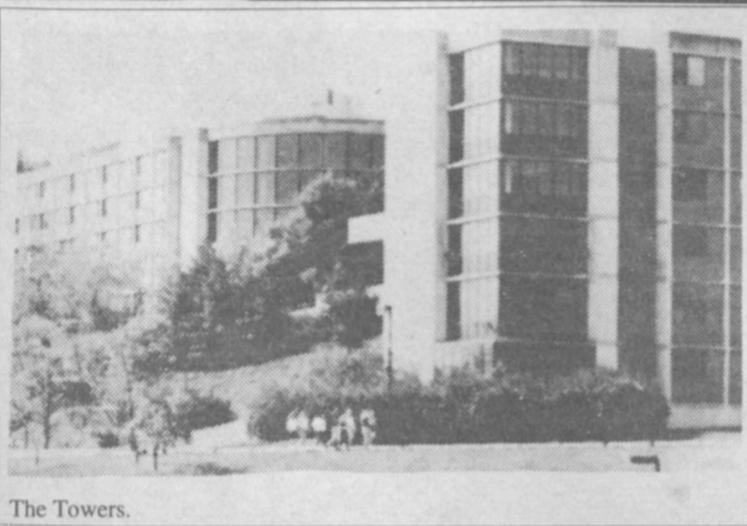


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The Towers.

Students question 24-hour security

By Rosa Cirianni

NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Twenty-four hour security in residence halls has raised many reactions among students. Some are in favor of the policy, while others call it a hassle.

Betty Ortiz, a 21-year-old senior and resident assistant in Heritage Hall, shared her story of an attempted assault that took place her freshman year while she resided in the South Tower.

Ortiz's ex-boyfriend, whom she said was a trained killer in the Marines, came into the towers at approximately 2 p.m. on a Friday, armed with a gun and banging on her door. Ortiz locked herself in her bathroom terrified, and her suitemate phoned campus police. After 10-15 minutes campus police arrived but the man was gone.

Ortiz commented, "If 24-hour security had been in effect, I wouldn't have suffered that ordeal. A person who would want to do something wrong wouldn't want to sign in and leave their identification with security." This man was placed on a restraint list, which enables security staff to refuse admittance to certain individuals, according to Ortiz.

Ortiz would like to see students take action for their safety by petitioning to the college to fix buzzers in the apartments and have students sign in their guests at the security desks in all residence halls.

Mark Hawkins, a student security guard stated, "It is beneficial and provides a safer environment. Those people who are against it are those who want to do what they shouldn't be doing."

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USNJ question still undecided

By Brenda Sanabria

NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Even though WPC students voted "yes," the Student Government Association still can not decide if it will use student activity fees to pay for United Students of New Jersey (U.S.N.J.) membership.

During elections this past Spring the following referendum question appeared on the ballot: Should student activity fees be used to support U.S.N.J. Out of 344 students who answered, 192 voted for

Student alleges homophobia in classroom

By Randee Bayer-Spittel

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Last week sociology major Regina Kozak filed a bias complaint against sociology chairperson Vincent Parrillo. Kozak's complaint alleges that during his Sociology of Socialization class in summer session two, Parrillo made homophobic comments and distributed a survey which was offensive and unrelated to the class material.

Kozak stated in her complaint, "I think he was just trying to find out about our sex lives." The complaint added that "Dr. Parrillo made some offensive remarks about gay people," specifically he told the class that there was a gay Ken doll on the market. According to Kozak, when a class member asked how he knew it was gay, Parrillo allegedly struck a limp-wristed pose and said with a lisp "because it talks like this."

Kozak said that after the Ken doll comment, another student

near her in the rear of Science 251 said loudly "Kill it. We don't need people like that and we should line them all up and shoot them."

Kozak stated in her complaint that she told the student the remark was uncalled for and he responded by saying "Fuck you."

Kozak expressed concern over the fact that Parrillo remained silent about the male student's comment and response.

The complaint further alleges that on the last day of class, Parrillo told the class that if a woman was 30 or 35-years-old and never married it meant she must be a lesbian but he said it was okay if a man was that age and had never married.

Parrillo has responded to the complaint by saying that the charges are a complete misunderstanding and said things have been "taken out of context and distorted." He adds that "In the over 5,000 minutes of classroom activity if there was

a fleeting moment that inadvertently offended anyone, then I sincerely apologize. As to the exchange of comments that is reported to have occurred eight to nine rows back between two students, I didn't hear it. If I had, or if the student had brought it to my attention, I would have responded appropriately."

He responds to the alleged homophobic comment by emphatically stating that he did not strike a limp wristed pose or say with a lisp "because it talks like this." He adds that "I have too many friends in the gay community and have lost too many to AIDS including one who was close, to tolerate anything remotely resembling gay-bashing."

One student in the class, who has asked to remain anonymous, said, "He made some remarks that could be construed as homophobic and I don't think that the survey was appropriate for the class."

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the support; 152 against it.

According to SGA President Lorraine Doumato, due to the ambiguous phrasing used in the referendum, the SGA is discussing if the question should be reissued during the next

'Our main purpose is to represent SGAs, not to lobby'- Berger

election or if donating money should be foregone altogether.

According to a description in a U.S.N.J. brochure, it is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1990 which represents student government associations

from various New Jersey colleges. It works to further student issues on the state level. WPC has been a U.S.N.J. member since 1992, but did not decide to allocate funds till 1993.

As a result of the dismantling of the Department of Higher Education (DHE) by Governor Whitman this past Spring, many SGA members are skeptical about continuing to support U.S.N.J., says Doumato.

"The purposes of U.S.N.J. may have changed now that there is no DHE to lobby," said Doumato. "I spoke to Staci Berger (U.S.N.J. director) and she now sees her role as changed. I am no longer sure where the bulk of her work lies."

Berger claims that "U.S.N.J. was never a lobbying organization, and never lobbied the DHE." "Our main purpose is to represent SGAs, not to lobby" says Berger. "The DHE was only one of the State bodies we made our presence at."

SEE SGA PAGE 3

Campus Events

Monday

Eating Disorders Support Group--Led by a recovered eating disordered person. 9:30 a.m. SC 326

Tuesday

Catholic Campus Ministry -- Join us as we gather in prayer to celebrate Mass, and bring a friend. 12:30p.m. SC Room 215

Brothers For Awareness-- General meeting. Please join us for a thought provoking good

time. All are welcome. Science rm 341.

Christian Fellowship--Tae Kwon Do, Self-Defense-speaker Kevin Ellis. 5:30 p.m. PA Lounge.

Economics/Finance Student Association. First club meeting. "WPC Community Welcomed." 5 -6:30 p.m. White Hall 3rd fl. conference room.

Wednesday

Catholic Campus Ministry-- Give yourself a spiritual break.

Join us for Mass and bring a friend. 12:30 p.m. SC rm 215
Semester Abroad Program-- Information session about the Study Abroad Program. Former participants will answer questions. 12:30-1:30p.m. SC 326

Thursday

People For Peace--First meeting 2 p.m. SC 304

Black Student Association-- Party 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Billy Pat's.

Friday

Catholic Campus Ministry-- 8-2 p.m. & 3-4 p.m. CCM Center Gate 1. Have you got what it takes to be a role model and/or a leader? We think you do! Join our retreat team as we prepare high school students for the future.

Saturday

The Fair Lawn Army Recruiting Station--will have a free display of the HMMV vehicle used in Operation Desert

Storm. The Display will be located in the Aviation Hall of Fame Museum in Teterboro Airport, Route 46E, Teterboro, NJ. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday

Catholic Campus Ministry Club- How would you like to make a difference in other's lives? Join us as we feed the hungry at Eva's Kitchen at 10 a.m. and our Sunday Mass at 7:30 p.m. CCM Center

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Mixed reviews for new security plan

FROM SECURITY PAGE 1

Another student security guard, Claudia Eastman, a sophomore, said, "I feel safer." Eastman said she would not stop anyone unless they look suspicious; then she would check the number behind their key tag.

According to Ortiz, one tower resident this past summer had a boyfriend call campus police and threaten that he was coming to the campus to kill her.

This man never showed up, but policemen from surrounding towns, along with campus police, did. The identity of this student was not revealed.

Diana Leskidina, a Heritage Hall student guard, has mixed feelings about the 24-hour security program.

She agrees with the program in saying it "gives those in charge a better sense of what is going on. Sneaking animals in and concealing alcohol as they walk past is something I can't always identify."

However, she disagrees by saying, "It is sad it has to be

this way and it is immature." She also said she is sure that everyone lets their friends in and, at times, so does she (unless she feels someone is not trustworthy).

Another tower resident who wished to remain anonymous confessed, "I don't ever have to sign in the apartments because I know the security guards."

Michelle LanFrank, a South Tower resident, accidentally left her key tag in a friend's vehicle when she was dropped off at the Pavilion. LanFrank said she was hassled and an incident report was filed. Feeling this was ridiculous, she said, "I pay to live here and I did not feel I should've been written up, I also felt accused when it was questioned if I had passed my key tag. How many people forget their keys, or accidentally lose them?"

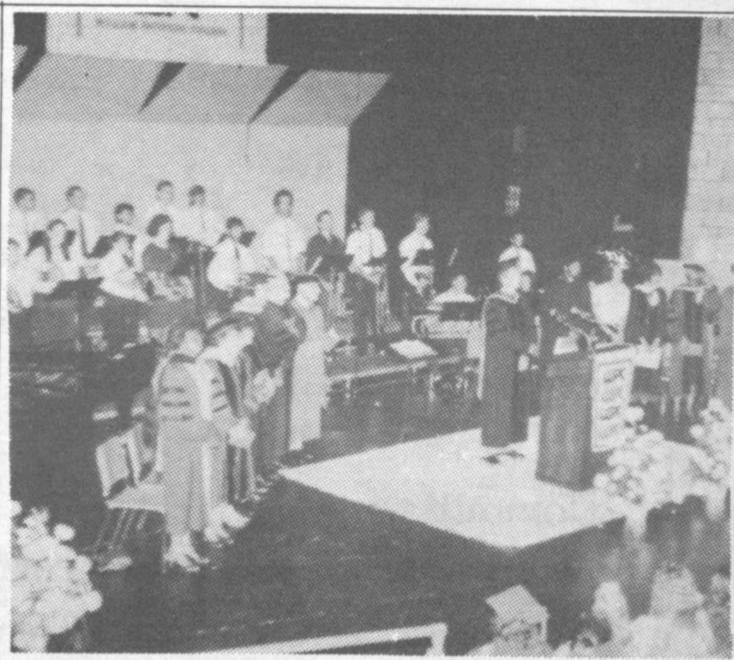
Hank Krell, dean of students, said, "the inconvenience is a minor price to pay for a safer security system." He feels it is necessary for a college campus to have 24-hour security.

Area Coordinator Maximena

Rivera, who is responsible for the overall management of the Towers, wanted to send a message to students: "Report keys and tags that are lost," she said. "There are payment plans; your parents are not notified and temporary keys and tags are available. In this situation, it is important to notify residence life, to change the lock on your door, and try to catch people who try to get in." "It is frustrating," commented Rivera. She wants students to cooperate and understand the serious need for this system.

"Students must change their frame of mind and take care of each other by becoming community oriented instead of residents vs. residents. All guards, students, WPC police, and Consec Security Company (which holds a contract with WPC) have all been thoroughly trained with respect to college policies and procedures, assertiveness and diversity issues," she said.

Guards have security manuals that they must abide by. Rivera feels the guards are



Freshman Convocation.

more motivated and take their jobs more seriously now that they know what consequences carelessness can bring about.

Roland Watts, residence life director, said, "Realistically, this is not a solution. This is the first step in trying to improve the system."

Because student guards are paid minimum wage, Watts feels it is cost-effective for students to work during the day and it is beneficial to them since work hours have been cut on campus.

Watts, director for eight years said, "The new system is more consistent and there has been a decrease in incidents. Relatively few have occurred this semester, as opposed to those of the semesters before. All I can do is let students

know the consequences."

Depending upon circumstances, disciplinary action can be a \$50 fine, community service, an incident report, or arrest. Residence Life has plans to install security desks during winter break at the entrance of each Tower to "make sign-in more official" said Watts.

As Rivera stated, "Keep your eyes open and support the staff that is here to protect you."

If you witness a crime or are a victim of one on campus, report it to: Campus Police, 595-2301, Residence Life & Housing, 595-2712, Counseling Center 595-2257, local authorities or seek help from your resident assistant.

SGA debates USNJ funding

FROM UNDECIDED PAGE 1

In the end, all financial decisions go back to the State Legislature, so they were our main focus. The Department just implemented what the board decided, but did not make policies themselves."

Doumato also feels that students' opinions may have changed since the DHE dissolved. As a result, the matter of funding U.S.N.J. will be discussed by the SGA near the end of October.

Although scheduled to appear before the Board on October 11, Berger wants students to be aware that her "role is not

one of lobbyist, but someone who [takes] orders from the U.S.N.J. Board of Directors, such as distributing information to the various SGAs, organizing them and keeping them in touch with each other."

At the October 11th meeting, Berger says she will attempt to clarify the U.S.N.J.'s current situation and discuss budget issues, a voter registration campaign, and next year's expectations.

Doumato says she wants as many students as possible to attend the open discussion so they can understand U.S.N.J. better and become interested in

its outcome.

"As of now I haven't had many students speak up enough to convince me to put the question of funding back for a referendum," she said. "I also think the wording of the question gives enough leeway for us [the SGA] to make a final decision."

According to Tad Butler, the SGA Constitution and Judicial Board chairperson, students have the final say in where their money goes, but in some cases the SGA needs to make that decision. "Every decision the SGA makes is to benefit students," he said.

Butler would not comment on whether he thinks students should make the final decision in the case of U.S.N.J. He added that the matter would have gone back to the SGA regardless of students' votes, because the question "was for their opinion only, not for them to ultimately decide. It wasn't a referendum question." Nevertheless he feels that it is important to take student's concerns into consideration.

According to Doumato, the dismantling of the DHE means the U.S.N.J. is less empowered now. Where college budget plans were previously submit-

ted to DHE to be regulated along with other colleges, they are currently submitted directly to the Treasury in Trenton, making WPC autonomous and making WPC more in charge of setting its own desired tuition rate, says Doumato.

"Student's financial issues are more in the hands of President Speert now," said Doumato. "The U.S.N.J. may not have been directly linked to DHE," says Doumato. "But now there is no department to rally at. Do we [still] need a lobbying organization," wonders Doumato.

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WPC alum achieves unexpected success

By Jennifer Carney
STAFF WRITER

Stumbling into success by accident is a hard concept to accept, but it happens to the determined and persistent, or perhaps just the lucky.

Theresa DiGeronimo, an adjunct professor and alumnus of WPC, is one of the few who dipped their feet in something new and became a success.

The freelance writer began

ten years ago writing a letter to the editor of a local paper, and is now an award winning author.

"I was thrilled to see my name published in the paper," said DiGeronimo. "I kept sending in holiday features for local papers to get published."

The high school English teacher never took a writing course or journalism class, unaware of her hidden talent as a writer.

"I had no aspirations to write," said DiGeronimo. "I only wanted to be a teacher."

Her new found talent was discovered when she took a maternity leave from teaching and "tested the waters of publishing in the magazine market".

"I didn't want to go back to teaching. I only wanted to pursue freelance writing," said DiGeronimo.

The determined writer has

managed to raise three children and have 16 books published over the past ten years.

"I wanted to stay home with my kids, and freelance writing gave me that ideal world," said DiGeronimo. "I slept little, and wrote whenever and wherever I had 5 minutes."

Her determination to succeed in a tough market, and desire to be published has helped her produce 19 non-fiction books and 50 published magazine ar-

ticles.

She began writing about personal experiences but found it limiting.

"There is only so many first person articles," said DiGeronimo. "I went to a writers workshop and shopped around for an agent who would help me out and get me the types of jobs I wanted."

DiGeronimo writes mostly non-fiction books with the guidance of an expert in the fields of medicine and parenting. She also writes training manuals and brochures for corporations.

Her literary agent and editor finds her ideas for her books, including the topic of her most popular book, **AIDS: Trading Fears with Facts.**

Her medical writings led to writing an informative pediatric video, "Hospital Adventures of Jimmy, Judy, and A.C.," explaining surgical procedures for children being admitted into the hospital.

The video won four awards, one of them being the International Television and Film Festival Award.

She also published an award winning manual, **Sexuality in the '90's**, in 1992.

"Most of my writing requires a great deal of research," said DiGeronimo. "The freelance writer must love the library."

This past summer challenged her by having to write with only one functional arm - the other was in a cast.

"I became the worlds fastest one-handed typist," said DiGeronimo. "The challenges kept me going."

She said that she would hold the papers which had to be mailed out with her chin, while stuffing them in an envelope with one hand without them being staggered.

Her love for the classroom and interaction with the students has brought her back to WPC. She taught in the English Department for five years and is now teaching in the Communication Department.

Devoting all of her time to writing, DiGeronimo has little to spare, but does enjoy to garden and play tennis.

The Continuing Education Department is sponsoring a workshop featuring DiGeronimo and her agent November 7, in the Student Center, on how to get a non-fiction book published.

Until then she recommends that students, "be determined, persistent, and overcome the rejection to succeed as a writer."

Prof denies wrongdoing

FROM STUDENT PAGE 1

Parrillo told **The Beacon** that answering the survey was optional, but neither Kozak nor the anonymous student felt that they had been given any choice.

However, Kristina Lange, a junior elementary education and sociology major said that although Parrillo didn't state the survey was optional, she

felt no pressure to fill it out. "I felt it was optional, you really could have handed it in blank. Since our names weren't on it, he wouldn't have known," Lange said. "I think he is a really great teacher."

Kozak said that she does not want to ruin Parrillo's reputation, she just wants him to be more aware of his actions in class and how they affect his

students. "I don't feel that I'm being over-sensitive. I've seen a lot of this going on on campus and there has been enough of it that has gone unchallenged."

Robie Cagnina, campus affirmative action officer, has acknowledged receiving the complaint, but has said that she cannot comment any further on

this matter since it is under investigation.

Elaine Gardner, dean of humanities, management and social sciences, said that this is the first complaint that she has received about Parrillo. Gardner also said that Parrillo has requested a meeting with Kozak through the Affirmative Action office.

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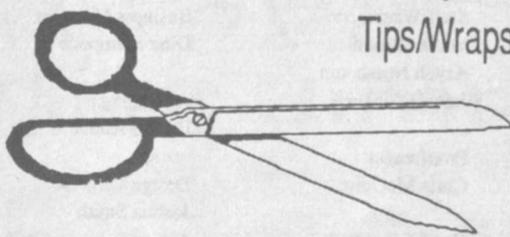
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EDITORIAL

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?

In any large hierarchal system there are bound to be delays, misunderstandings, and problems unforeseen. College, as a hierarchal institution, is no different. In a large bureaucracy (as most hierarchies are), messages are lost, blame is shifted, and some things are bound to fall between the cracks. What raises the stakes in a hierarchy and bureaucracy like college is that those some things are people.

These people can not always afford the liberty of being bumped from secretary to secretary, being delayed, or being accidentally lost in the shuffle. Time is money, as the saying goes, and with the increasingly high cost of education, time is always golden and often imperative.

When the financial aid office is bogged down and behind schedule, the resulting delays can be disastrous. Students may be unable to move into their dorms or attend classes as a result, wasting both time and money. Unfortunately, problems with financial aid seem to be the norm, though they'd never go record with a complaint.

Why is this? Some say that when they have



complained, the delay seems to mysteriously extend. This, in turn, scares off many others from complaining or inquiring [ed.note: despite our invitation in last weeks editorial to send in complaints, no one replied. Meanwhile, a trip to the commuter cafeteria on any given day will yield at least ten].

Is there an unnamed bureaucratic mafia seeking vendettas against those who question them? Is it "the man?" Or could it just be that the staff at financial aid is overworked and understaffed, doing the best they can while under fire

from all sides?

If the former is true, we could be in serious trouble, and the students and administration will have to work together soon to bring this problem under control [ed. note to fin. aid: if this *is* true, I have a few friends who can be contracted cheaply to take care of those pesky student loan defaulters]. If the latter is true, then the same will have to be done.

If we, as a society, have decided to provide certain individuals with financial aid for college, then we are obligated to do so with as few problems or delays as we can muster. As Thomas Beckett said, "Anything worth doing is worth doing well."

Money is power, and this is what scares people away from trying to complain and inquire. However, the money involved is yours, and the power is then inherently yours to change what you see fit, as both taxpayer and student. Yours should be an active role, involving both the administration and financial aid office. The buck must stop somewhere, and only the students of this institution can decide when and where it does.

COLUMNS

Anti-Catholic charge seen as hypocritical

By Rich Owens

GUEST COLUMNIST

Uhm...well, uh, my name is Rich and uh, well, uh, I'm a fourth year freshmen, uh aspiring to be a janitor...and uh...in the meantime I've decided to write stuff for the Beacon. I assume (being sure not to make an "Ass" out of "U" and "Me") that not many students will concern themselves with what I write, considering the disgusting level of apathy within the WPC community. Nevertheless, there's a wealth of political, social, and economic issues well worth addressing, many of which have been completely ignored on this campus. This week's issue: the alleged anti-

catholic remarks of one Professor Vernon McClean.

I understand that this is old news which exploded in a Racism and Sexism class over the summer. I also understand that this sticky matter has been resolved and the administration found McClean innocent. However, it seems that both the Diocese of Paterson and the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights aren't happy with the way the administration handled the matter. They feel they should receive an apology and admission of wrong doing from McClean.

While we, as a nation, are told through the constitution, educational institutions and elsewhere that we have the right to practice whatever religious we want without persecution, us citizens

also get other fringe benefits from living in the good ole U.S. of A.; That whole freedom of speech thing.

Whether McClean's remarks were used to illustrate a point or to vocalize his own views to a class is not relevant to the administration or the church. Professor or not, we as citizens of this supposed "land of opportunity" are allowed to criticize and even verbally assault national and global institutions, of which the Catholic church is included. The police are usually out in force protecting the constitutional rights of such organizations as the K.K.K. when they decide to march through the streets of our nation preaching hate. Professor McClean's few comments attacking the church pale in comparison to the party line of the

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Freedom of speech the main issue over charges

K.K.K..

Doesn't McClean have the right to disagree with or, worse yet, oppose the Catholic church? Perhaps the Diocese of Paterson and the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights think that the connection between church and state should have never been severed. Whatever the case, McClean was well within his legal rights saying what he said in that class over the summer.

In the glorious blinding light of the fact that these alleged nasty comments of McClean's were rattled off in a Racism and Sexism class, I would enjoy taking just a peek at the benevolent practices of the Catholic church. Clearly the anti-gay stance the church takes is one which not only alienates the gay community worldwide but also forces, possibly, some of its own members and clergy to suppress their "god awful" homosexuality. This is especially difficult for children to deal

with. For example, if a child wants to stick around the old homestead, he can't come out of the closet. I doubt Catholic parents abiding by the laws of the church would react to gay child with little more than belligerent unacceptance. The child had better act fervently heterosexual in order to be accepted within the family and community.

The fact that no member of authority within the church is a woman and their anti-abortion stance, taking away women's choice and occasionally a life, tells me that they have no interest in the liberation of women; only interest in aiding the rest of the world in perpetuating the oppression there of abortion is an issue of control, not life. In fact, without safe and legal abortion more lives are lost. Women in such times have often resorted to "back-alley abortions". These makeshift abortion, more often than not, take the

life of not only the "child" but the mother as well. The last catholic mass I attended not only spoke against abortion but took up a collection to be donated to and send lobbyists to Washington D.C., and I'm speaking of lives senselessly lost not a few silly comments spoken within the confines of a classroom.

Mr. William Donahue of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, aren't the rights of homosexuals and women civil rights? Nevertheless you're involved in a religion which oppresses both women and homosexuals. Bishop Frank Rodimer, you demand an apology from Prof. Vernon McClean but again, his comments pale in comparison to the oppression of women and homosexuals (and I've only touched on the tip of the iceberg). The matter has been resolved, McClean is innocent, and well enough should be left alone.

Randee rambles about being ripped off

By Randee Bayer-Spittel

GUEST COLUMNIST

Students of WPC beware! You are being soaked by the Camnus Bookstore for big bucks.

This past week I went in to finally get my books, now that my whole financial aid/program adjustment nightmare is over. I assumed that I would go in there, get my books and settle into the semester.

As usual, it was not that easy. To begin with, they didn't have half of the books that I needed, although certain teachers swore that they did. Then to add insult to injury I paid \$68 for a chemistry book and \$33.95 for the companion lab book. That is \$101.95 for one class!

Needless to say I was frustrated and fuming when I left the bookstore. The thing that bothered

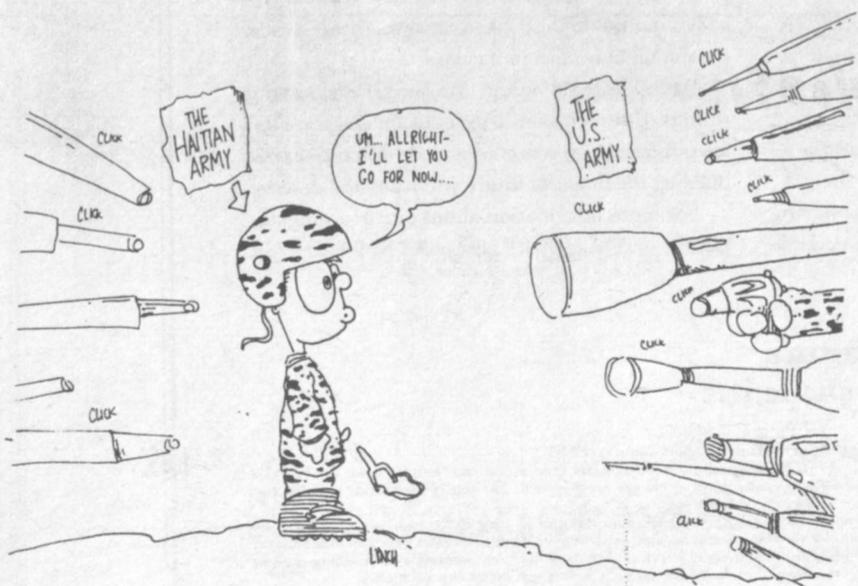
me the most is that I am one of the students who is locked into going to the bookstore. EOF students with book deferments have no choice but to cough up the money and we are the students who can least afford to pay outrageous prices for these books.

The worst part of it is that the bookstore with rip people off four or five times with the same book. See they sell me this chemistry book for \$68 and then they buy it back from me at the end of the year (God knows, what the hell am I going to do with it?) for \$25, then they sell it used next year for \$40 and buy it back for \$15 then sell it used for \$40 and this goes on until one year it can't be sold back because they ordered another edition so the student just bought himself a \$40 paper weight.

It is worrisome that on this campus (populated largely by middle-class students) teachers would order such pricey books especially for required courses. As a Communication major I am required to take a stupid class (I don't know why, I hope I never have to do anything vaguely like this again and I probably won't ever use this knowledge after I get my C and am graduated) which has a required text at a cost of \$58! \$58 for a class that I don't want to take, to learn something I will never use again.

It amazes me that year after year students will just pay through the nose, grumble among themselves but ultimately do nothing.

I guess if we refuse to stand up for ourselves then we deserve no better than we get.



Randee,
Thank you for everything.
You've done a fantastic job as
Editor-In-Chief, and have been a hell
of a good friend to everybody
involved in the paper. You've got a
great future ahead provided you
don't lose your mind. Thanks again.
Jack G.

Sides choose \$ over fans

By Jeremy Singer

STAFF WRITER

Like many baseball fans, I didn't do a very thorough job of keeping up with baseball's labor negotiations. I turned on the news, Sportscenter, or picked up a paper a few times a week just to update myself on the strike, but I still believe it wasn't worth my time to pay too much attention to what was going on.

Also like many fans, I wasn't too surprised when I found out earlier this week that the 1994 baseball season was canceled. When I heard the news, I just shrugged my shoulders. At this point, I really couldn't care less about baseball.

I can't help but be a bit disappointed about the premature end to the baseball season, though. Before this season began, I was very excited about the division realignment, and the whole world was turned on this year by the hitting performances of Ken Griffey Jr., Matt Williams, and Frank Thomas, and another unbelievable year by Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux. The Yankees, American sports' most storied franchise were back in first place for the first time in over a decade, and the Indians and the Expos were finally winning. Baseball was beginning to regain the fan support it had lost to football and basketball over the past few years. This year was shaping up to be one of the most exciting baseball seasons I have ever witnessed.

But baseball couldn't help but shoot itself in the foot. Players and owners alike began whining about baseball economics, of which I probably never will understand and definitely never will care, which resulted in the strike, and ultimately, the cancellation of the season, including the playoffs and the World Series. It seems almost everyone involved in baseball makes a lot of money, and I really don't know why they felt a need to change the way the economics of baseball work.

But isn't baseball supposed to be a "fan's game"? Aren't we the ones who pay for tickets and cable TV so we can watch the games, and T-shirts and caps to show pride in the teams we root for? Do the people involved directly in the strike even care about us, the fans?

Sure, my point is an old one, but, for as long as it has been brought up, most fans have remained close to the

game. Most of the fans baseball has lost over the past few years have been kids who were swept away by the immense self-promotion of basketball and football, or adults who simply didn't have the time anymore to keep up with sports. Skyrocketing ticket prices and ridiculously high player salaries are common in all four major American Professional Sports, including basketball, football and hockey, and most of the fans who abandoned baseball because of these factors abandoned the other three sports as well.

As I mentioned, I've never been this happy about the start of football season. I also can't wait for basketball season to begin later this fall so I can watch the Knicks win the NBA Championship. I'm even planning to pay some attention to hockey this year.

But I'm not too sure about baseball, assuming that there will be a 1995 season. I don't mind paying for constantly inflating ticket prices or supporting overpaid athletes, but, today, I feel like baseball has abandoned me. I don't feel that way about basketball or foot-

ball. I believe that, if there is another strike in either of those sports (and I'm sure there will be sooner or later), that the two sides will work together as well as they can to resolve the dispute in as little time as possible. I don't believe that happened this year in baseball.

Baseball, it seems, has rewarded me with a slap in the face. I don't know if I'll feel the same way I do now if and when Opening Day comes around April of next year, but this is the first time in my life I've ever said I don't want to

be a baseball fan. Baseball let millions of fans down this year, and how can we forgive it when it won't even apologize?

Maybe the players and owners do have a point. Maybe I'm wrong; maybe the economics of baseball do have to be changed. Even if they do, this is not the way to do it. Baseball has made a very big mistake, and as a result, it has lost itself a fan. I'm sure baseball doesn't care about me, though; there's too much money at stake to worry about me.

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Freshmen shine on soccer squad

The 1994 season has proven to be a bit of a disappointment for head men's Soccer Coach Brian Woods and the Pioneers as the team is sporting a 1-4 record, with their lone win coming at the hands of Juniata.

Two bright spots for the Pioneers have been the play of freshman forward Anthony Fersch and freshman mid field-

er Bobby Robertson. In four games, Fersch has netted two goals and one assist. Robertson has booted two goals with an assist, and is leading the team in points with five.

- WPC results:
- 9/1 King's Point 1-5 L
 - 9/3 Vir. Wesleyan 0-4 L
 - 9/4 Juniata 9-0 W
 - 9/6 Millersville 0-4 L
 - 9/14 Rowan 0-3 L



(Photo by Richard Tallmadge)

WPC player Kathleen Sinram (14) high-kicks ball around crowd of players in women's soccer action last Saturday at Jersey City St. WPC won, 6-1.

Baseball fans lose out

By Damon DeSenzo

SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

"Strike 3 -- we're out."

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1994, history was made for the first time in 90 years -- the possibility of a year without a World Series became a reality. Wars, invasions, assassination and earthquakes combined didn't have the power to cancel out the baseball season, but acting commissioner Bud Selig did.

"It came to a point where the season was lost," said Selig. "This is a sad day...hopefully

we can all learn from this," remarked the commissioner, who nonetheless threw the book at both the players and owners by cancelling out the remainder of the season. But did Mr. Selig really punish the players and owners or did he punish us, the fans?

Yes, Bobby Bonilla may lose \$1.6 million from a strike-shortened season; but coming from someone who may never earn that amount in a lifetime, I have no sympathy. I shed no tears for owners like George Steinbrenner who quarrel about

paying higher salaries when they have millions in pocket change. I do, however, have sympathy for the everyday-fan, the hard-core follower of the game they've grown to love. I do feel sorry for the part-time ticket takers, hot dog vendors and stadium ushers who depend on baseball as a second source of income. To them, \$6 an hour is critical to their everyday lifestyle, and yet I should feel sad for Jose Canseco losing 1.3 million dollars but still owning a Ferrari, Mercedes, and, BMW. Some-

thing gets lost in the shuffle.

I must admit I have no problem with anyone making as much money as he or she can. Salaries are now grossly exaggerated and each year the numbers escalate from \$3 million to 4, then to 5, to 6, to 7 and now even \$8 million a year to play baseball. If next year, Jeff Bagwell can earn \$10 million a year, I'm all for it, because if the money wasn't there, he wouldn't get it.

What I do have a problem with is feeling badly that their season has come to an end. NO! *Our* season has come to an end, because it's *our* game. If it were not for the fans, there would be no baseball. We pay their high salaries. We control

merchandising and revenues, in effect, putting money in the owners' pockets. We may not have bought the teams, but we do own them.

Yet when Bud Selig ended the season, we were not considered. When Donald Fehr was threatening Dick Ravitch, we were not consulted. And when "strike three" was called, we were the ones who were out. We have lost and we will always lose because the fans aren't taken seriously by the Bonilla's and Steinbrenner's of this world. We don't really matter because in the end they know we still push our pride aside, pay the almighty dollar and be a sucker one more time. And that, my friends, is the saddest thought of all.

Success at Vassar

Field Hockey's McKean posts hat trick in tourney

The 1994 season has proven to be quite interesting for the WPC field hockey team. The coaching reins were passed on to assistant coaches Danielle Tracy and Valerie Fanelle.

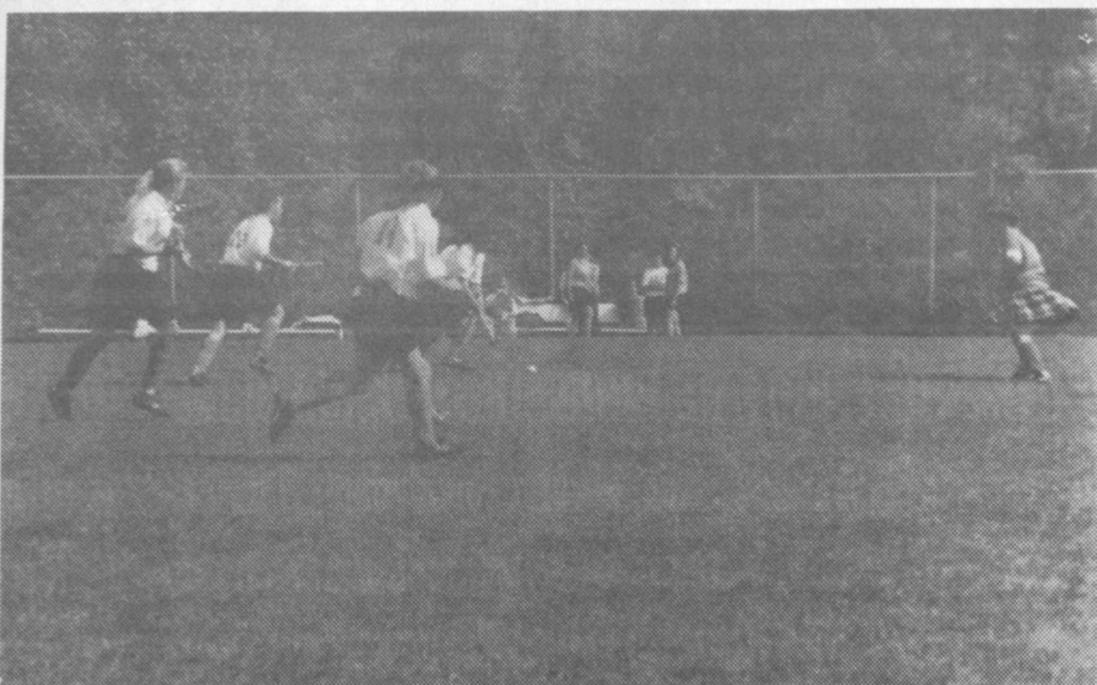
With four games under their belt, the Lady Pioneers have assembled a 2-2 record overall, including a 2-0 sweep in the Vassar Tournament on Sept. 10-11.

One of the hottest players for the Lady Pioneers has been junior forward Theresa McKean, who posted a hat trick in WPC's 3-0 victory over Vassar. She is currently second in the New Jersey Athletic Conference in scoring with six points.

In four games, junior forward Karen Cecere has

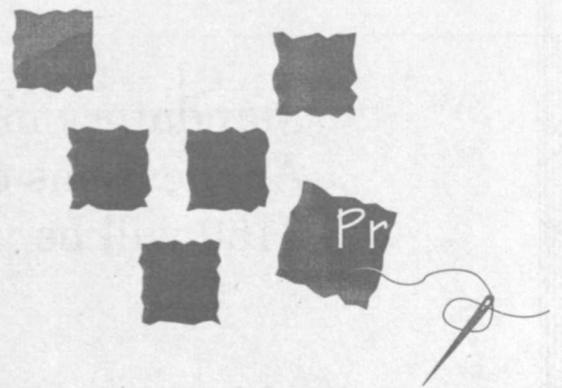
punched in two goals to go along with two assists for six points. Cecere, who possesses an extremely hard shot, drove home the lone WPC goal in a 4-1 loss to Drew.

WPC will open up the 1994 NJAC leg of the season this Wednesday when it hosts the Lady Lions of Trenton State.



Collen Schlereth (14) and Terry McKean (15) look for a pass from teammate during action last year at Wightman Field.

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Angels--I can't believe the year has begun and I'm not here to be with you.I Miss you all so much. Love, **Angel Joanne**

BZP Christine-- I'm so glad we are back. Let's make this the best semester. Your best friend for life, **BZP Rene P.**

BZP Winnie--Your doing a

great job fund raising. Love, **BZP Denise**

BZP Michele--Your the best big! We're going to have a great semester together. Love, your lil **Angel Tara**

BZP Rene P.--You're the best big! We need to hang out more. Love, your lil **Angel Michelle**

BZP Rose--I'm always here for you. Love, your lil **Angel Jess**

Angels--Welcome back. Have

a great semester! Love, **Angel Jess**

BZP Laurie--You're the best big sister. I missed you so much. Love, **Angel Renee A**

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Sisters of D- Phi- E--I couldn't have made it through everything without all of your support. I love you all! Love,**Steph (D- Phi- E)**

D-Phi-E,E-floor--Whatever with all of you! Thanks for being there for me! Love, "U"! **Kim J.**

D-Phi-D--Kim, I don't know what I'd do without you. I'm glad we're close! Love, your little **Kim J.**

D-Phi-E, Kim K.--I love you little! I'm always here for you. You're the best! Love, your big **Kim J.**

Twins of Comic Madness--HA, HA, HA, HA...Oh, shit!

The Grinning Woman

Tyball--Thou art not a rat catcher. Thou art a gee. Love **Toky**

Sue--Kill the Lennings, kill the Lennings, kill the Lennings... **Roommate**

Welcome back all! We're going to have a great semester. "UPHI SIGS always having fun, always #1." Rush $\Phi\Sigma\Sigma!$ Friends Forever, **Chong**

Hey Biggie--Good luck this semester. I'm so happy you're in my class. Luv Ya! **Your PHI SIG #1 Little**

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To my big Katie--good luck this semester! I love you! **Love your little-Nicole (Phi Sig)**

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RushTKE, RushTKE, Rush TKE, RushTKE, RushTKE, RushTKE, Rush TKE, Rush TKE. To Val L (D-PHI-E)-- I am glad that you and I can spend some time together. You're a great person. Love, your big **Jen S (D-PHI-E)**

My little Nicole (D-PHI-E)-- thanks for chauffering me around. You really are the best little. Love, your **Big Ally (D-PHI-E)**

Jess, Amy, and Gail (D-PHI-E) Thanks for being there for me through everything. you all exemplified true sisterhood. **Love Ally (D-PHI-E).**

Pete the Cat--We will get you, trust us.**The Vengeance Squad Nurse Tara B**--That attitude will get you NO WHERE with me!!**Old Jewish Man**

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The Beacon Sports

September 19, 1994. William Paterson College

Pioneers sing 0-2 blues

By **Jeremy Singer**
STAFF WRITER

For the second straight week, the story of the game for the WPC football team was turnovers.

WPC junior running backs Adonis Blue and Andre Evans each fumbled, leading to two Trenton State College touchdowns as WPC lost for the second time in as many weeks this year, 28-21, last Friday night in Trenton.

"Turnovers are momentum changers," said WPC Head Coach Gerry Gallagher, who watched his team commit four turnovers in a 37-21 loss to C.W. Post last week. "All we can do is talk about it and stress the importance of not turning it over."

The Pioneers jumped out to a 13-0 lead in the second quarter. Sophomore Frank Carriere ran for a seven-yard scoring run, followed by Evans'

10-yard touchdown run with 10:25 remaining in the half.

TSC came right back by capitalizing on Blue's fumble as Lion quarterback Ernest Miller hooked up with Tino Russo for a 23-yard touchdown strike with 54 seconds left to trim the WPC lead, 13-7, at halftime.

Miller completed 12 of 20 passes for 183 yards, including three touchdowns.

"I can't say the defense let down at the end of the half," said Gallagher. "With an experienced team, a turnover occurs and the defense is there to rise to the occasion and not let the momentum change."

TSC maintained the momentum, however, by scoring two touchdowns.

Miller connected to Dan Russo for a 13-yard touchdown play at the 11:39 mark. TSC running back Vincent Muse rushed from nine yards out for a touchdown just before the end of the quarter for a TSC 21-13 lead.

Muse ran for 130 yards on

21 carries.

WPC senior defensive back Horace Perkins got the Pioneers in the ballgame with a 74-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Anthony May plunged into the end zone for the two-point conversion to tie the game, 21-21.

Miller stepped up with his late-game heroics. With 1:14 left in the game, he found Dan Russo for a 17-yard touchdown

The Pioneers' new backfield of quarterback Jamie Golden and 1994 running backs Evans, Blue, and Carriere has been able to put points on the board thus far this season. But Gallagher said there are still some aspects to be worked out.

"There are things that are working well, and things that aren't," he said. "Our offense and defense has been hot and cold, but we'll be okay."

"We're young at some sports and experienced at others," said Gallagher. "You have to make the plays, and that comes with experience. The more experienced you are, the more apt you are to play well in situations. Success breeds success."

WPC (0-2) comes home to play Wilkes this Friday.

"We know every year that our schedule is tough. To be the best, you have to play the best," said Gallagher. "We'll just go back to the drawing board and work as hard as we can."

TSC-- 28 WPC--21

that iced the game, 28-21.

Dan Russo caught seven passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns.

"Anytime you lose in the last minute, it hurts," said Gallagher. "Trenton is a quality team, but they're not Notre Dame. You can't turn the ball over and win football games."

Volleyball starts year with three straight wins

The WPC women's volleyball team is off to an outstanding start, posting three straight victories over FDU-Madison, Montclair State, and New Jersey Institute of Technology.

kills in WPC's season opening win over FDU-Madison, while Stokes collected eight kills. Both players serve as co-captains.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, WPC will hold its first tri-match of the season when they play host to Cabrini and Baruch. Game time is set for noon.

Spikers Sue Paskas and Erica Stokes have emerged as the team leaders for the Lady Pioneers. Paskas nailed down 13

A new sport is born

Women's soccer starts first varsity season

It's new, it's exciting, and it's the inaugural varsity season of WPC women's soccer.

On Sept. 10-11, the Lady Pioneers captured their first-ever tournament championship when they defeated Hartwick (1-0) and Elmira (4-2) in the Hartwick Tournament. WPC is currently posting a 2-2 overall record, with losses to Eastern Connecticut (2-0) and Kean (2-

0).

A top performer for the Lady Pioneers has been freshman forward Kathleen Sinram. Sinram is leading the team in total points with four, including the game-winning goal against Hartwick.

Senior forward Maureen Marz has smacked in one goal, and has one assist for a total of three points.

Freshman goalie Shelby Howe has been simply spectacular in her collegiate debut. In three games, Howe has collected 42 saves for a .913 save percentage, while allowing just four goals. She is ranked second in the New Jersey Athletic Conference with a 1.33 goals allowed average, while notching her first career shutout in WPC's 1-0 win over Hartwick.



WPC soccer player Maureen Marz (21) tangles up with Jersey City St. player last Saturday in Jersey City. See men's soccer story page 12.

Week of Sept. 19 Bold=Home

Pioneer Sports Weekly Planner

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Football					Wilkes 7:30 p.m.	
Field Hockey			Trenton 4 p.m.			Rowan 1 p.m.
Men's Soccer			Vassar 4 p.m.			Mt. St. Mary's 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer						Montclair 1 p.m.
Volleyball		RU-Newark 6 p.m.		West. Conn. 7 p.m.		Cabrini noon
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THE INSIDER



Oliver Stone's *Natural Born Killers* Jimmy Buffet

OVERKILL PSYCHEDELIC **CADDILAC**

Natural Born Nihilism : Oli gets his guns

By Linda Kotler
INSIDER CONTRIBUTOR

Oliver Stone would like to think he has his finger on the pulse of America. After all, aren't we a nation full of mindless, blood-thirsty voyeurs? He banked on it, and came up winning with his latest film *Natural Born Killers*.

Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis play Mickey and Mallory Knox, the white trash robotic lovers who take us hostage on their nearly unwatchable 52 person killing spree. For what it's worth, Harrelson and Lewis are convincing as the manic, lusty modern day Bonnie and Clyde. However, they fail to give us a reason for their carnage. Mickey and Mallory don't revel and delight in ultraviolence quite the way the characters in Stanley Kubrick's "A Clockwork Orange" do and their cool, matter-of-fact type enthusiasm makes us wonder why they bother.

What makes for further detachment are the ever-annoying, hyperactive MTV-esque cuts and constant style changes. We're treated to

16mm, 35mm, black and white, color, slow motion, shots of a headless corpse spurting blood, even cartoon versions of the Knoxes that look like rejects from "Aeon Flux" (a cartoon segment from MTV's "Liquid Television.") Though it might be avant-garde, it just isn't effective unless you suffer from Attention Defecit Disorder.

Though it might be avant-garde, it just isn't effective unless you suffer from Attention Defecit Disorder. — L.K.

The biggest style outrage is reserved for the scene in which the gruesome twosome encounter a psychotic Native American. While the man calmly tells his grandson in their tribal tongue that these two are bad news (instead of getting the hell out of there), the words "demon" and "too much t.v." are projected across their torsos. Here Stone is spoon feeding us the driving theme of *Natural Born Killers* - blame television for the glamorization and rise in violence.

Enter Robert Downey Jr.'s character Wayne Gale, a sleazy Australian

host of tabloid t.v. show "American Maniacs". To the untrained Yankee ear, Downey's accent is believable. What's unbelievable is that the filmmakers heap all disgust and loathing on Gale instead of directing it at the macabre married couple. Shots of Gale with devil horns and eerie back-lighting are then strewn throughout the movie to drive home the obvious

point.

Good ol' Mickey and Mallory are finally apprehended after they fall victim to rattlesnake bites. Incidentally, the detective who eventually nabs them (Tom Sizemore) also dabbles in gratuitous sex and murder. However, he gets away with it.

It's in prison that Gale gets his chance to interview Mickey. By this point, the couple's favorite pastime has made them media darlings and Gale's exclusive is so major that the piece is aired live during Super Bowl halftime. A bald Harrelson prattles on

trying to explain his nihilism while Downey feigns moral outrage. This incites the other inmates who watch to collectively start a massive, blood drenched riot that results, not only in the escape of the young lovers, but in the most insipid and gory scene yet.

The only scene that displayed any wit was the flashback to how Mickey and Mallory met. Done in an old sit-com mode, complete with a loud, obnoxious and overused laugh track, we're introduced to Mallory's nightmarish family. Rodney Dangerfield was brilliantly cast as her crude, incestuous father. The segment is so utterly wicked and shocking that I can't believe I don't remember someone doing it before in a major film.

"Hypocritical" seems to be the buzzword of the movie. After all, what separates Stone from Downey's character? They both try to pander to base, bloodlusty audiences, glamorize violence and dehumanize everyone while laughing all the way to the bank. Bottom line: don't waste \$6.50 and two hours of your life.

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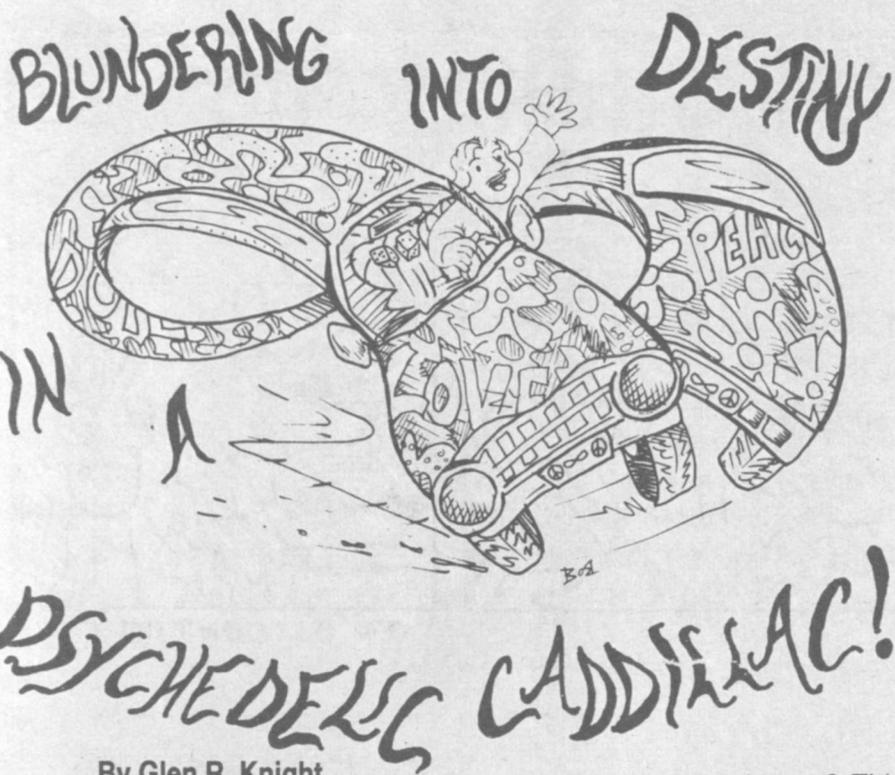
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By Glen R. Knight
INSIDER CONTRIBUTOR

"Let the game begin."

Can you smell it in the air, Willie P. students? Can you feel that things

are going to start to change? This morning while I was sitting on my bed enjoying my daily glass of Colan, I could sense it; things are about to start getting weird. I don't know how,

but I can definitely feel it. Things are gonna get strange.

It wasn't long after drinking my daily Colan that I found myself driving down Rt. 80 in my psychedelic Cadillac. While pondering this world in a state of extreme boredom, (Not like there was a great view to begin with, but now they go and put up sound barrier walls), I came upon another of those oddities of American life that I feel needs to be discussed. That oddity is the Energizer Bunny commercials. Let me begin my rant by saying that I hate that stupid bunny. How many commercials have they made trying, and failing to destroy it; five, ten? When they came out with the King Kong commercial I thought, "finally they have to destroy this thing. Nothing can possibly stand up to Kong." But no, even King Kong failed to kill the bunny. He just keeps going and going. What does it mean? Why does this pink bunny keep surviving?

I would like to make my own Energizer commercial. Bunny Vs. The Psychedelic Cadillac. Then we'll see who keeps going and going. Call me Elmer Fudd if you like, but I hate that rabbit. I can see it now: the rabbit will be crossing the street playing his little drum and there I come, wearing nothing but a smile, drinking a big ol' glass of Colan as I run him down. Now that would sell batteries. Die, you stupid bunny, die!

Well, that's about all the space I have for this week's column. Keep an eye out for more of my babblings, and if you like them, and see me driving around, wave or moon. Let me know if you like or share my views of this world. If you have the opportunity, write to the Energizer company and try to get my commercial aired. As always, start each day with the Colan and a quote, and watch the world for weirdness.

Parrot Heads meet Metalheads

By Aryeh Nussbaum
STAFF WRITER

*Overkill/
W.F.O.*
(Atlantic)

Overkill, believe it or not, is in its 10th year of existence. To celebrate its decade-long quest of destroying your ear drums, it has come out with more music produced to make chiropractors rich in the form of *W.F.O.* (*Wide Fucking Open*).

Improving with age, these all time

bum.

Writing about themes familiar to its fans, i.e., suicide, the Jersey natives advise against it with "The Wait-New High in Lows."

A different topic covered is immigration, about which vocalist Bobby Blitz screams in his high-pitched voice, "Send us all your criminal, insane, inflamed, indignant/Your terminal, infected, hopeful juvenile delinquents/My arms still open wide."

While maintaining what has become the traditional *Overkill* sound, *W.F.O.* brings the band a more up-

By Bob Timony
INSIDER CONTRIBUTOR

*Jimmy Buffett/
Fruitcakes*
(Margaritaville/MCA)

In the realms of rock and roll, there dwells a man whose cult following is "umbilically connected to the temperate zone." His devotees, Parrot Heads, wear bright multi-colored clothes and fins.

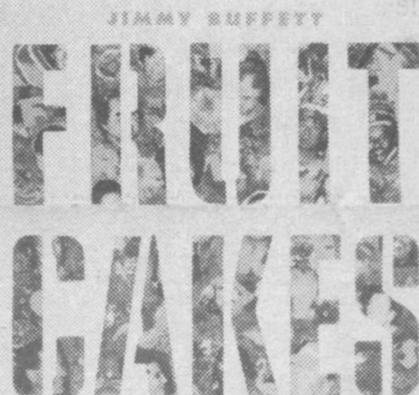
Jimmy Buffett has caused an underground revolution in rock without the help of a single MTV video, and yet remains comparatively anonymous.

Buffett offers songs with old time rock, country and reggae influence.

I was first exposed to Buffett's brand of music two summers ago by a friend of mine who was a confirmed Parrot Head. He had an extra ticket to one of the artist's concerts so I went. I sat on the lawn while Buffett fans cavorted about with big foam shark fins on their heads while stage hands fired T-shirts into the crowd with a giant sling-shot. I smelled pot for the first time (it really does smell like grass!), and I've been a Parrot Head ever since.

Buffett established his rebellious nature early on, with "Love Song (From a Different Point of View)", in which he delivers such PC gems as "Why don't we get drunk and screw?"

He showed us his silly side with "Cheeseburger in Paradise", and his



romantic side with "Come Monday".

And this summer, Jimmy did it again with his latest album, "Fruitcakes". In it, Jimmy goes off on such weighty topics as the history of Miami, movie theater vendors, Californian society, martian rocketships, religion, relationships, the future, love in the library, the apocalypse, Vampires, mummies and the Holy Ghost.

Buffett usually writes his own stuff, but in *Fruitcakes* he gives the listener a few covers as well. In an attempt to make Parrot Heads out of Deadheads, Buffett adds his trademark "apocolypso" beat to the *Grateful Dead*'s classic, "Uncle John's Band", and injects new tropical life into *The Kink's* "Sunny Afternoon".

In the title song, "Fruitcakes", we are gifted with Buffett's view of happy insanity and are invited to strut naked through the crosswalk in the middle of the week.

Constantly clever, wistful and witty, Jimmy Buffett may never find his "lost shaker of salt", but he's certainly found his niche as an unknown icon of musical variety, and will undoubtedly continue "quietly making noise."



thrashers haven't lost the edge that forced the rock world to embrace it in 1984.

One of the few bands around whose members have not shaved their heads, *Overkill*, while not beating a dead horse, must be commended for its resiliency in a scene that has become stagnant and ruined by poseurs.

The first track on *W.F.O.*, "Where it Hurts," is powered by the thudding bass and double-bass drumming of D.D. Verni and Tim Mallare, respectively, which resonate on the entire al-

dated sound with Verni and rhythm guitarist Rob Cannavino adding death-like vocals. Mernitt Gant's flashy solos are refreshing at the start but fall into the trap virtually any guitarist falls into when, halfway through, they turn stagnant.

Overkill is at its best when Cannavino and Gant are playing the same riff, Mallore and D.D. are combining for crunchy grooves and Blitz is spewing out the songs.

Keep the disc in to hear the bonus track and bang your head against the wall.

DEATH OF SCHLIG!

by Bob Timony



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A ZOMBIE AND HIS DOG!

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