



# The Beacon

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## Campus construction continues into 1998

By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

Although construction in the front of the Student Center was slated to be finished during the month of October, weather and other uncompromising situations have caused the construction to continue into the new year.

However, according to Tim Fanning, associate vice president of administration and finance, the amphitheater seating construction is all finished, and what remains to be completed is the removal of the old staircase on the side of the Student Center.

"It is close to completion," said Fanning. Upon removal of the

staircase, there will be shrubs and trees replacing it.

Many have also been wondering when they will be able to utilize the football field and track again.

According to Fanning, the construction crews are unable to predict the finishing date for that project due to the weather. The temperature must reach a consistent level before they can properly place the final surface of the track down.

Currently, they have postponed the date until March, considering that March will bring a more consistent temperature.

Those students who visited campus over break were greeted with a gate in front of student parking lots

three and four.

Although the lot will be open for the semester, construction is being done in that area due to replacement of the lights. Currently, the lights are generated from poles above ground. The new system being installed is underground. Therefore, the electrical contractor hired by the school must dig through the ground to install the new system.

According to Fanning, the new system is a great improvement from the current one.

Although the parking lots will be opened for students this semester, there will be some places blocked off for the construction.

Various other smaller projects improving the campus are being worked on, such as the new blue light emergency phone system.

Fanning noted that orders have

been placed for the phones, and electrical work has begun around campus where the phones will be placed.

In addition to electrical work, a van will now be transporting students to and from the Pioneer and Heritage Apartments until midnight. Fanning hopes this new service will begin sometime this week.

## University to hold first commencement ceremony Sunday

The first commencement ceremony for William Paterson University students will occur on Sunday, January 18 at 2 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

Although this is the 166th commencement of the institution, it is the first since university status was granted.

President Arnold Speert will be addressing the 781 students who will be receiving degrees. A total of 712 undergraduates will receive Bachelor's degrees, and 69 students will receive master's degrees.

Brenda Sanabria, senior class

president, will also speak at the ceremony, and Doris White, senior faculty member and professor of curriculum and instruction, will lead the academic procession as college marshal.

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) President Stanley Bergen will be awarded an honorary degree. He has served as president since 1971, and has received many honors and awards, including the Governor's Prize of New Jersey Woodrow Wilson Public Service Award.

## Faculty members appointed to interim and dean positions

By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

With the departure of different deans and the coming of the new semester, various faculty members have been appointed to dean and interim dean positions to begin the new year.

Effective the first day of January, Professor Leslie Agard-Jones will be serving as Interim Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. She will serve in this position until the uni-

versity chooses a new dean.

Agard-Jones has served William Paterson University since 1970 as a member of the faculty and administration. She has assisted with the development of the Department of African, African American, and Caribbean studies, and even served as chairperson from 1986-1988.

In 1988 she became the assistant vice president for Minority Education at WPU and served in

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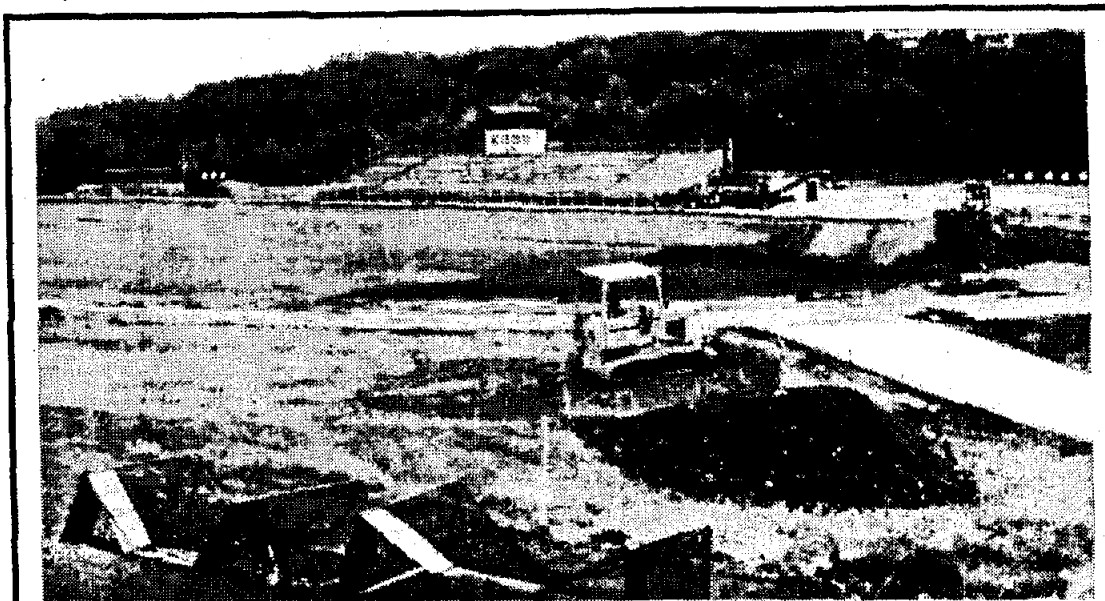


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Construction which began on the football field and track over last semester continues to hinder athletic performances at William Paterson University. Currently, the project is almost finished, but due to a lack of steady temperature, the final surface of the track cannot be placed down. The project has been postponed until March, when the weather becomes stable. Administration hopes to finish all construction on campus as soon as possible, and requests patience from the WPU community.

## Students will represent WPU in Buffalo

By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

Ten William Paterson University students will be competing in the American College Theater Festival (ACTF) at The University at Buffalo from January 13-18.

Throughout the year, many students who participated with plays or musicals at WPU were eligible for nominations to compete in this annual national competition. From each production, the director was allowed to choose two performers who they felt did an outstanding job.

Ed Matthews, director of the Performing Arts Resource Management Unit (PARMU) of WPU, is extremely proud to send these students to the competition this year.

From the spring 1997 productions of "Miss Julie" and "The Stronger", Jill Butterfield and Christopher Paseka were chosen to compete in the ACTF.

Two actors, Shane Taylor and

Michael Wnoroski, were nominated to participate in the competition for their performances in the spring 1997 musical "Pippin".

From the fall 1997 productions, Virginia Kamenitzer was chosen from the play "At Home", and Alicia Simmons from "The Whole Shebang".

Three students were chosen from the production of The Alchemist in fall 1997, due to the fact that the play in its entirety was entered into the competition, and representatives from ACTF attended the performances and were allowed to choose performers to compete. Those individuals chosen from "The Alchemist" were Thomas Dragon, Tina Glowacki, and Stephanie Long.

In addition to performers, individuals were also eligible for nomination in the field of dramatic critical writing. Alyce Rosolen, who also appeared in the play "At Home", will be attending the ACTF for drama criticism.

All of these students have been chosen to represent WPU, and will

join students from other colleges in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. All of the institutions from these states are combined in one region out of eight total around the country.

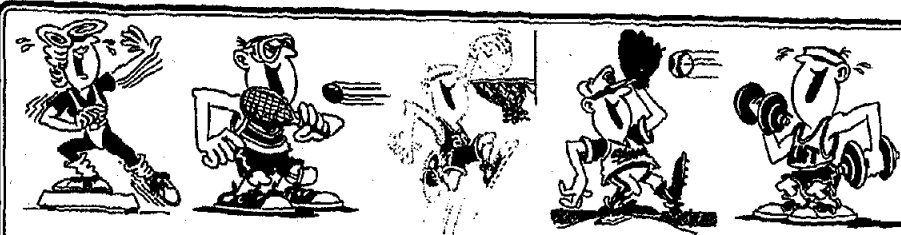
The group of students, along with Matthews, will arrive in Buffalo on Tuesday afternoon and begin the registration process. The preliminary round of the competition will begin on Wednesday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. and will last until 5 p.m.

Out of 200 competitors nominated for the festival, each performer will have five minutes for their audition. They are to perform a monologue and a scene.

From that 200, the judges will then choose 32 to advance to the semifinals, which will happen the same evening.

By 11:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, the semifinals will end

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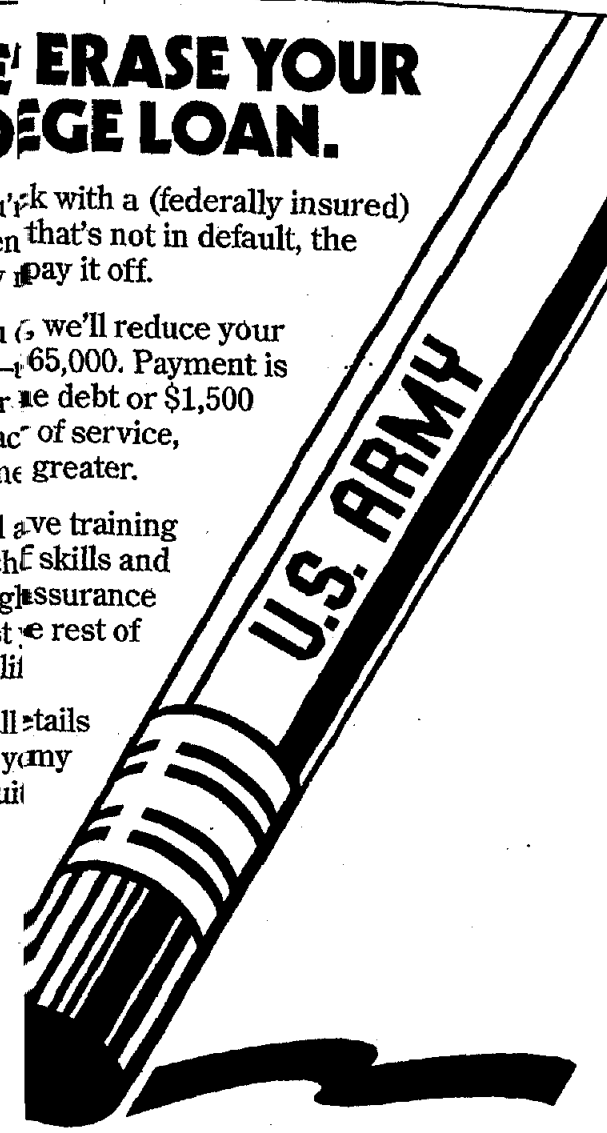
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## Search for new faculty continues Kuveke replaces Megna as interim dean of education

By Pamela Langan  
News Editor

According to Robert Seal, executive assistant to the provost, the positions of dean of student development and director of student activities are still empty, and individuals are in the final process of interviewing for those positions.

The search began during the fall 1997 semester, and each candidate was invited to the university for a day-long interview with administration and students. They also toured the campus, and met with individuals they would be working with if they were chosen.

Student Government Association (SGA) representatives were invited to meet with the candidates, seeing that they would be

working hand-in-hand for the benefit of the students.

The interviewing process ended before the winter break, and the search committees for both positions were then required to submit their recommendations for five candidates per position.

The process which the administration has been working on since that time is gathering references. In order to be considered for either the dean of student development or director of student activities interviews, each candidate was required to submit three letters of recommendation.

The administration is now calling upon those who recommended those candidates, in order to check their credibility.

By the last week of January into

the beginning of February, the administration hopes to bring three final candidates for each position in to meet with Provost Chernoh Sesay and President Arnold Speert for second interviews.

Seal noted that although the process is long and requires a lot of time and effort, it is necessary due to the importance of the positions they have to fill.

"These are such critical positions," said Seal, "that's we're trying to cover all grounds of the SGA and staff."

He added that they need to find as much information as they can about these individuals so they can make "the right choice."

"We're anxious to get people chosen," said Seal.

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this position until 1992. Following this position, she accepted the position of Director of the Office of Multicultural Education on the New York City Board of Education in 1993, which she remained as until 1995. During this period of time she was on leave from WPU.

Professor Frank Grippo was recently named Dean of the College of Business at the end of December 1997. Since its creation in 1996, Grippo has served in the position of the Associate Dean of the Division of Business, and has even been the Chairperson of the Department of Accounting and Law since 1979.

Under Grippo's direction, many new initiatives have been introduced to the university. Such

ideas are developing and strengthening the curriculum, establishing collaborative relationships with the business and higher education communities, and enhancing faculty research and development.

Effective as of January 1, 1998, Professor Susan Kuveke has been appointed as Interim Dean of the College of Education, taking over the position previously held by Professor Jerome Megna.

Kuveke recently served in this position from September 1996 to July 1997 before Megna was hired. Kuveke has been with the William Paterson University faculty since 1974.

In addition to holding this position, she has also been the chairperson of the Department of Special Education and Counseling.

## Pioneer teams shoot toward success

The William Paterson University Women's Basketball Team has started off the first half of the season on the right foot, according to Joe Martinelli, director of sports information.

The team is currently holding a 6-0 mark in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC), and will be tested in the league on Wednesday, January 14, in a game against the Roadrunners of Ramapo College.

The team is averaging 71.1 points a game so far this season, and have a record of limiting their opponents to 52.1 points per contest.

Junior guard Stephanie Arrigo has been spectacular for the team with an average of 13.6 points per game. In addition, she was named

Most Valuable Player for her showing in Springfield. Arrigo also posted a 19 and 17 point back-to-back performances in the Pioneers two wins in the Springfield Tournament.

Junior forward Dana Feltz is averaging 10.9 points and 6.3 rebounds a game so far this season.

According to Martinelli, both Feltz and senior Kathy Sinram have established themselves as two of the top defensive players in the NJAC.

The Men's Basketball Team pulled themselves out of a three game losing streak when they defeated Wesley College on Tuesday, January 6, with a score of 85-81. This game welcomed new guard Arik Cotten, giving him the

opportunity to collect a game high nine assists and to score 10 points.

Ray Ortiz scored the go-ahead bucket for the Pioneers with only eight seconds left in the game, with help from Mubby Swain.

Currently, Justin Frederick is leading the team in scoring and is averaging 16.4 points per game, along with averaging a team high 8.2 rebounds per game. Swain checks in with 13.9 points per game, and David Coleman ranks third with an average of 13.2 points per game.

The Pioneers next match will be on Wednesday, January 21, against the Profs of Rowan in the WPU Recreation Center. The women's team tips off at 6 p.m., and the men begin at 8 p.m.

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## Ten students to attend American College Theater Festival

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and the judges then have an hour to choose the elite 16 performers who will compete in the finals.

At midnight, the 16 names will be announced, and the final competition will be at noon on Thursday. Two finalists will be chosen from the 16, along with two alternates.

The two finalists will then travel to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in April to compete for a national scholarship with 14 other individuals, from the seven other regions in the nation.

Those who do not make it to the finals will remain in Buffalo for the rest of the week, and have the option to attend various enlightening workshops dealing with the theater, such as design, directing, and movement. There will also be workshops for those who wish to read through scripts.

In addition to workshops, the students will have the opportunity

to attend five different plays from colleges around the nation. These plays have been chosen for the competition as well, and will be performed each night.

Some students from WPU have attended the ACTF before so they know the schedule of events they have to look forward to. Many of them have been practicing for their auditions, and some have even looked to Matthews for coaching.

"They have to get used to doing this in front of people," said Matthews.

He noted the pressure the students will be under while being judged by professionals is intense, in addition to the pressure of competing against 200 other students. Matthews is confident that these young actors, actresses, and writers will do very well in the competition.



photo by Sylvana Meneses/Beacon

Ten students who appeared in theatrical performances in 1997 were nominated to attend the annual American College Theater Festival (ACTF) this week in Buffalo, N.Y. Alicia Simmons, far left, was nominated to attend for her performance in the production pictured above, "The Whole Shebang." Shane Taylor, standing, was nominated for his performance in the spring 1997 production of "Pippin."



## Opinions & Review

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### Mailbag

#### Defending the Education Department

To the Editor:

I felt compelled to write in response to alumni Kelly Smith's letter where she blasted the Education Department and the Office of Field Experience.

A couple of years ago I would have agreed with most of what she said but today many of these problems do not exist. In the past I myself have complained about the attitude and service emanating from the O.F.E. Today the place has a different environment. The two assistants, both named Ann, work extremely well together and with director Nancy Norris-Bauer

in servicing a large student population. With patience and understanding placements are done successfully and in a timely and gracious manner.

It is a shame that Ms. Smith had such an unfortunate experience with the Office of Field Experience. It is not the same place today. Ms. Norris-Bauer and her assistants are working hard so today's students can expect courteous service when they need it.

Bill Cahill  
Class of '98

#### 'Thanks' to WPU for support

To the Editor:

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the extraordinary support I have received from the WPU community this year. There are so many of you to thank and for so many reasons! On April 1, I sustained a multiple fracture of my right ankle. President Speert, Provost Sesay, the Political Science Department faculty and students, and many friends were quick and thoughtful in their response to my needs. After two surgeries and a lot of physical therapy, I am mending well.

Also, I have been deeply touched by the enthusiastic and joyous response to my being named "New Jersey Professor of the Year." The gifts, flowers, cards, calls, hugs, emails, etc. have meant so much. The reception in my honor, hosted by President Speert and Provost Sesay, was spectacular. Again, my colleagues deserve to take a bow. The Political Science Club and the Feminist Collective - you are truly the best! Thanks to everyone!

Carole Sheffield

#### Clearing up some assumptions

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to clear up quite a few incorrect assumptions that have been made about my letter published Nov. 22. As I stated in my initial letter, I am basing what I have said on my own experiences and opinions. I do not know why Greeks have to automatically go on the defense telling us about their good deeds and trying to omit the bad ones (as if the good deeds erased the negative acts). As for my volunteer work, I have been a volunteer Sunday School Teacher for four years every Sunday at the Church in Radburn, volunteer softball coach and roller hockey coach for my town's recreational leagues, plan to be a member of SAC

(Student Alumni Counsel) and IMPACT in the Spring Semester, and plan to start up a Roller Hockey Club on campus (I would have done these this semester but was unable to due to unfortunate knee surgery). I also work as a Student Technology Consultant at WPU and work two other jobs 42 hours a week. As anyone who personally knows me would agree, if there were more hours in the day, I would be doing even more (and without having to wear Greek letters on the back of my jacket to prove my volunteer work).

I hope this clears up any confusion.

Frederick Doot II  
aka "Mongomerie Burns"



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#### Nutritional value of commuter cafe questioned

To the Editor:

There is an important issue that I want to call attention to. It is concerning the commuter cafeteria at William Paterson University. I feel that with all the positive changes concerning the campus over the past few years that more concern should have been taken over the nutritional value of the food served in the commuter cafeteria.

I worked very hard this past summer to lose twenty pounds. Now that I am back at school it is hard to find low-fat nutritious meals in the commuter cafeteria. With the exception of the salad bar and bagels there is little to find that fits the bill concerning my

diet.

I propose that we make a small effort to remedy problem. Perhaps we can serve containers of yogurt, feature low-fat soups each day, have light mayonnaise, baked potatoes, etc. I am sure that foods such as these would be well received by the health conscious students and faculty on campus. Nutrition is important especially during our college years when students are sometimes forced to eat on the run due to hectic schedules.

Heather L. Baruth  
Senior

### Commentary

#### Legal ramifications of drug offenses

**Gerald R. Brennan, ESQ.** The lead article on page one of the November 10, 1997 Beacon indicated that the use of drugs on campus, especially marijuana, is prominent in the residence halls. Students who use illegal drugs on campus are disregarding the serious ramifications to their college careers and beyond.

Depending upon the amount of drugs involved, most drug law violations range from a disorderly person's offense which carries a fine of up to \$1000 or jail for up to six months or both, to a third degree crime which can lead to a \$7500 fine or imprisonment for three to five years or both.

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Most typically a person charged with a drug possession offense will appear in municipal court where to defend the charge he/she will have to retain a lawyer at considerable expense. If the person cannot afford an attorney, he/she can ask the court to appoint a public defender. Either way, time, energy, money, and emotional stress will all be involved to contest the charges.

A conviction will result in a criminal record which cannot be expunged until at least five years have passed in the case of a disorderly person's offense or 10 years in the case of indictable or more serious offenses. Most convictions involving distribution or possession with intent to sell can't ever be expunged.

Having a criminal record of any sort might mean the denial of entrance into certain professions or jobs after graduation. When asked on a job application about criminal convictions, a person with a conviction for simple possession of marijuana would have to answer affirmatively or possible face penalties for giving false information. Only after the record has been expunged could the job applicant answer that he/she has no convictions.

In addition to the legal ramifications of drug possession, a WPU student could be suspended or expelled from the residences or the university for a drug offense. On page 50 of the students handbook are listed the major violations of the university's disciplinary code. Number one is "the possession, use, or sale of any controlled dangerous substances or drug paraphernalia in violation of federal, state or municipal laws."

A violation of the university drug policy will trigger a student's having to answer charges before the University Hearing Board with official sanctions upon an adverse adjudication ranging from a warning to expulsion.

Students need to understand and to remember that regardless of being on an university campus possession of controlled dangerous substances is still against the law and WPU policy. A few minutes of getting high can lead to a lifetime of ramifications. It's not worth it.

Gerald R. Brennan, Esq. is a lawyer for the SGA at William Paterson University

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**Zoinks!**

*Well and Good*  
 (Dr. Strange)

Though it seems like they've been around forever, this is only the second proper full length album from Reno Nevada's pop-punk masters; Zoinks!. There's been a few changes in the band, and it's obvious by listening that the sound of Zoinks! has changed as well.

The most notable change occurred with the departure of former lead singer/guitarist Zac Damon. He is definitely missed, as *Well and Good* simply is not as good as their last long player, *Bad Move Space Cadet*. When they lost Zac, Zoinks! lost the humorous lyrics he was known for.

Replacing Zac is Arne. He's best known as the lead singer

from the band *Underhand*. Though whether this means *Underhand* is broken up now remains to be seen. Arne has a bit of a smoother delivery, and definitely knows what he's doing on guitar, but a lot of the energy the Zac brought to the band can't be replaced with Arne. They're just too different.

What really saves this album, and makes it worthwhile, is the stepping up of Bassist Rob. He sings more on this album than on any previous releases by Zoinks!. Rob adds an off beat, not rhyming too often approach to the mic. When it works, it sounds brilliant, such as on the song "Problem." This also happens to be the album's best track.

In conclusion, Zoinks! was better with Zac, Arne sounds better

in *Underhand*, but Rob saves the album and makes it worth the purchase. Oh yeah, and Bob plays drums.

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What else, well there's two awesome Snuff songs, "Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads" and "Arsehole." "Arsehole" is too amazing for words. With a sing along chorus of "I'm and Arsehole, I'm a fucking wanker," it almost brings a tear to the eye. There's a mediocre *Goober Patrol* song, "Biggest Joke." This was pulled from their last album *Vacation*. Since it's not unreleased, I for one am puzzled why Fat would pick probably the worst song from the *Goober Patrol* album to represent the band on this comp.

The Bracket track, "Sour" is nice and melodic. The Dickies contribution "My Pop the Cop" is

fun listening. Me First and the Gimme Gimmes are always entertaining in small doses. Even the *Screeching Weasel* song is tolerable. (Keep in mind this complement is coming from someone who hates the band with a passion that burns deep in his very soul.)

Granted there's a bunch of crap on this album (e.g. *Propagandi*, *88 Fingers Louie* and some other Fat bands that I'm not too fond of, but are nevertheless extremely popular). But for four bucks, why not pick it up. It's worth the price just for the two Snuff songs.

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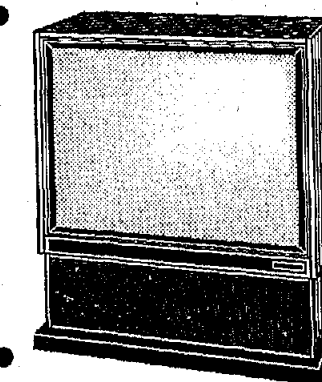
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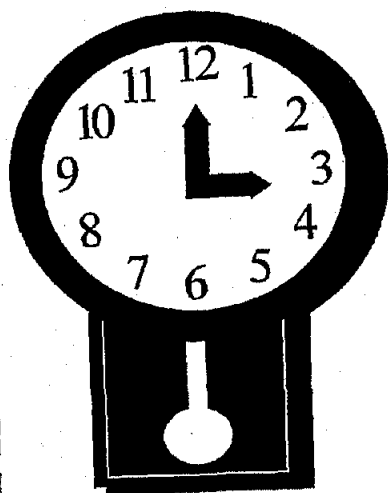
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