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Students get on the bus for Mumia Abu-Jamal

By Krishawn Madison and Alex Duensing **News Contributors**

Approximately 40 William Paterson demostrators participated in the "Millons for Mumia" march in Philadelphia on Saturday. The event was not only held to demand

justice for Mumia Abu-Jamal but Awareness (BFA), Sisters for for political prisoners and all oppressed people as well.

Abus, chartered by Students for African Unity (formerly known as the Black Students Association) brought members of the Coalition of Lesbians, Gays and Friends (COLGAF), **Brothers**

Awareness Black Leadership, and Equality, Feminst Collective and other student activists to the event.

Abu-Jamal was voted President of The Association of Black Journalists in Philadelphia, and known for his exposure of the brutalty and racism of the city's police

While working as a cab driver on the night of December 9, 1981, Mumia allegedly saw a police officer hassassing his brother physically and left his cab while Officer Daniel Faulkner was shot. It has been reported that eve witnesses saw a man who did not look like Mumia flee the scene. However, when the police arrived Mumia was arrested.

A spirit of solidarity prevailed as representatives of diverse groups came together to protest police brutality, discrimination, and white supremacy.

It is believed by activists that Abu-Jamal was not given a fair trial. Some of the things that supporters are argue are the supposed murder weapon and jury members. Evidence stated by medical examiners said Faulkner was killed with a 44. caliber bullet, but Mumia had a 38. revolver in his posession, which was declared as the murder

Abu-Jamal was denied the right to act as his own attorney. The courts then appointed a lawyer who allegedly didn't interview any eye witnesses in preparation for

Activists also say that trial witnesses have now come foward to

police to falsely identify Abu-Jamal as the shooter.

In the moring, speakers such as Sonia Sanchez and Ras Baraka delivered a message of political freedom and revolution, followed by an afternoon march which retraced the scene of the alleged murder of Officer Daniel Faulkner.

Key organizer Leah Prescott stated that "demostrations are necessary in order to take a stand for all people who are oppressed and also to make the statement 'Free Mumia and all political prison-

Among the student demostrators there was a general consenses that 'Millions for Mumia' was a success. "It brought me feeling of urgency within myself, to be proactive against injustice," said Marcel Baker.

As voices joined in protest, William Paterson students realized that the 'struggle continues' and freedom is achievable. Many were transformed by the experience.

"The rally opened my mind to many different things, today I have seen such togetherness without violence, this is something I will share with my children in future," said Chanel Porchia.



Students from various William Paterson University clubs and organizations are pictured above on Saturday, April 24 showing support for the retrial of Mumia Abu-Jamal, a black journalist convicted of killing a Philadelphia police officer. Activists believe that Abu-Jamal was wrongfully accused and sentenced to the death penalty 17 years ago. (more pictures on page 16)

Students party at Musicfest



Photos by Sarah Broom/The Beacon

As part of Springfest, SAPB held 'Musicfest' on Wednesday in front of the Student Center. Students gathered to listen to bands (above), and various other musical acts, such as DJs (below). See page 12 for more pictures from Springfest.



Minister Michael Muhammed speaks to WPU at Wednesday's 'State of Emergency'

By Felicia Pettiford Staff Writer

Motivational, powerful and moving. All of these were the reactions displayed by those who "Å State attended Emergency," the event held on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Sponsored by BFA (Brothers For Awareness) in conjunction with (Black Students Association), the program was the outcome of the hard work of students involved in these organizations, and it was hosted by Marcel Baker and Jamal Hall. Preceding the keynote speaker, there was a variety of talent showcased by some of William Paterson University's finest. Through spoken word, music, and commentary, attendees received a mere taste of the rich culture of the African-American community.

Above all else, the underlying theme of the evening, "A State of pervaded all Emergency," of the event. aspects

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the evening was the keynote speaker. Minister Michael Muhammad, of the Nation of Islam. The Nation of Islam, according to Minister Muhammad, is "dedicated to the spiritual and mental resurrection of the black men and black women of North America, under the guidance and teaching of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, presently represented by his national representative, the Minister Louis Honorable Farrakhan."

Muhammad, after a rousing introduction bv Brother Christopher Muhammad also of the Nation of Islam, approached the platform in a powerful yet distinguished manner, and delivered a speech which not only identified what the state of emergency is, but also brought his audience face to face with the gravity and severity of the prob-

believe that Minister Farrakhan has come to offer a solution to some of the problems. Now the question is, will those

that are in power whose world is being destroyed before their very eyes accept guidance and accept the solution from one who doesn't fit the status quo? He may not be the right color for many, he may not profess the right religion for many, but if he has a solution to save this country and to save those who desire salvation, then he deserves to be listened to and above all, his words should be heeded.'

According to Muhammad, the 'State of Emergency', refers to the inability of people in our society to know how to apply the knowledge being acquired in college into a changing reality. This, he feels, is what puts people in a dangerous position.

He stated, "We stand today in a very dangerous set of circumstances. As we approach the year 2000, the turn of the century, the turn of the millennium, everyone of us is faced with some very serious and critical decisions that

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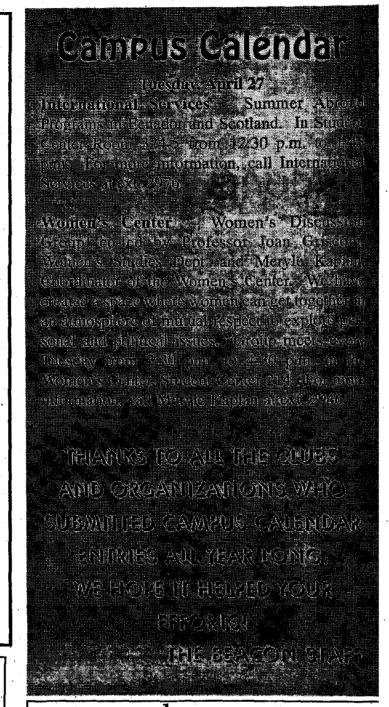
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The Beacon Buzz

The Beacon Buzz asked students this week ...

Why do you think what happened in Colorado happened?



"They were just bored, they had nothing else to do. They had issues."

Edwin Rosario, Junior, History.



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"They focused so much on urban areas, not on suburban schools."

Nadege Benjamin, Senior, Community Health.

"The parents assume because their students are in schools sometimes in the middle of nowehere, they are safe. They don't realize that no matter where they go to school their lives are still at risk."

Tania Majia, Senior, English Llt and Education.





"In today's society many people think death is not real thing anymore. It's intangible with the internet and virtual reality around us. Kids portray what they see on tv and movies and they do not understand the consequences that others will be hurt."

Jarrett Pleasant, Sophomore,

"Some people are crazy. They are stupid kids coming back for revenge. It's misdirected hostility."

Mike Lee, Freshman, Undeclared.



Communication.

Have suggestions for the Beacon Buzz? E-mail us at beacon1@frontier.wilpaterson.edu

Photos by Jennifer Fletcher/Students interviewed by Ilisa Schertzer

On 'Carmina Burana' engulfs Sh Auditorium's stage

By Chher Paseka

Thiam Paterson University Chorperformed "Carmina Burans past weekend in Shea Audit. On Sunday, April 25, close 00 students and music enthufilled the air with beautiful m

Asibed by one of the chorus memiCarmina Burana is a set of protext written by thirteenth centunks and set to music by Carl

That recognized movement in thee of music would be "O F." It has recently been adap, "club" music and is

played constantly on the radio and in local dance clubs. The WPU Chorus executed this movement extremely well. There was an enormous amount of work put into this project. The exuberant chorus was com-

plimented by a beautiful wind and percussion ensemble. There were also three exceptional soloists who accompanied the choir, soprano Beth Ann Coleman, tenor Thomas Courtright, and baritone Rodney Briscoe.

Other noted individuals involved were conductor/director Stephen Bryant and accompanist/asst conductor Rosetta Bacon. For further information on future events, contact (973)720-2371.

Fuight scholar to lecture about Thas Jefferson and the Daration of Independence

W the real story behind Thorsfferson's role in drafting and Declaration of Indence? Dr. Pauline Maier, the Vn R. Kenan Jr. Professor of ican History at the Massetts Institute of Techy, reveals these and otherical secrets at the 15th annubram Kartch/Thomas Jeffelecture on Wednesday, May at William Paterson Univ.

Mhan 400 students from area schools are expected to attene lecture, "Thomas Jeffcand the Declaration of Indence," which will begin at 9:n. in the Shea Center for Perfig Arts. A limited number its for the free program will allable to the public.

M one of today's foremost

auths on the American Revo and the Declaration of Indence. Her most recent boolAmerican Scripture: Mak the Declaration of Indence," was on the New Yorks Book Review editors' choic of the best 11 books of 1997t, Maier reexamines the devent of independence, the writi the Declaration, and its transation during the 19th centto a statement of principals ide established governmente book also examines sometate and local "declarabetweril and July 1776 that haverally been forgotten but whicier claims, make a better for independence than Jeffe Declaration.

A: of St. Paul, Minnesota, Maiceived her B.A. from

Radcliffe College in 1960, was a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics in 1960-61, and received her Ph.D. at Harvard University in 1968. She has taught at many universities including Harvard, the University of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she has been William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of American History since 1990.

The Abram Kartch/Thomas Jefferson Lecture Series began in 1985 after Abram Kartch, a retired Paterson businessman and Jefferson scholar, provided William Paterson with an endowment to establish and continue the series. Designed to provoke discussion about the relationship of Jefferson's words and thoughts to Jefferson scholars, including Henry Steele Commager and James B. Shenton. Kartch, who in later years resided in Wayne, died on February 27, 1997 at the age of

An essay for high school and college students will be conducted by the university in connection with the Jefferson lecture. Certificates and monetary prizes will be awarded to students who write the two best essays on the theme developed in Maier's lecture.

Contest judges include Robert Wolk, Sarah Byrd Askew Library; Len Rosenberg, William Paterson professor emeritus, political science; and George Robb, assistant professor of history at William Paterson.

Essays must be postmarked by no later than May 24, 1999 and sent to Robert Wolk, Sarah Byrd

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Mailbag

Meal plan needs to change

Many William Paterson students feel that there are too many restrictions on the meal plan offered. Specific time restrictions, few food options to choose from, and the issue of unused and wasted meals don't cater to the needs of every student.

Students feel that the meal plan should be open for use at any time during the day. Students may have classes during the set meal time and be unable to eat. Every student's schedule does not allow them to make the set times.

Next, more food options should be made available for student meal plans. The limited choices and

small portions leave much to be desired. Some students are vegetarians or are on special diets, while others have appetites that require much more than a single cheeseburger and fries. Students feel that meals that are not used should be carried over to the following week or be credited to the student's account at the end of the

By making a few simple changes geared towards these concerns, William Paterson will allow its students to manage their time more effectively, save money, and ultimately improve academic per-

Student agrees with lack of support-

To the editor:

I agree that the lack of participation in campus events is low, but one must wonder what the source of this problem is.

Not only don't students go to performing arts events, but they do not participate in many other aspects of college life. When I was a freshman, students seemed more willing to come out to events and get involved. Now that I am a senior, I see our incoming students able to network those connections as less involved and apathetic towards campus events.

The only conclusion I can come to is that the fate of the WPU campus life is short-lived, unless stu-

don't think students realize how important it is to get involved on campus, not only for social reasons, but professional reasons as well. I have been very involved on our campus during my years here, and found my experiences very rewarding.

I look forward to utilizing some of the connections I have made when I graduate, perhaps I will be for a job, but if not, at least I covered some bases otherwise not uti-

Congratulations to next year's Beacon editorial staff! Editor in Chief -- Paul Bonney News Editor -- Sheri A. Freeman Sports Editor -- Jeff Slavinsky Insider Editor -- Andrew Semegram Photo Editor -- Sylvana Meneses Good Luck Kids!

Lack of microphones, or lack of respect?

Ithe most important coffeehouse of the year they needed both microphones. because it is the annual time when the club distributes

All year long the club works on producing a book filled with poetry, prose and photographs contributed by not just the club members but students from the campus community.

There was a problem at this particular coffeehouse, however. The Student Director of the Student Center came down before the event began and took the microphone that the club had requested on a facilities request form well in advance of the night.

According to the S.D., Dauwd, the Student Center

ast Wednesday the SGA funded club, Essence that the lecture involving Michael Mohammed, at had their last coffee house of the year. This is affiliate of Louis Farrakhan was more important and

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Not only is it an outrage that people have been stealing the microphones, but it is unfair for someone to have to decide the importance of the last coffee house of the year. This club has been working hard all year long, for this publication. For someone to say that it is not as important enough is a slap in the face

I hope the Student Government has the balls to de something about this and help to ensure that this wil never happen to another one of their own clubs again I also expect that when the Campus Police Blotter i mailed to the Beacon, there is a report about stole had 12 microphones and they have been stolen. He microphones from the S.D. of that night or next day said there were only two that night and he decided If there isn't, then that is an outrage within itself!

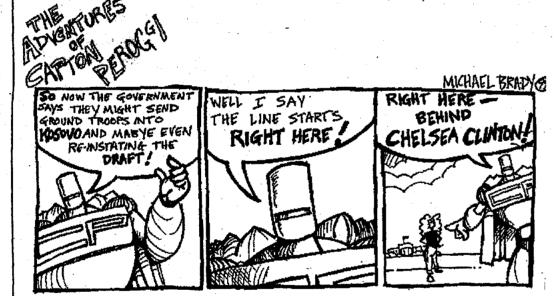
Parting words of a graduating editor in chief

Lators, and proofreaders who are all very tired, Never have I claimed to be the most perfect edite very stressed, and most of all very dedicated. I, too, ever in creation, but I am as dedicated to the Beaco am very tired, but at the same time I have found the as I am sure past editors were. I came, I saw, I did the energy to finally write this tonight because I see the work, and I loved this newspaper. energy in these people to get this paper on the stands tomorrow (today), and I am suddenly exhilirated. in the other I will have a Beacon, handing it over

years in total, and it has definitely been worth it. they can do it. Although it's time for me to actual Never did I think that I could actually lead the Beacon leave, the Beacon will always be a part of me.

s I sit here at 1:15 a.m. this morning, I'm lis- to where it is today. Yes, there have been man tening to the many voices of staff writers, edi- bumps along the way, and many mistakes as wel

On May 11, I will have a degree in one hand, ar I have been a member of the Beacon for about three the new staff. I wish them much luck, and I kno



Let's Talk Life By LaShonda Lipscomb

Hello, my little angels, how are you? I hope better than myself. It's coming down to the final curtain and I'm not ready for my per-

For those of you who don't know, I am an exchange student from California. In two weeks I must say goodbye to WPU and Jersey. I also have to say goodbye to all the beautiful people I've met and all the experiences I've had.

In my 23 years I've said plenty of goodbyes from friends moving on to graduations, to death.

The one thing I've noticed about it all is that it doesn't get any easier. The hurt and pain are just as prevalent as the first ones. What can I say? It's all a part of life, right? So of course, this week's

article is my goodbye to you, Leaving is always the hardest

thing to do. Even if you are in a crappy situation, saying goodbye is still difficult. You think of all the memories. The good times, the bad times. It is those memories that hold you to whatever you're saying goodbye to.

When dealing with people, saying goodbye can be the hardest. Yet, leaving behind objects and or habits can be just as difficult. It all involves allowing things and people you've grown with and shared so much with to depart from you. Usually it's not because of dislike that you're moving on, it's just because life has created different

paths for you to follow. I've learned that in following my destiny I have to move on. I can't stay behind every time I fall in love with different people. I just know that I am blessed to have

saying goodbye is just a part of t territory.

The last two years of my li probably more than that, I have been too happy. Life, for me, it wasn't offering what I thought

That is why I chose the Nation Student Exchange Program. was a chance for me to see off things and find peace with myse

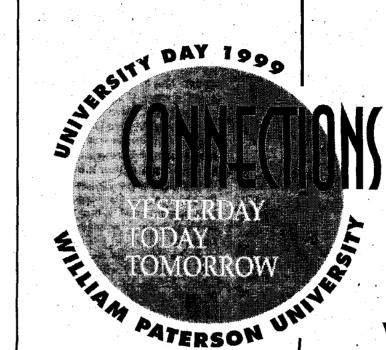
One year later, I've found th peace. It came from this scho the people, the friends, and t families. With a love like th how can I say goodbye?

Goodbyes are forever, so I for see you later!

To all the people I've met a haven't met, thank you. Tha you for reading my article eve week. Thanks for your suppo Thanks for your hospitali Thanks for your love.

Most importantly, thank you helping me to find myself.

Love Always, Shonda.



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Sociology professor first African-American elected to West Orange School Board

By Ryan Calazzo

Dr. Bill Willis of the Sociology Department at William Paterson University is the first African-American to be elected to the West Orange Board of Education.

Willis, a professor at WPU for 26 years, attempted to gain a seat in 1993 and 1994 but was unsuccessful both times, losing by only 37 votes in the last election.

Five years later, his perseverance paid off when he finally achieved his goal. Willis described his reaction to the unopposed election as "a little euphoric " He is armed with the knowledge, skill and devotion needed to improve the quality of education within the confines of the West Orange School District.

Comprised of seven grade schools, two middle schools and one high school, the \$62 million budget school district maintains a board of five members. Willis planned to obtain a seat on the board when his daughter, Jillian, entered the school system.

"I felt a strong commitment to public education and wanted to be involved in an intimate way with my own child's education," said Willis. He also "wanted to make a contribution to the district and all the children."

Willis was born in Georgia and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. He earned his masters and doctorate degrees in education at Harvard University, where he also dent of the Paterson School served as a teaching fellow. Prior District, is displayed at the

was the Headmaster of the New model railroading at his West School for Children in Boston. Orange home. Currently, Willis teaches Urban Sociology, Sociology of Education and Introduction to Sociology classes to undergraduates at WPU.

Willis is a member of the Advisory Council of the Children's Haven in Paterson, a home for boys, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Children's Aid and Family Services, Inc, a advocacy group. Additionally, he is a member and leader of several other community organizations, including the Coalition for Black Citizens, an organization that provides scholarships and support to students in

Willis said he is known to encourage high academic achievement among students. "I would still push the best students at the best universities to increase their levels of performance to a higher quality in academic programs." Willis remarked that he is never

satisfied without something beyond his reach to attempt grasp. When asked about his personal philosophy, Willis commented that, "When I look at reform recommendations, I always ask what will be different and how will the difference be better."

An artist and musician, Willis enjoys matching his creativity and skill with canvasses and alto saxophones. His portrait of Frank Napier, the first black superinten-

to joining the faculty at WPU, he Paterson museum. He also enjoys

Willis believes that he has an excellent team on the Board that is very receptive to his 3-year term. "I have developed a positive relationship with school administrators, principals and PTAs (Parent Teacher Associations). I feel a sense of responsibility to live up to the significance of the [election]," Willis said. He commented that before the election there were no educators on the board. "It's good to have a mix of career and professional backgrounds."

The tenured professor hopes to "foster a positive relationship between William Paterson and the West Orange School District," among other local colleges and universities. Willis aims to "bring certain resources that result from marriage between business and industry [and the District]." Such relationships could provide "technology development and implementation within the schools."

Regarding the Columbine High School tragedy last Tuesday, Willis said that he thinks "it points out a need for additional services at the public school level because with changes in family lifestyles...troubled youngsters don't have support. We must turn to the schools for additional guidance personnel."

Willis plans on visiting his family in Boston this summer in addition to preparing his curriculum

Muhammed urges students at WPU to become vision-driven

may be detrimental to our health, offspring, and the very future of

Education, from Muhammad's viewpoint, has come to mean and represent something different from what it is intended, and it also holds one of the keys to the beginning of the end of the state of emergency in our country. He also presented some startling statistics about the results of poor education in the United States:

• 10-20% of high school students graduate functionally illiter-

•The current dropout rate among high school students is above 30%

Only 16% of America's high school students graduate compe-

likewise for their own people."

Another point emphasized by the Minister was the tendency for people, in particular young people,

to be goal-driven instead of vision-driven. He urged the youth of America to become more vision-oriented in order to really reap the benefits of a higher education and to overcome any obstacles that may appear.

"My word of advice [to college students] would be to embrace some new idea different from only coming to school to qualify to get a job that could make a lot of money [which] is a very selfish and vain motivation. Something bigger than the individual that people can latch onto, and then give the benefit of their learning to that bigger purpose, and then have the vision to see that bigger purpose become a reality, then there's no obstacle, be it administration, financial woes, or whatever it might be that might stand in the way, because they will be visiondriven as opposed to being goaldriven," said Muhammad.

The moral decay evident in our society, and the lack of morals being taught and encouraged is another factor that has helped to foster the severity of the current "state of emergency," Minister Muhammad pointed out frankly.

"People come here [to college] and get high marks but they have low morals and they forget all about that which they were brought up with in their homes, and so they leave college with a higher education but with no determined idea to live a decent and moral life; moral decay is the root of the problems of this country and the whole world." he

He expressed the need for students to cultivate or recapture their spiritual and religious values in order to become more vision-oriented and to obtain a better understanding of who and what to stand

"I thought that Minister Muhammad was very inspirational, and although I am a Christian. I felt that he did a wonderful job discussing the issues involving people's need for God in their lives," said Sylvia Thomas. 8

She also felt that the speech served to dispel some of the negative images shown by the media of the Nation of Islam.

Marquel Wiley, a sophomore stated, "I thought that Minister Muhammad was powerful. His comments, particularly the comments about the abortion issue really affected me."

Minister Michael Muhammad offered insight into what it takes to make change, when he stated, "It's only those who are willing to hear the word in us that resonates in us and sparks our inner conscious ness and then we desire to change but it's always been just the few who are engaged in the struggle it's never been the masses because it's very easy to do nothing and very difficult to face strug

from Minister page 1

the well-being of our families, our

Muhammad feels that many stu-

dents are spending more time partying, socializing, drinking and drugging their way through their college careers, and are not adequately preparing themselves for the real world. "I think that as college students, you have the benefits of what is called 'higher education." But that education has to be coupled with a knowledge of yourself, your history, your rich culture and a determined idea to do something to benefit the legacy of our people here in America and for other ethnic groups here to do The Min Interview of the Interview of th

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'All Media are VIP' at Erotica ISA '99

By Mark Antony Tambone Insider Contributor -

I declined an overseas opportu nity for up-close, frontline coverage of Kosovo to handle one of the most challenging assignments of my career. This assignment would transcend me far beyond my boundaries, and stretch my moral fibers to their frail ends.

My editor, Chris Paseka, commissioned me to report on the Erotica Expo USA 99 at the famed Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City. I sealed my fate with a "Hell Yeah I'll go!" and set the day for Saturday the seventeenth of April.

What is sexy?

The Erotica Convention asks the question "What is Sexy?" This is a question I never thought you would have to ask a New Yorker, but with an estimated 40,000 plus in attendance, apparently we have questions and need answers. I wasn't to schooled in the underbelly of erotica and porn, so I brought backup. My friend Mike could

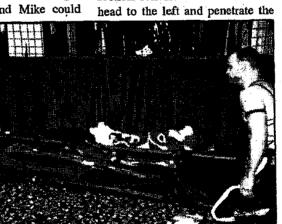
The Expo (Level Four)

We entered the Expo on level four of the Convention Center and walked right into a labyrinth of exhibits curated by the Museum of Sex of New York City. The art depicted erotic interpretations of partially nude women, women in leather straps, portions of women, pieces of men and certain sexy things that made you look twice(and still don't know what they were).

This exhibit was dead center and around it on both sides were booths and tables leading far down to the main stage. At the stage, the convention split into two distinct parts: Bizarre and Adult.

Bizarre "The Han Solo Thing"

The hordes merging in the Adult section solidified our decision to



A volunteer from the crowd vacuum packed inside this latex contraption, which was dubbed, the 'Han Solo Thing.'

suiff out a porn star in a crowd like Bizarre area first. Bizarre, maybe. a NARC hound could with a kilo But in this day and age not too shocking, thanks to movies like "Pulp Fiction" and "Deliverance."

> This section harbored booths for the hardcore folks. Piercing steels, cuffs, chains, straps, latex gloves and hats, pleasure leather, and full body gear promising to make the

We walked through and caught a glimpse of a demonstration starting. A dude in leather straps and shorts was putting a skinny kid into a full latex body suit. Mike and I dubbed it the, "Han Solo in Carbonate thing." You get stuffed in this latex cof-

fin and only breath through a small tube sticking through the top layer. Then the guy outside flicks a switch on a vacuum and sucks all the air out. This causes the latex to suction onto your body causing an erotic feeling, and everyone can see what you would look like if you owed money to Jabba the

Adult Download Me Baby!

Erotica in the year 2 grand doesn't look too promising for the people who actually crave physical contact with other humans. This section was a tribute to the Internet, porno movies and funky porno literature. Mike suddenly took off in front of me. He seemed to be on the scent of a porno starlet. He was. Mike lead me into the welcoming smiles and implants of Christie Lake, Lexus, Anna Malle, Smalley Pauly and Ron Jeremy. They signed headshots and offered hugs. Ron Jeremy gave us all a free show when he started making out with a girl on the line. This was the first physical contact I saw by



one of the eve-candy attras at the Erotica Convention Miscellaneous

Spankings and A Two ruff altern-a-chicks :d to give me a little spankinge of the booths. Being a serior-

blood vessels bursting in your ass only hurt momentarily, so I recommend it to all. The shiver surges up your spine then redirects down to wards your groin. This is the desired affect to be searching for. Just grab hold tightly and hang in there waiting for the shiver. That is all I want to say about that.

If you're cool, you read "Details." If you're super-cool, you read Anka's page first. Still searching for a prominent modern writer with indispensable advice and a knack for getting into fascinating NYC shenanigans? Check out Anka Radakovich in "Details" magazine or her new book "The Wild Girls Club." She was signing her book and I bought one. She signed it, "Wildly yours, Love

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It's a good ow Charlie Brown

By Andrew Semegram

"You're a Good Man, ie Brown," is an exceptionav. It only has 6 actors, and thre contains no huge chorus nrs. It's deceptively simple ples not have any of the twiad



the course of the show, nobody dies, no one falls in love, nobody is asked to say good-bye, and no one tries to hatch an evil plan. It would seem from all this that

scale Broadway shows. During

there is nowhere for the show to go; it must be very blah indeed. This, however, is certainly not th

The musical, based upon th beloved cartoons of Charles M. Schulz, is among the most ener getic and entertaining two hour on the current Broadway roster. is an incredibly well-written show, mainly because the lines are taken directly from the popula cartoon strip.

The script, which include numerous short vignettes and one liners, keeps the pace moving see CHARLIE page 11

Scene This One? Pushing Til

By Christopher A. Paseka & Michael K. Wnoroski Staff Writers

Many thanks to Loews Theatre in Wayne for the semester-long sponsorship of our little excursions. Their festive movie environment has provided many blissfull hours of viewing enjoyment.

This week we wanted something different, something edgy, something entertaining, something than this target...Pushing Tin

Presented by: Fox 200 Pictures Produced by: Art Linson Screenplay by: Glen Charles and Les Charles Directed by: Mike Newell

Starring: John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett, Angelina Jolie

Nick Falzone is a control freak, an air traffic control freak. He "pushes tin" at New York's Terminal Radar Control (TRA- can lose it all. His wife, kids, CON) center. Falzone works the Newark radar scopes, the busiest

the best. If you don't believe it, just ask him.

Enter Russel Bell. A cross between a motorcyle-riding cowboy and a Zen master, he has come to New York looking for heavier traffic in the skies.

In this high pressure job, stress is a great equalizer between two rivals. This becomes a game where the winner, not the loser, home, especially his mind.

niest movie we've seen albster this would, without abt, NOT be it! Air traffic contg? I thought, "Hmmm, let's stat Hollywood can come uth using this concept." Not r to my dismay! The actors in Im were great but the the stust didn't go anywhere.

C- I have to admit I was ng forward to this movie. I ha to

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like Mr. Cusack, Billy Bob, Ms. Jolie and Catie, but this film was not worth my time. This film was flatter than roadkill. I sat back for two hours and waited for something to happen. It didn't. There was more energy coming from the 'Blue-haired Club' that filled the audience than from the screen. (Blue-hair Club = older crowd = funny joke)

M. Blue-hair club...Ha! You're a comic genius, Chris. Anyway, I'm still baffled by this movie. What the hell was it? After an hour I realized, "nothing's going to happen. This movie is definitely going nowhere." Literally, there were elements in this movie that had nothing to do with anything

The only explaination I can come up with is that the writer and director wanted the audience to

controllers in the film. If this is true, it worked. I wanted to pull my hair out long before the film

C. This is one of those films where you want to get up and leave. I didn't and to tell you the truth, if I did, I would have saved an hour of my life. The movie didn't change from beginning to end. It was confusing and hurried when it began, and it was just an confusing when it ended.

Hey Mike, what was up with the 'lip' twins? Thornton and Jolie have the wierdest lips. 'Thornton's lips spread from ear to ear and Jolie's explode from nose to chin. What was up with that?

M- It's 'ard to say really, Chris! Ya know, I've got to say this; Maybe if I go back and watch this movie after I'm married with children and suffering a mid-life crisis I'll get more out of it.

There was something about this film that I wanted to "get" but just went down in a flaming wreck!)

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couldn't seem to relate to. The actors knew what they were trying to get across but the writing just didn't allow it to flow. I was left with too many questions that didn't need to be asked. That was the most disappointing thing about

Pushing Tin.

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C- I agree, Mike. The writing was decent but it had no point. There were too many loose ends. Collectively, the cast was very strong. All four of the leads were very strong, that is the only thing that kept me in my seat. This is a sad state of affairs; such strong actors, in pretty decent roles, with a shitty script.

M- Overall, I'd say this movie bit hard. If it wasn't for some of the the great actors that graced the screen. I'd have to put this movie up there with some of the worst movies I've seen all year. I'll tell ya, this one doesn't lag too far behind Vampires, last semester's Golden Finger recipient. It's not

C- Overall, this film was a complete disappointment. It is not worth the time. If you are interested in the inner workings of flight navigation, go see this film. If not,

On a scale of 5 airplanes: Chris rates this film 1 airplane (that crashed and burned!) Mike rate this film 1 airplane (that

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'Shortcut' to Graduation'

Whether it be the view of the structures on campus, William Paterson University has many gorgeous features. It is unfortunate that the university will soon be losing one of it's most decorated treasures. I have come to understand that this foul occurance will take place in May. It is not the act of thieves or vandils that will bring this upon us. No, the pirate in this case is graduation.

1994 was the year DJ Shortcut introduced W.P.U. to the advantages of his attendance. Before the North and South Towers were senarated by bricks, and a good old 'C' could be found after our 'WP'. There was a boy from South Jersey who went by the name of Marshall.

A disc-jocky born in Queens, New York and raised in Ocean Township, NJ, Marshall found himself at a new school, and a with new crowd. Shortly after a semester of settling in he began to notice opportunities to spin on a

Fresh to the school and away from his fan base, Shortcut playing all the University's venues of their support over the years.

as well as local clubs.

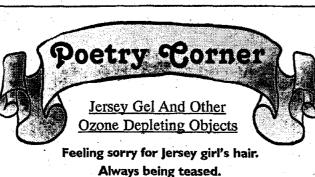
Marshall had taken notice that Billy Pat's Pub, here on campus, could provide a place for him to New York City skyline or the art entertain hip-hop lovers. Before he preformed at the Pub, hip-hop fans who wanted to dance found themselves short changed.

The adjustment was made in 1995 and now, after four years, the thought of the Pub without hiphop is unimaginable. Along with DJ Shortcut, I would like to thank the current and former Pub Managers, Uldis Sigailis and Anthony Cavotto, for the format

I asked Marshall Fox what influences the music he plays for the crowd, and why. He said, "I like the old school, the stuff from '90 to '93... back when it was all

"Of course, I play the new hot stuff, but I like to mix it up and keep the old school alive. I love to see the mix of people at William Paterson having a good time and enjoying themselves."

The relationship between the William Paterson crowd and DJ Shortcut is one that has grown to a level of appreciation on both sides. While intervewing him, he mentioned how he would love to thank reestablished himself here by the people of the university for all



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> All Temptations and facscinations with your mile high hair. "Put the damn Mousse down!

You're fuckin' up my air!" -Mark Antony Tambone General Unitions

The Insider

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Are we all ready to call it quits? I sure am! Unfortunately, papers and finals are still a reality. And, as a result, I have had little time to go out on the weekends. Boohoo!

Believe me, it's not something I am dealing with calmly. I have resorted to listening to mix tapes while typing up papers in my dorm room and the closest to dancing I have gotten is when my fingers hit the keyboard.

Well, since I haven't gone out anywhere lately, I will instead give you a little news bit about the Tunnel. It has come to my attention, by source of email from Clubnycity, that the Tunnel had been raided by police last Saturday, April 17 at 3 a.m. Allegedly, they found many drugs including Ecstasy, cocaine, marijuana, and Special K. As a result, City Hall is investigating whether it can shut down the club.

The club has been having some problems lately. They began a few months ago when a minor overdosed. It was believed that the young man was on Ecstasy but it was later reported that he took GHR - a legal muscle relaxant that can be obtained from health food stores. One can only wonder if The Tunnel will remain open for much longer.

I am sending this message out

to all of you party kids in hopes that you will be careful, cautious and wise. Have fun with your partying but please be safe! I am ending this week's column with an event that is coming up. Party

Woodstock '99

Where: Rome, NY. When: July 23-25

How Much: Individual ticket price is \$150 (not including applicable taxes, surcharges and \$5 parking fee). Ticket price includes all three days of the festival and camping.

Who: (the best part, the performers) Acts officially slated include stadium-level performers such as: Aerosmith, Counting Crows, Metallica, Dave Matthews Band, Rage Against The Machine, Willie Nelson, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Alanis Morissette, Bush, Sheryl Crow, George Clinton, Collective Soul, Creed, DMX. Everlast, Ice Cube, Jewel, Korn, Live, Los Lobos, Sugar Ray, Wyclef Jean & the Refugee Allstars, Our Lady Peace, Jamiroquai, Offspring, Foo Fighters, Brian Setzer Orchestra, Limp Bizkit, The Chemical Brothers, Fat Boy Slim, The Tragically Hip, Rusted Root, moe., Guster and others to be named later. Until next time! - PQ

A new 'Holiday' is here!

By Christopher A. Paseka

What are you doing for Mother's Day? Well, why don't you get off your butt and see a 'romantic comedy about murder, lust and plagiarism?" "Deep Six Holiday", written by David Landau, won the Blackburn award for excellence and will be performed on campus next weekend.

The Alumni Association's Spotlight Theatre Company is producing this new murder mystery with hopes to entertain, delight and surprise the audience. Liz DeBetta, David Simonetti, and Terrence Withers star in this off-beat comedy directed by Brain Platt and stage managed by Elizabeth McGinley.

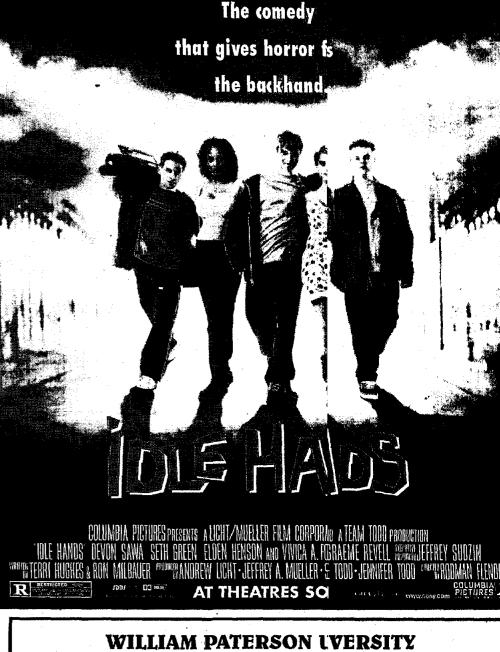
There are two preview performances, May 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 12:30p.m. Each of these performances will cost \$5.00.

The performances will take place in the Hunziker Black Box Theatre on May 6-8,14,15 @ 8 p.m., also @ 2 p.m. on May 8. The ticket prices are \$8 for students/seniors and \$10 for general admission. The matinee prices are \$7 for student/seniors and \$9 for general admission.

There is a special Mother's Day performance on Sunday, May 9 @ 3 p.m. Mothers and children are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Fill your day with the mystery of "Deep Six Holiday". For reservations call the Alumni Association's Spotlight Theatre Company voice mail at

*Keep a look out for the Spotlight Theatre Company's Children's Theatre classes. If you register your child for the summer classes at the performances of "Deep Six Holiday" you will receive a free T-shirt. The classes run for six weeks and only cost \$70 per week. Put your kid in the spotlight for the summer.





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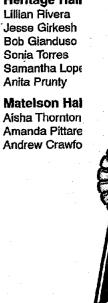
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Erotica USA '99

I read her book in one night and realized that all men must read this book. It is a survival guide for guys if you can read between the ines and open your minds.

"What's so sexy about cell phones?"

Charlie Brown

certain well placed moments which give the audience time to catch its breath, or wipe the tears of laughte

The music and lyrics, originally written by Clark Gesner, have been revamped to include two complet

ly new songs, as well as new orchestrations in many of the old ongs. The new score brings

fresh sound to an already love

musical, creating a show with huge

There is no question of the un versal appeal for this show. Friday

night's audience proved this over

ter clearly came from the adults in

were in-rapt with their favorite car toon characters live on stage.

llana Levine as Lucy, and Roger

Bart as Snoopy. Levine's sense of

character was near perfect, creating

Lucy who was typically angry and pushy, yet also had a very vul

nerable human side. Bart is th pitome of a ham, stealing ever

cene with Snoopy's keen one-lin ers, or even with a simple facia

expression. His fantastic voice

also the voice of Disney's "Hercules." and supreme physica

ontrol both add to his incredible

Also outstanding in this perfor

nance was understudy Krister Wyatt, who played the role of

is probably the hardest character to

portray because of the delicate bal-

ance of naivety, intelligence, and

hildishness, and Wyatt stepped

The multi-racial casting of the show (Schroeder is African-

American and Linus is Asian)

while possibly annoying to Schulz

purists, did not alter the show in

any significant way. If anything, i

elped to reiterate the overall sens

of peace and harmony that the

idience is left with after the clos

B.D. Wong plays a very enter

taing Linus, as an avid thumb sucker with wordy intellecti

"You're a Good Man, Charli rown" is fun for the whole fami v. Not only will this entertain the ittlest of viewers but the humo

anscends age. The simplistic plo and well-written story allows for many laughs. Audiences of al

ages will not be disappointed.

into the role marvelously.

ing song, "Happiness."

from CHARLIE page 7 through the whole show, except for

from their eyes.

mass appeal.

The convention itself was fun and well put together, but an actu-

ered above our heads all day.

The crowd was mostly made up of fat, overweight elders looking for cheap fun and gags. I find nothing wrong with that, but where the hell are all the freaks and hot chicks in this place? Every Friday . night NYC clubs are sardined with vibrant, pulsating, sweating bod-

tion while I was the While some of thths were

making my head ske a dog that hears a high ad noise. other booths containch antierotica as cell phone compact disks. The main: offered belly dancers and a fashion show, but "show" not what they had in mind.

I finished my nigth a mad dash on Route 3 to ike home.

He had been drinking rum and Coke that he smuggled in and become violently ill. He started dying. Must take me home now."

It's a weird ending, I know, but an ending none the less.

Mark's 5 Favorite **Ouotes of the Day**

'Look! I'm no brain surgeon." -A girl at the implant booth. I inquired who her favorite writer

-Mike yelling at me after I was

"I'm known for having the small

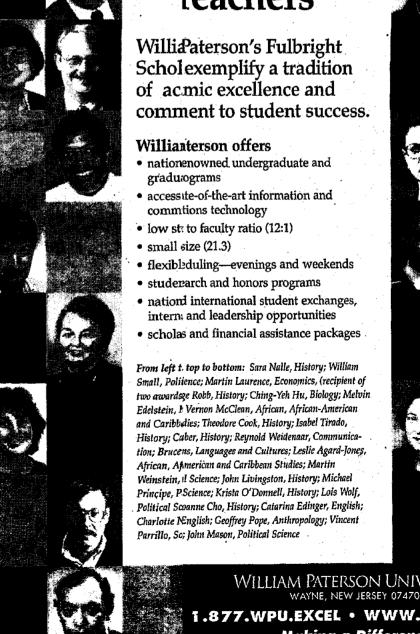
est penis in porn." -Smalley Pauley (porn star from

Howard Stern Show). "If you have to ask then you will never understand."

The guy at the "Han Solo Thing." "All Media is VIP."-Door man explaining our admission to his

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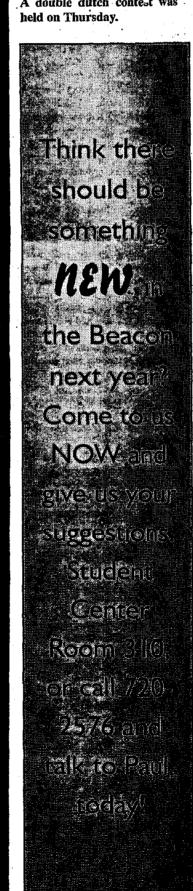
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The Campus Girl Scouts made cotton candy and distributed some to students at Club Fair.







Pioneer Players try to recruit members for next semester.



A double dutch contest was

some of the fabulous shows playing on Broadway. The following are only a select few of many shows running on and Off-Broadway. If you would like information on other shows check out: www.playbill.com

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For those of you who want some-

thing to do this summer, check out

"Cabaret" Studio 54 254 West 54th Street New York; NY **Show Times**

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Tickets: \$25 - \$90 Tele-Charge: (212) 239-6200 Synopsis

Based on Christopher Isherwood's The Berlin Stories, the musical Cabaret is the story of Cliff, an American writer who comes to Berlin at the dawn of the Hitler era.

He falls in with the denizens of the decadent Kit Kat Klub, and takes as his roommate the club's former star attraction, Sally Bowles. As he struggles to write a novel, he witnesses the blindness and self-deception of a group of people who allow Nazism to gradually take control while they are emotionally and spiritually "fast asleep."

Summer Guide to Froadway Theatre "Chicago" Sam S. Shubert Theatre 225 West 44th Street

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Musical based on "Roxie Hart," about a woman who becomes a media darling after she murders her paramour and goes on to have a spectacular trial.

"Ragtime' Ford Center for the Performing Arts 213 West 42nd. St.

Show Times Tuesday - Saturday @8PM

Tickets: \$31-\$76 Ticketmaster: (212) 307-4100 **Synopsis**

This musical is a tapestry of New York area life in the first decades of the 20th century. People from radically different walks of life -- an African-American family, a Jewish immigrant family and a wealthy sub-, urban WASP family -- see their lives

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Mimi is now AIDS-infected dancer at an M nightclub. Painter Marcell now aspiring New York, NY filmmaker Maphen, and so

Wednesday and Saturday @2PM Sunday @3PM

Synopsis Set in the summer of 1912 at Harry Hope's saloon on New York's lower West Side, this is O'Neill's classic story of a freespending, boisterous salesman who compels his fellow barflies to confront their pipe

> "Side Man" John Golden Theatre (Drama) 252 West 45th Street New York, NY **Show Times** Monday - Saturday, @8PM Wednesday and Saturday @2PM Tickets: \$25 - \$60 Student Rush tickets \$20 - 4 per

Tickets: \$20 (students) - \$100

Ticketmaster: (212) 307-4100

Synopsis A new comedic drama about the musicians who backed up the bigband greats of the 1940s. The play will feature music from the period.

Telecharge (212) 239-6200

Helen Hayes Theatre (Drama) 240 West 44th Street New York, NY **Show Times**

"Night Must Fall"

Tuesday - Saturday @8PM Wednesday and Saturday @2PM

Tickets: \$40 - \$65 Tele-charge: (212) 239-6200

Synopsis
Emlyn William's 1935 thriller about Danny, a charming but homicidal young man who is plotting to murder an elderly woman

> Royale Theatre (Comedy) 242 West 45th Street New York, NY **Show Times** Tuesday - Saturday @8PM

Wednesday and Saturday @2PM Sunday @3PM Tickets: \$45 - \$60 \$15 standing room available at box-

office when performance is sold out Tele-charge: (212) 239-6200 Synopsis person/day of perf. Box Office only.

The relationship among three friends is turned upside down when one of them purchases a work of modern art -- a pure white painting. Serge, the owner, believes it is great work. Marc thinks it's junk and questions how he could ever be friends with someone who would spend so many thousands on such a scam. They both turn to Yvan to break the deadlock, but Yvan's life is in turmoil as he prepares to marry a woman he's not sure he loves. What's ultimately most important, this play asks -- art, power or friend-

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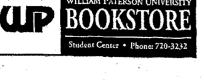
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Aries (March 21 to April 19) you are looking at it in a differ-

ly look upon you with interest. may intimidate people.

little more interesting. "Minor" the proven method to success. is the key word though; gamble Although the story of the torwith your laundry money toise and the hare is a bit cliche, of your savings it is something you'd do well to

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Leo (July 23 to August 22) You find yourself speaking and Censor your words and cloak moving with unusual grace and your emotions in order to panache. People who have increase the comfort of people ignored you in the past sudden- around you. A fiery outburst

possible for everyone in your vicinity to be happy, and you shouldn't try to make them so. Instead, make yourself happy within reason, or course.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Your subtle touch can turn a faulty and unreliable process into a smooth, ultraefficient mechanism. Show other people the value of orga-

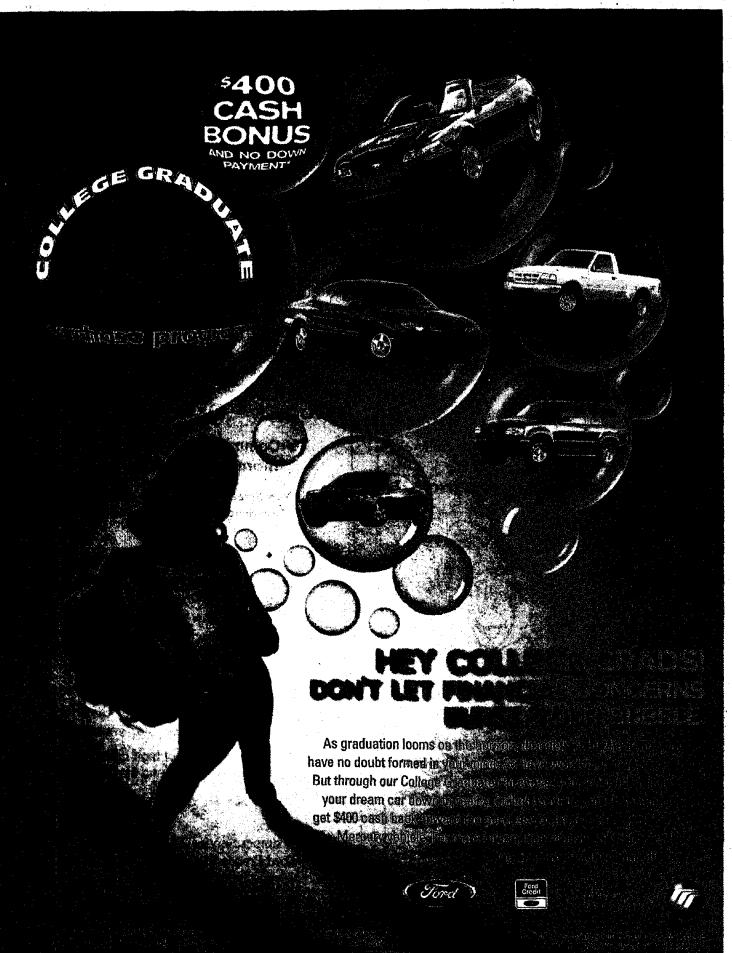
Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) You are on some very tight timelines, and cannot afford the luxury of simpy walking away from things that bother you. If you cannot ask others for help, at least don't chase them away.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Nostalgia sets in and transforms you into a weepy sentimentalist. Go dug up the old pictures and love notes - you'll probably laugh at yourself through your tears.

Aquarius (January 20 February 18) You have settled into an extremely comfortable spot, and you are prepared to remain there for a while. Enjoy the good things you have, but don't expect perfection.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Learn to distinguish the things that you really need from the things that you want. Of course it's hard to tell, but you haven't even pondered the question for a while.

> Do you read the horoscopes every week? We'd like to know if it's a popular part of the paper, so give us some feedback! Call 720-2568 and tell someone about it!



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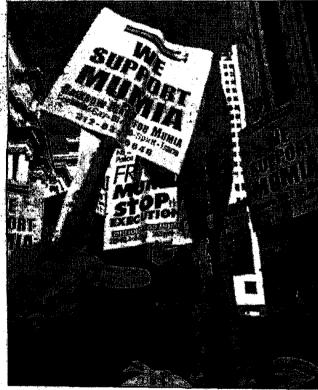
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Students Participate In Millions For Mumia March

Photos by Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon



Demonstrators designed costumes to express their feelings about the Mumia verdict.



Activists crowded the streets of Philadelphia armed with signs and banners supporting a retrial for Mumia Abu Jamal, an African-American journalist.



Even the media was present to document the rally and the feelings of the activists.

"The Race For Justice Is On"

Students from William Paterson University showed their support for Mumia by participating in the march held this past Saturday, April 24 in

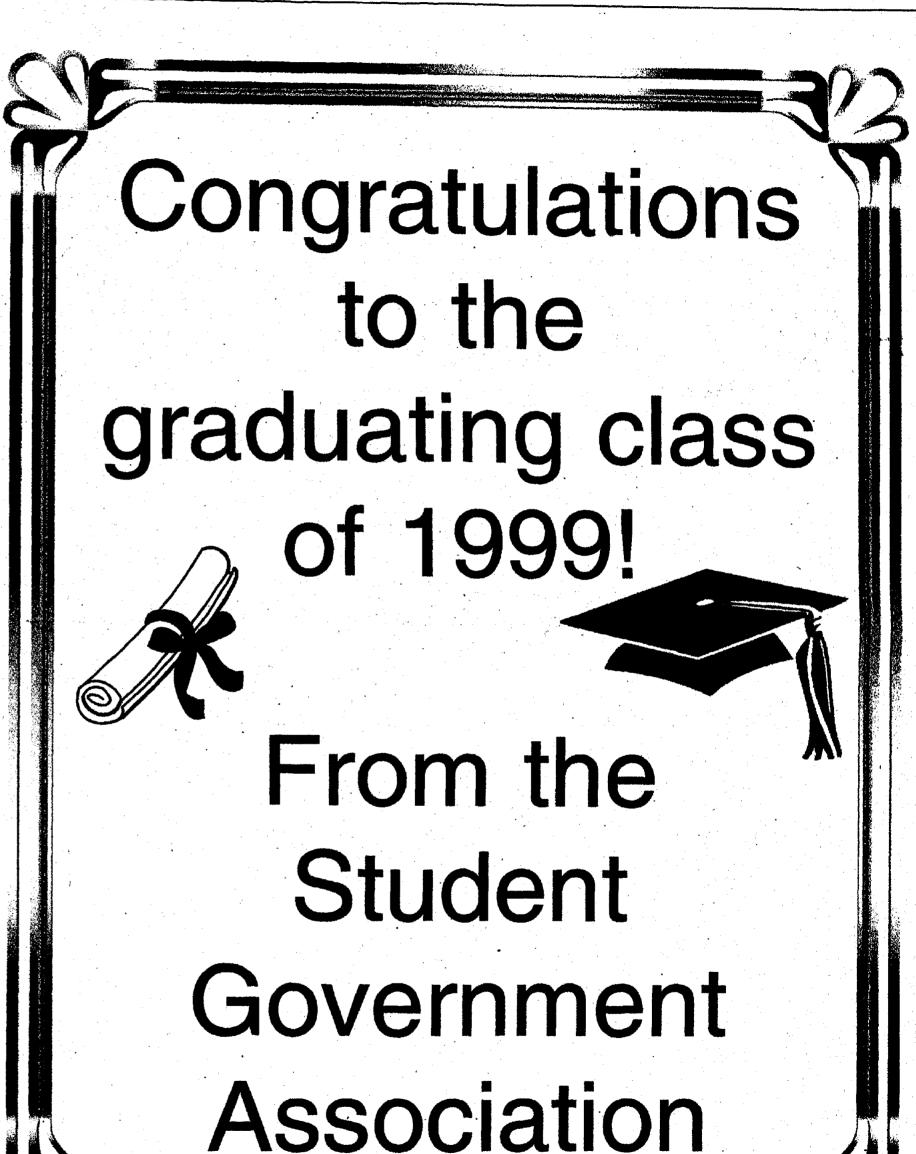




"Justice Has A White Face"

"Justice Has A White Face" supporters are clearly combating racial biasness within the Philadelphia Police Department.





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Those auditioning are asked to Piano sale prepare by rehearsing and memorizing a two to three minute modern comedic monologue. Sign-in to be held forms will be available one halfhour before auditions. "Seven for Laughs" will be presented June 11 at WPU to 13 and June 16 to 19; "Death Defying Acts" is scheduled for July 23 to 25 and July 28 to 31. Both shows will be held in the

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Members of the community are invited to audition for roles in two summer 1999 comedies: "Seven for Laughs," directed by Philip Cioffari, and "Death Defying Acts," directed by Edward Matthews, which will be presented at William Paterson University this summer.

Cast breakdowns for both comedies include men and women in their 20s and 40s. Auditions will be held on Sunday, April 25 from noon to 2 p.m., and Monday, April 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Hunziker Hall room 201 on campus.

Callbacks for "Seven for Laughs" will be held Tuesday. April 27 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Hunziker Hall room 201. Calibacks for "Death Defying Acts" will be held Saturday, May 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hunziker Hall room 201.

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Road to Final Four could be nightmare for NJAC

from NCAA page 24

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1999

Rowan University Head Coach Joe Cassidy echoed Rebimbas' thought. "I think it really, really hurts the NJAC. This is the best conference in the East, and one of the best in the nation. We've placed several teams [in the NCAA tournament] the last few years. We're competing with the whole conference for the at-large bids."

Thanks to the NCAA, there will be no mercy when stronger teams play their weaker competition. According to one Division III coach who asked to remain anonymous, in order to raise their stock come selection time, stronger teams may have to beat their lesser opponents handily, indicating that the points will be piled on.

In addition, the coach believes there will be a lot of embarrassments on the court, because the more you blow teams out, the better your team will look in the eyes of the selection committee when at-large bids are at stake.

If a team that deserved a bid in

1999, was left out under the new recognize this format. Meaning, look. The opinion of our commitguidelines, Nelson says "there will not be any words that can offer solace to them, when they work hard all year to achieve an excel-

While some quality teams will not have a chance to play in the NCAA's, the second half of the committee's rule change eliminates any structure the tournament had. Prior to the rule changes, there were eight, six-team regions, with teams ranked one through six. The top two seeds received first round byes, while teams three through six played single-elimination first round contests.

The committee spent two days in Salem before the final four trying to come up with a plan. A plan which has seen the NCAA committee scrapping this format, and instead of expanding to 64 teams or creating four regions of 12 teams, the committee has instead instituted a policy where there will be no minimum or maximum number of bids per region. If you are a college baseball fan, you might

three to nine teams in a region. Thus, the balance and equilibrium of past tournaments are gone, and a harder to follow, harder to select policy appears in its place.

Nelson says there are 48 teams in the draw because of a ratio the NCAA uses, guaranteeing that for every 7.5 teams that sponsors men's basketball, there will be one postseason position available. This number is divided amongst the some 360 Division III schools. In contrast, the women's tournament will now have 50 teams because there are more women's programs

Four years ago, the Division III men's tournament was a 64-team event. Whatever money was earned by gate receipts would pay for the first round's travel and officiating expenses. Not so in 1999, when, through an enhancement package, the NCAA picked up all expenses for all rounds of the tour-

"Excellence is getting a second

there could be anywhere from tee is we could serve both philosophies well with a return to 64 teams," Nelson noted.

However, there is no chance of 64 teams in 2000.

"The coaches polled would like to go back to 64 teams, and pay as you go, while the championship committee thinks all sports should be treated equally," Nelson continued. "A majority of the championship committee feels this is an equitable way to provide access for most teams. It was not equal before and it's not now with the new selection guidelines. They [the schools] need to communicate to the championship committee through their athletic directors and presidents. Those schools need to lobby back to 64 teams, so both excellence and access can exist and it can be a true tournament."

Rehimbas and Cassidy are both coaches who support the 64-team

"When the tournament was at 64, it was real positive," Cassidy said. "There are a number of quality teams that won't get in next

Could a conference with the reputation of the NJAC produce two at-large bids under the new guide-

"It would be possible for two atlarge-bids from a conference if both are nationally ranked," Nelson admitted. "The committee will make a judgement on head-tohead and common opponents, and check the strength of schedule. It may come down to winning percentage.

"The NJAC has great respect among the committee," Nelson acknowledged. In Nelson's opinion, the three best conferences in the nation are the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Conference, home of national champion Wisconsin-Platteville, the New Jersey Athletic Conference and the NESCAC (New England Small Conference). These conferences have placed teams in the tournament consistently in Salem. There are very competitive games between teams in their own conferences. These are three of the most highly competitive in the nation."

"The league is very difficult. You'll have to try to win every game as you go along," Cassidy noted. "No one in the conference lost to any other team in the NCAA tournament. We all knocked each other out of the NCAA's."

William Paterson eliminated Rowan and Richard Stockton, while Stockton sent New Jersey City packing.

Cassidy has one suggestion for the other NJAC teams that want to

of playing other games. We should just have a regular season champion. It [the conference tournament] hurts chances for an at-large bid. because the tournament just adds more losses [to the losers]. We just beat each other up," Cassidy continued. "We eliminate our selves by playing each other

The following is the list of 1999 automatic qualifying conferences with the champion in parenthesis.

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·City University of New York Athletic (Staten Island, 17-10) ·College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (Wheaton, III., 19-6) Intercollegiate Athletic (Christopher Newport, Va., 22-4) •Empire Athletic Association (Rochester Institute, N.Y., 16-9) Heartland Athletic (Franklin, Ind., 22-

·Little East (Western Connecticut, 17-

 Massachusetts State College Athletic (Bridgewater State, 19-8) ·Michigan Intercollegiate Association (Defiance, Ohio, 17-10) ·Middle Atlantic States Collegiate

Athletic (Wilkes, Pa., 24-3) •Midwest (Ripon, Wisc., 20-4) ·Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic (Gustavus Adolphus, 21-5) •New England Women's and Men's Athletic (Clark, Mass., 18-8) •New Jersey Athletic (Rowan, 25-1) North Coast Athletic (Wooster, Ohio.

> •Ohio Athletic (Ohio Northern, 24-3) Old Dominion Athletic (Hampden Syndey, Va., 25-2) ·Skyline (Merchant Marine, N.Y., 22-

> ·Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic (Pomona Pitzer, 17-8) ·Southern Collegiate Athletic (Rose Hulman, Ind., 20-5)

·State University of New York Athletic Association (Geneseo State, 18-9) ·University Athletic Association (Washington University, Missouri, 16-

·Upstate Collegiate Athletic (Hamilton N.Y., 14-10) ·Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic (Wisconsin-Platteville, 25-2)

Of the 25-automatic bids, 11 did not advance out of the first round. Seven others did not make it past round two. Therefore, out of 25 conference champions, only eight advanced to the sweet 16. For you math majors out there, that means that the other eight teams were atlarge bids.

That's how the NCAA has ripped the life out of this tournament. The competitiveness is gone. Say hello to blowouts. The road to the final four in Division have fewer losses in the eyes of the III has become a nightmare, and committee. "We need to eliminate the committee needs to wake up.

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WPUNJ track 4x4 scores third at the Penn Relays



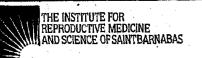
Angela Perkins (above) running in the Pioneer relays.

By Joe van Gaalen

The William Paterson women's track team scored a third place fin-Conference Championship heat in the 4 x 4 Relay at the annual Penn Relays at the University of Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 22. The relay team consisted of

freshmen Shayna Downs, Amy Forte, Angela Perkins, and junior Corinne Distaso.

The Penn Relays consisted of teams from all across the northish in the Collegiate Track east. Some of the institutions competing in the relays with William Paterson were SUNY-Albany, Sacred Heart Univ., C.W. Post, New York Univ., and SUNY-



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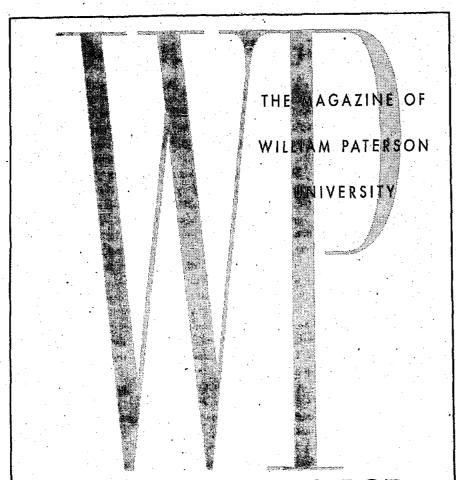
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Softball twice falls a run shof nationally ranked rival TCNJ



Senior Jackie Albanese (No. 18) throws to senior Tracy Demarest to retire thege of New Jersey side of the fifth inning in game one on Saturday.

By Joe van Gaalen

t was a long week of rain delays for the Pioneers leading Linto Saturday's game vs. The College of New Jersey Lions. But the dreary weather, cold temperatures and muddy fields was not be enough to hold down this team.

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The most anticipated game of Nauglo), saw her most worthe New Jersey Athletic thy acry in game one of a Conference softball season came doublder in the name of this past Saturday as the Pioneers freshmenom Vickie Prevete played host to the Lions. Coming (14-3)h the Pioneers and the into the game at 25-6, the Lions Lions open the game in the were by far the most competitive very inning with matching team that the Pioneers had seen this season.

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runs to the game at a 1-1 tie After first inning run,

bats rolling.

A solo homerun in the third the fight in the Pioneers team. But the Pioneers wouldn't give

Inning after inning, Naugle and box scores full of zeros in the run

Naugle and Prevete were an equal match for each other, both young, very talented and backed up by powerful teams. The only difference in this game was that Prevete and the Lions were getting the breaks, getting the hits and getting the few runs necessary to provide a lead. The Pioneers needed to supply their

Going into the bottom of the last inning, the Pioneers trailed with what seemed, due to the lack of bats, an insurmountable 4-1 deficit. With two runners on and two out, senior Jackie Albanese sent them in with a deep shot to center field. But, as two runners crossed the plate and Albanese headed for second to gain a better runner position for the win, the Lions pulled off a stunning play at second base. The play stopped the Pioneers in their tracks and ended game one at 4-3 in favor of New

Game two immediately proved the Pioneers' heart. After an upsetting 4-3 final inning loss, the Pioneers came out fighting in round two of this match up.

A quick first inning effort brought the Pioneers to a 2-0 lead going into the bottom of the first. The opening runs brought back the spirit of the Pioneers.

The Lions, however, would not let it end there. Keeping the drive

Foody's single to left field, the one run, which was enough to let Pioneers had trouble keeping the the Pioneers know they weren't going to sit back in game two.

Game two became a mirror of inning by the Lions further hurt game one, but the Pioneers needed to capitalize on Lion mistakes The pitching, led by Diane Naugle in game one and sophomore Julie Frisco in game two, Prevete duked it out, and kept the held the Lions' scoring down. The bats, led by seniors Foody, Albanese and Demarest, kept the offense rolling. Probably the most important factor in game two, the amazing fielding by the Pioneers kept the Lions in key.

Junior Dana Feltz made an amazing diving catch to save the day in game one; more defense of game two, freshman Courtney Heller also tamed the Lions with an amazing "over-the-head" catch at the warning track of center

Once again, just as in game one, game two came down to the wire. Going into the eighth (the first of the extra innings), the Pioneers and Lions were clasped in a 2-2 tie. Jen Foody was brought in by a sacrifice fly deep to right field, and brought the Pioneers to a 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the eighth.

Unfortunately, for the second time in just as many games, the Lions broke the hearts of William Paterson. The Lions pounded out a double that sent in two Lions. and clinched the game 4-3.

With just two regular season games left, and holding up a strong 24-14 record, the Pioneers will be looking to end the season on a good note.

Competing in arguably the strongest softball league in the country, the Pioneers are most certainly the super-sleeners of this year, unfortunately overshadowed



Senior Danielle Griffith (above) tags out a TCNJ runner in Saturday's loss in game one

Pioneer Sports

THE BEACON

The Lions hand William Paterson first conference loss

Pioneers split double-header with TCNJ; 9-3, 0-6

By Jeff Slavinsky Sports Contributor

William Paterson Pioneers took the roar out of the TCNJ Lions in the first game on Saturday and then played dead in the second of Saturday's doubleheader at George Ackerman Park in Ewing, April 24.

In the first game WPUNJ defeated TCNJ 9-3, then slumped in the finale losing 6-0.

WPUNJ looked sharp in the opener behind a solid pitching performance from sophomore Shaun Stokes. Stokes pitched eight innings, striking out eight and vielding only one earned run.

"Stokes was really good despite not feeling 100 percent. He still managed to pitch eight innings before Dan Snyder closed it out (in the ninth)," said Head Coach Jeff Albies, of Stokes who improves his record to 4-1 on the season.

The Pioneer bats came to life early and often. There were key contributions from sophomore left

This win kept WPUNJ undefeated in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (12-0) and snapped TCNJ's 17-game winning streak.

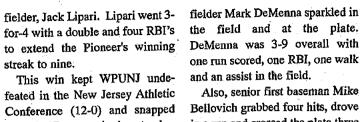
The Pioneers took the lead in the third inning and didn't look back, after Mike Bellovich and Jack Lipari scored on a double by designated hitter Nick Franklin. Bellovich also clouted a solo homer in the eighth to seal the vic-

In game two, WPUNJ had a tough time hitting against Lions pitcher, Chris Buglovsky. Buglovsky allowed no runs and only four Pioneer hits.

Not even a solid pitching performance from Jason Messina could prevent the Pioneers from dropping their first conference game of the season. Messina pitched eight innings and struck out nine.

"I don't know what happened. We didn't hit, we didn't field and we were very sloppy the second game," said Coach Albies.

Despite the 6-3 loss, center



in a run and crossed the plate three Although WPUNJ dropped the

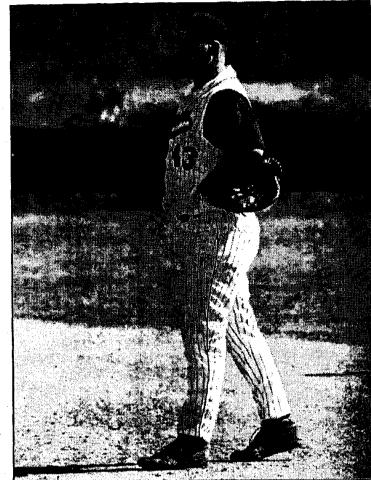
second game, they are still in first place at 12-1 in the NJAC and 23-

The NJAC is arguably the toughest division in the country. Montclair State was the runner up Eastern Connecticut State University in last year's national Rowan, Montclair State,

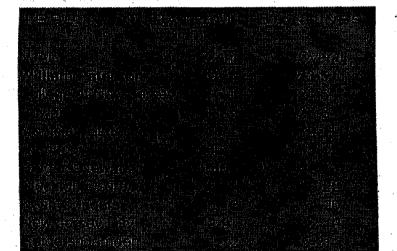
Rutgers-Newark, and TCNJ have all shared national rankings this year with William Paterson.

William Paterson's next opponent is Ramapo, at Ramapo on Monday, April 26 at 3:30 p.m. Ramano started out of the gate

really strong at 10-5. Since they faced William Paterson last time they have dropped seven of their last twelve games.



Senior Mike Bellovich (above), who homered Saturday, hopes to continue the trend for the Pioneers



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Meal Assistants: Feed/ care for patients, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, or 4:30 pm 6:30 pm.

Personals



To the White Hall Gang--We had a blast this year! WH 3rd Floor parties forever! Love you & miss you --"Drama Queen"

Matt -- "There will always be something there to remind me ..." Love, Alyce

Congratulations to graduating APO/PP members Chris & Tina -- We'll miss you!

Bampire --- Only 2 weeks left, have you figured out That's all folks! Thanks where you are going? -- an interesting year....Pam

Ed, Thank you for all the over the years. Can't be it's been 5 years. Th again -- Chris

Shari, I'm going to walking into your o everyday to bother vot don't think printed w even come close to sa "Thank you." Love, Chr

APO/PP -- We have put of work into this year. keep it going. I'm goir miss all of you ... Love, (

To all that know me -- T you for touching my lit ways none of you will realize. Love always, Ch

Pammy -- Love ya, pa Sparky

To the Beacon -- I'm g miss ya! -- Sparky

M.K.M.W .-- It has be roller coaster from hell. ride has come to an end. care, buddy -- C.A.P.

Brenda -- Gonna miss mood swings, Miss v Love, Me

To the Beacon -- What c say? Two more weeks then what am I going to with my life? Take care year, love the Beacon li did. Love, Chief Pam

To the Beacon -- Thanks the mem'ries-n-stuff. really helped make my ond college experience enjoyable one. I'll alw remember you guys. Li your proofreader

ANNOUNCEMENT POLICE OFFICER ENTRANCE EXAM

The Borough of Prospect Park will conduct an ope competitive exam for the position of Police Officer o Thursday, May 27, 1999. Preliminary Applications car be obtained at Prospect Park Police Headquarters. 10 Brown Avenue, Prospect Park, New Jersey, Mon-Fi 8:00 am-6 pm. Closing Date May 20, 1999, 4 pm.



Road to the Final Four could be nightmare for NJAC basketball

By Ira P. Thor Sports Writer

Moments after dropping a 92-83 overtime decision in the NCAA consolation game, head coach Jose Rebimbas sat on the press conference platform with superguard Horace Jenkins and senior forward David Coleman. Obviously disappointed with their performance, Rebimbas calmly predicted that his Pioneers would return to the Final Four.

However, thanks to the NCAA Championship Committee, these and other Final Four dreams may become nightmares for teams in Jersey Athletic Conference and beyond. That isbecause a new NCAA rule, scheduled to be implimented next season, will govern the 2000 Division III tournaments, throwing a roadblock into the plans of teams from power conferences who do not win their conference title. A dangerous game of Russian Roulette will haunt teams that have counted on at-large bids in the past.

"It's going to be a very challenging time come next February," said Jim Nelson, chairperson of the men's championship committee and athletic director at Suffolk University in Boston.

Under the regulations by the men's basketball committee, the tournament field will remain at 48 teams, but with a different composition. Teams will be divided into three pools: Pool A, B, and C. According to Nelson, Pool A will feature 32 teams known as automatic qualifiers, from Division III conferences with at least seven participating members.

Pool B will guarantee approximately eight to nine bids to the 67 independent teams and other non-qualifying conferences, leaving at most eight at-large-bids for Pool C.

In 1999, it was a 48-team tournament as well, consisting of six eight-team regions, filled by 25 automatic qualifiers and 23 atlarge and independent bids, allowing for more competition from strong at-large schools from powerful conferences who failed to capture an automatic bid.

In a nutshell, William Paterson, competing in perhaps the toughest conference in Division III with Rowan, Richard Stockton, New Jersey City and Montclair State, must win the NJAC championship, or risk receiving one of a handful of bids cross-sectioned nation-

wide, just to make the tournament.

If these rules were instituted in 1999, the NJAC would have only sent Rowan and Richard Stockton to the postseason. William Paterson- a final four representative- finished third in the NJAC with a 15-9 record.

"The very best teams will be in, unless they are upset in their conference tournament," Nelson explained. "Teams like William Paterson [the 1998-99 team] will be left out. They would not have been in this year with next year's criteria."

NJCU, the fourth-place finisher, advanced to the second round before succumbing to Stockton. NJCU was 18-7 prior to the NCAA's, with six losses at the hands of teams higher in the NJAC standings (three to Rowan, two to William Paterson, one to Stockton). If these rules were gospel this past season, two of the nation's better teams would be on the outside looking in; punished because they compete in an incredibly competitive conference. Try telling North Carolina and Wake Forest they can't play in the NCAA's because Duke and Maryland play in the same league. There would be a revolt, and not

This week's schedule

Monday, 4/26
Baseball @ Ramapo 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 4/27
Baseball vs. Queens 3:30 p.m.
Softball @ FDU-Madison 3:30

Thursday, 4/29
Baseball vs. Montclet. 3:30
p.m.
Softball NJAC Tournent-1st
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Friday, 4/30
Baseball @RU-New 3:30 p.m.

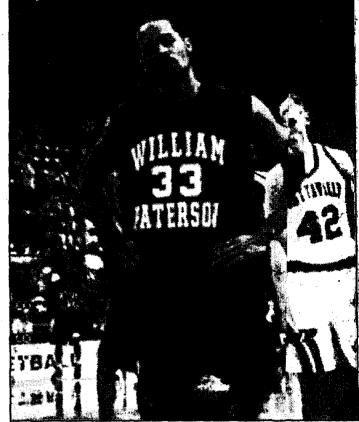


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David Coleman and the Pioneers may have a toughdme entering the NCAA tournament next year with the new form

just within the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Conference.
"The best teams will not be in the tournament and that's the bottom line", said Rebimbas.

"If these conferences had quality teams, they'd get automatic bids," Rebimbas continued. "If the independent schools were good enough, they wouget a bid. The NCAA tournam should be about the best tea-that's what it represents. There psets, but the best teams should mpete for the national title."

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