to be healthy enough to allow him to pitch.

Jack Baker, transfer Kevin Brogan, Jake Pravkewitz, Bill Zeigenbalg, and others will be counted on to give coach Albies quality innings. Zeigenbalg, a fresh-

man, missed last year due to an arm injury.

The Pioneers have a veteran lineup returning this year. Seniors Ron Hayward (.306, 1HR, 18RBI in 2002) and Bryan Graham (.314, 6 HR, 49RBI in 2002) are back to patrol the outfield, and this year transfer Mike Bucco will join them.

"We can't wait to start the season," said an animated Graham. "We have a bunch of guys who have played together for awhile now, so we have good chemistry. We are expecting big things this year."

Bucco transferred from The State University of New York at New Paltz.

"The reason I came here was because I wanted to play for a nationally competitive team," says Bucco. "I like it a lot so far. They guys have been great since day one, making me feel comfortable."

In the infield, shortstop Dan Suarez (.355, 1HR, 24RBI) and first baseman Mark Kalish (.295, 5HR, 25RBI) are back for their senior year. Len Hoffman (.338, 1HR, 11RBI), Tim Banos (.306, 0HR, 10RBI), Jason Tiseo (.222, 0HR, 7RBI), all who received significant playing time last year in the infield are back as well. Catcher Bryan Weingart (.237, 0HR, 12RBI) is looking to bounce back from a sub-par year.

"We need two through five in the



Photo courtesy of WPLUJ.edu
Senior pitcher Dan Singer.

lineup to hit in Suarez, Graham, Kalish, and Bucco," said Albies. "I am also expecting Weingart to bounce back. He is a much better hitter than he showed last year, and he has been hitting the ball good early on."

The Pioneers will need the veteran core to be productive, because the New Jersey Athletic Conference is once again highly competitive.

"It is such a difficult conference," said Albies. "It is one of the best Division III conferences in the country, and that's coming from other people around the country."

In the past six years, there have been five different NJAC champions.

"We have so many solid teams in our conference in Rowan, Ramapo, Montclair State, and now with the emergence of Rutgers-Camden and Rutgers-Newark, it makes the league that much more competitive," added Albies.

After dropping both NJAC tournament games last year, the Pioneers are hungry to work their way back to the top.

"We have a bitter taste in our mouths from last year," said Graham who enters the season 11 doubles shy of the schools' all time record. "We want a championship."

Pioneer Sports Calendar

March 27 - April 10

Games in bold are held at WPU.

Thurs., March 27 Baseball vs. NJCU 3 p.m.	Fri., April 4 Baseball at Montclair State 3 p.m.
Sat., March 29 Baseball at Rutgers-Newark 11:30 a.m.	Fri., April 4 Softball at Hunter 3 p.m.
Sat., March 29 Softball at Rowan 1 p.m.	Sat., April 5 Baseball at Rowan 11:30 a.m.
Sat., March 29 Outdoor Track Monmouth Invitational at Monmouth University 9:00 a.m.	Sat., April 5 Softball at NJCU 1 p.m.
Tues., April 1 Baseball vs. Wilmington 3 p.m.	Sat., April 5 Outdoor Track at Osprey Open Richard Stockton College 9 a.m.
Tues., April 1 Softball vs. Kean 3 p.m.	Tues., April 8 Baseball vs. Widener 3:30 p.m.
Wed., April 2 Baseball vs. SUNY Old Westbury 3 p.m.	Tues., April 8 Softball at Montclair State 3 p.m.
Thurs., April 3 Baseball vs. Kean 3 p.m.	Thursday, April 10 Baseball at NJCU 3:30 p.m.

Florida proves fruitful for Pioneer softball; team returns with 8-3 record

By Lauren Armbruster
Staff Writer

Pioneers softball split their first two games on Saturday March 15th with a loss to Illinois Wesleyan by a score of 6-3 and a win against Calvin (MI) by a score of 7-5. Against Illinois Wesleyan, senior shortstop Katie Morris hit a homerun on the first pitch of the game; this was her first collegiate homerun. Senior Diane Catalano was the losing pitcher. In the second game, freshman third baseman Mindy Coxe went 3-4 to help the Pioneers overcome a 5-1 deficit. Senior Sam Kszepka scored the go-ahead run in the seventh. Freshman Jenn Scott earned her first collegiate victory in the comeback.

On Sunday March 16 again split their two games. They won the first game against Wisconsin-Lacrosse, but lost the second game to Wisconsin-Superior. In the ninth inning, sophomore outfielder Kelly Harchetts scored freshman Maria Browne to go ahead of

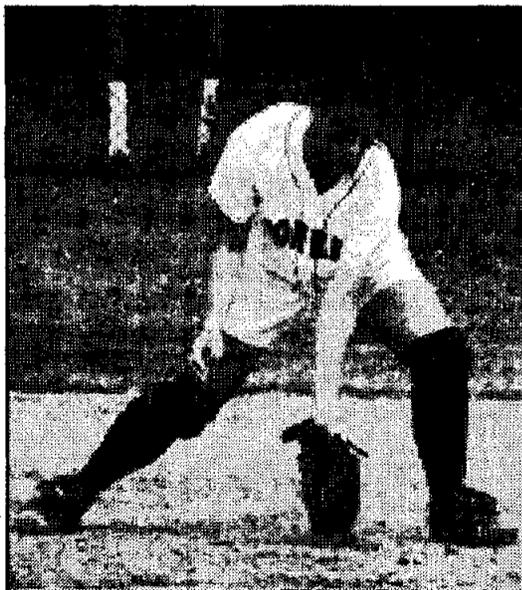


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Senior shortstop Katie Morris.

Lacrosse. Seniors Liz Carroll and Pam Migliaccio each had three hits apiece while senior right hander Sam Kszepka

picked up the win by striking out seven. The second game was stopped after four and a half innings due to lightning. Diane Catalano was the losing pitcher.

On Tuesday March 18, the Pioneers beat Wisconsin-River (4-0) and Saint Norbet (5-4). In the first game, freshman Mindy Coxe, senior Morgan Dunlap, and senior Liz Carroll hit back to back doubles scoring three runs in the third inning. Jenn Scott threw a shutout while striking out six and walking only three. In the second game, the Pioneers scored two runs in the seventh to go ahead 5-4. Mindy Coxe scored Pam Migliaccio on a single, and Coxe came across the plate on a bad throw to put the Pioneers for good. Senior Sam Kszepka allowed four hits to improve to 2-0.

On Wednesday March 19th, the Pioneers again won both of their games by beating Augsburg (9-6) and Carthage (5-3). The toke an early lead in the first by scoring five runs. Junior Erin McNeill cleared the bases with a triple.

She went 2-3 while scoring two runs and three RBI. The Pioneers had 11 hits in the contest. Mindy Coxe and Katie Morris also had two hits apiece. Diane Catalano improved to 1-2 by only allowing five hits. In the second game, the Pioneers took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. Junior Katie Lord picked up her first win by allowing five hits and three runs scored in five innings pitched before Jenn Scott came into the game to close it. Scott allowed two hits.

On Friday March 21, William Paterson beat Allegheny by a score of 3-0. This win was Coach Hallie Cohen's 400th career victory in nine years at William Paterson. The second game was rained out against Springfield.

On Saturday March 22, the Pioneers dropped their first game against Coe, 2-1. However, they came back in their second game and beat Otterbein 1-0. The Pioneers came back to New Jersey with a record of 8-3.