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## Noted Lawyer, Author Speaks

*Discusses O.J. Simpson Case, civil liberties, guilt vs. innocence*

By Susan Daubar  
Staff Writer

"Most of my clients have been guilty," Alan Dershowitz stated nonchalantly at William Paterson University in his Friday, Jan 28 lecture. "That is the great thing about the United States legal system. Most Americans charged with a crime are in fact found guilty."

Alan Dershowitz touched upon many issues at his lecture entitled, "The Constitution and Our Modern Justice System" in Shea Center for the Performing Arts. The lecture is part of the 20th anniversary season of the Distinguished Lecturer Series at the university.

Dershowitz touched upon many controversial subjects, such as free speech and his defense of infamous criminals. He has gained fame and notoriety as a lawyer, professor, author and civil libertarian. He has provided defense for high-profile individuals including Claus von Bulow, O.J. Simpson,

Mike Tyson and Michael Miliken.

He has been described by *TIME* magazine as "The Top Lawyer of the Last Resort". As Dershowitz explained, by the time a client reaches his office, he/she is facing serious criminal charges and is in dire need of his defense. He often provides counsel to people facing murder convictions.

"I have to assume my clients are guilty," Dershowitz conceded, "If I assumed a client was innocent, I would tell them to go talk to the police, let them find the bloody glove and look at the DNA evidence." Dershowitz did not mention anyone specifically.

Dershowitz explained that in order to provide the best defense, he considers his clients to be guilty until proven innocent. By presuming their guilt he can ensure his clients receive maximum protection from authorities and the media.

At the end of the lecture, the audience was encouraged to

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## Christians from William Paterson rally against slavery in Sudan

By Felicia Pettiford  
Staff Writer

Well over a hundred years has passed since Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, the document that freed African-American slaves from bondage, yet the African-American community is still coping with the psychological, emotional, and spiritual effects of this dark time in American history.

Incredible as it may seem, today, in 2000, nearly 27 million people remain in the bondage of slavery, subjected to brutalistic treatment and torture, and in many cases death. On Jan. 29, several students from William Paterson University, local churches, members of the community, and several city officials, rallied in protest of the ongoing practice of slavery in the African country of Sudan. Gathered outside in the crisp January air in front of the Federal Courthouse building in Paterson, signs displaying logos such as "Stop the Oppression and Persecution in Sudan", and "End Slavery Now", were held high by supporters of the cause. The rally



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Many students from William Paterson University joined a rally in downtown Paterson to show their support for ending slavery in the Sudan.

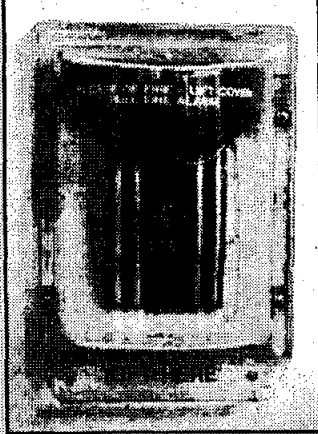
took place purposely on the historic sight of the Underground Railroad.

Sudan is located in the north part of the continent and is one of Africa's largest countries. Like several other countries in Africa,

including Sierra Leone, Rwanda, and other countries around the world, civil warfare and struggle for control over the government has consumed the people of the

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## Campus groups will honor 243 University women

*'Women's appreciation night' gives students opportunity to praise faculty, staff*

By Robyn Goldenberg  
News Contributor

Several organizations at William Paterson University invite you to take part in Women's Appreciation Night. The event, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Machuga Student Center Ballroom at 7:30 p.m., will honor 243 women who are employed by WPU.

These faculty and staff members will be presented with an award for their limitless efforts. Sponsors of the program encourage students to nominate a woman, whether it be a teacher, family member, co-worker, etc., who has somehow impacted their lives. Women who are honored by students will be presented with plaques.

The course of the evening will be devoted to dinner, music, speeches and poetry. There will be a sit-

down dinner, prepared by the university, costing \$12.50 per plate. Several speeches will be made by women, including Dr. Emma Perez, WPU's visiting faculty scholar, and Anna Class, Director of the Equal Opportunity Fund at WPU. Individuals wishing to read poetry or speak of why they elected a particular woman are welcome to do so.

According to the Statistical Handbook of Women in America, women and men who work part-time have about the same average weekly earnings; employment of wives has been increasing; the proportion of working women with young children has increased five-fold in 40 years; and more women than men are now enrolled in college.

Danny Ottero, president of Lambda Theta Phi and member of

the Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), two sponsoring organizations, is the main organizer of the event and derived the idea and acknowledges the preceding statistics.

"[Speaking] as a man, we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for women. In reality, we need women to rule the world. This event proves that point," Ottero said.

"I feel this is very special because so many groups are gathering together for this," said Meryle Maher-Kaplan, coordinator of the Woman's Center. "The fact that men are involved is something that we all need to pay attention to."

This is the first time this event is being held; sponsors of the program are hoping for a successful outcome and ask for students' support.

"We are really excited to make an individual feel special for at least that day," stated Yesenia Castillo, a member of Lambda Theta Alpha and OLAS. "It's not every day that a woman gets recognized for her accomplishments."

Sponsoring the event are Lambda Theta Phi and OLAS. Co-sponsoring are Lambda Theta Alpha, the Women's Center, Brothers For Awareness, Lambda Tau Omega, Lambda Sigma Epsilon, Beta Kappa Psi, Mu Sigma Epsilon, the Spanish Club, Business Link, NAACP and the United Asian Association.

For more information on the program or to nominate a female member of the faculty or staff at WPU, contact the above organizations by calling Student Government at (973) 720-2157.

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**Monday, January 31**

**Career Development Center:** Career Planning Portfolio Orientation 5 p.m. Morrison 103. For info, contact Career Development @ x2440.

**Tuesday, February 1**

**Women's Center:** Women's Discussion Group, Women's Center SC 214 Every Tuesday 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more info, contact Meryle Kaplan @ x2946.

**Catholic Campus Ministry:** Club meeting in Student Center office Rm. 301. New and old members welcome. Bring your lunch 12:45 p.m. To see what's on the agenda, contact Denise @ x3524, or Helen (President) @ x5026.

**Wednesday, February 2**

**Catholic Campus Ministry:** Interested in working with the developmentally or mentally challenged? Then join us on Wednesdays when we go to the North Jersey Developmental Center. Meet at the Campus Ministry Center. For more info, contact Denise @ x3524.

**Thursday, February 3**

**Catholic Campus Ministry and UAA:** Universality Mass and Heritage Celebrations continue with Asian Night at the Catholic Campus Ministry Center. All are welcome. 7:30 p.m. Celebration begins; ethnic food and fun will follow. For more info, contact Amanda @ x4962, or Denise @ x3524.

**Career Development Center:** Planning for Graduate School 12:30 p.m. Morrison 103. For more info, contact Career Development @ x2440, 2281 or 2282.

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# The Beacon Buzz

**The Beacon Buzz asked students this week ...**

**What is your ideal Valentine's Day date?**



*"A hot air balloon ride over New York so you're above the smog."*

**Bryan San Andres,  
Sophomore; Computer Science**



*"Being taken back to the place of the first date."*

**Laura Eddy,  
Freshman; Biology**



*"To get a dozen roses and go to a restaurant with candles. And a love poem."*

**Gina Moffit,  
Sophomore; English**



*"Stay at home, rent a gangster movie, drink a six pack."*

**Kevin White,  
Sophomore; Music**



*"A cruise around the Caribbean."*

**Janice Rashford,  
Junior; English Lit**



*"Go to Greece and have a nice dinner, and go to the theatre."*

**Steve Kominos  
Freshman; Business**



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**Interview and photos by Dan Kreifus**

## Christians show support to end African slavery

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Sudan for years. The first civil war erupted in the mid-1950's, when Sudan gained its independence from British and Egyptian rule. The second civil war, which has been ongoing for nearly fifteen years, broke out after Sudan's democratic government was overthrown by Islamic fundamentalists whose desire to govern the country under Islamic law caused the civilians of the southern part of the country who feel it is a gross violation of their religious and human rights to resist. Because of their resistance, villages are being destroyed, people are being tortured, raped, killed and put into slavery.

Many human rights and religious organizations have exhibited concern and outrage of the atrocities occurring in Sudan as more and more is being discovered about the situation. Some groups have even gone to lengths to assist in the purchase and releasing of slaves, which at the present time costs about \$50 American dollars per person. This action has garnered some opposition and has gone under intense public criticism and scrutiny, because many feel that it is only perpetuating the slave trade even further.

At the rally, several speakers voiced their concern, including Ken Vanderwall, advisor to William Paterson Christian Fellowship, Congressman William Pascrell, and Reverend Alfred E. Steele, city council president. Michael Curry, a junior at William Paterson University and a member of Christian Fellowship stated, "I'm here to help those in need. I don't know much about the subject, but I do know that (having) slaves anywhere, whether in Africa or Europe, or in South America, is wrong. As Christians, we have duties, we have duties to help those in need and it is our responsibility to help those in need. I'm here to give support and to show people I'm here in support of the situation in Africa and around the world."

Rashad Davis, junior at William Paterson and president of

Christian Fellowship said, "I feel that it's very important for college students to get involved in this, because a lot of the major changes that have happened in this nation have started on college campuses. So I urge all of the clubs and organizations at William Paterson University to get involved and do something. I dare them to make a commitment to stopping the atrocities in the Sudan. I'm especially calling on Brothers for Awareness, Students for African Unity, and the N.A.A.C.P., all of the African-American organizations on campus, this is a special message to you to stop these atrocities in the Sudan."

One of the major concerns at the rally was the support that until recently, the state of NJ had given to the civil war by its investment of nearly 400,000 stock shares in Talisman Energy. Explains Ken Vanderwall, "Oil has been discovered in the Sudan, and Talisman Energy Company from Canada, it's the largest Canadian oil company which has helped the government (of Sudan) to build a pipeline for the oil in the northern part of Sudan. The government was almost bankrupt because of the cost of a million dollars a day to wage war against the Christians and animists in the south, but now with the oil, they were expecting to receive about 450 million dollars a year, and that money would most likely have been turned into weapons to wage war. So we were calling upon the divestment of Talisman so that Talisman would put pressure on the government of Sudan to come to the peace table: NJ was the largest stockholder in America in Talisman. So having the stocks divested is such good news and we give thanks and praise for that."

William O. Levi, founder and president of Operation Nehemiah, an organization dedicated to the relief and development of the Sudanese people, is also from the Sudan and recounted some of his experiences as a Sudanese person under persecution. "When my time came, my parents took us to Uganda during the first civil war," he said.



## WPU Police Blotter

Jan. 2: At 01:15 hours a campus police officer noticed what appeared to be a suspicious vehicle parked in lot #5. A check revealed the car had been reported stolen in Philadelphia, PA.

Jan. 12: Campus police responded to the bookstore, at 15:30 hours, on a reported assault. A store employee indicated he had stuck another student in self defense.

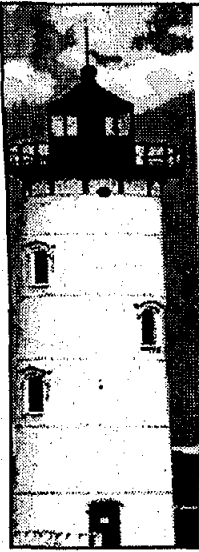
Jan. 12: At 16:00 hours campus police were dispatched to admissions on a reported theft. A university employee indicated a computer had been stolen from admissions sometime during the previous twenty four hours.

Jan. 13: At 09:55 hours a patrol officer located a vehicle in lot #5 with a shattered rear window. A check of the vehicle revealed a large rock on the rear seat. A report was filed, and the owner notified of the damage.

Jan. 14: A student came into headquarters at 15:40 hours to report a theft. She indicated a cell phone had been removed from her backpack sometime the previous day.

Jan. 14: At 17:15 hours a student came into headquarters to report vandalism to her car. She indicated her car had been parked in lot #2 and the right rear tire had been slashed.

*All information is supplied by William Paterson University Police Department.*



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## Mailbag

### Student's friend killed in Seton Hall fire

Just a few days ago I was a normal 18-year-old college student, not even a year out of high school, taking my time to grow up. Now, a few days later, I feel like I have been ripped from my childhood years and thrown into adulthood with one big toss.

On Jan. 19, a fire broke out in the freshman dorm at Seton Hall. When I first heard the story from my mother I was upset because I am a freshman living in a dorm in northern New Jersey. As the day progressed, I received another phone call from my mom saying that three people fell victim to the fire, five or six were in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and several others were injured.

I kept my day going as usual and that evening I went with my friends to the Student Center for dinner. When I got back to my room, my Resident Advisor's door was open so I sat down to talk to him. My roommate came to the door and told me my mom called two times and I needed to call her right away.

When I called home my dad answered the phone and just by the sound of his voice I knew something was wrong. The words finally stumbled out of his mouth. He had to tell me a lifelong friend had been killed in a fire. His name is Frank Caltabilota. Besides Frank, I know two others who have suffered from this fire. One is Tom Pugliese, who was his roommate, and Alyssa Merla, who lived

down the hall from Frank and Tom. The reason I know this is because we all graduated from high school together.

I met Frank in first grade at St. Jerome School in West Long Branch, NJ and graduated from Shore Regional High School with him in 1999. 12 out of 18 years of knowing one person is a long time. Six of us from St. Jerome School ended up at the same high school, one of which was his sister, Tracey. With that we shared a special bond, one which can never be broken.

As high school years went on, we drifted into different groups of friends, but we always remained important to each other. For days now, I have felt a strong sense of guilt and felt badly if I laughed at jokes my friends told me. My life and the lives of everyone who is in some way connected to this tragedy have been changed forever.

As hard as this is to deal with, I am leaving my heart and eyes wide open. Half of me is dispirited and feel will not ever recover, but the other side of me is happy. He is looking down at the earth right now and can see every person who loves him, who he loves, and everyone who's life he has touched.

In my heart I know he is truly happy and peaceful. Frank Caltabilota is, and will always remain, beautiful in the hearts of his loving family and caring friends, and now he is in the most beautiful place anyone can go.

**Carol Barham**  
Freshman

## Student suggests to send Elian home

When I was five-years-old, my parents got divorced. When I was six, my father took me to Michigan to visit my second distant cousins' best friends' school teacher, with whom my father was a pen pal. While in Michigan, my father tragically died as his Bronco capsized on the highway.

My mother wanted me to be returned to New Jersey, as she did have joint custody. However, my distant second cousins' best friend's school teacher (Dad's pen pal) thought I would have more liberty in Michigan than I would in New Jersey. Suddenly, Michigan residents and Jersey residents were using me in a tug-of-war game.

Where would I have a more happy life? Michigan or New Jersey? My father had died bringing me to Michigan. He must have had a good reason, right?

OK, if you have been paying attention at all to your current events or at least have an ounce of common sense, you should realize that I am mocking the case of Elian Gonzalez, a six-year-old Cuban boy and sole survivor of a boat wreck that was headed for the Florida coast.

This innocent child is the son of a mother who dies trying to bring him to the United States, the son of a father who lives in Cuba and has joint custody of his son and let's not forget - an illegal immigrant!

It was decided by the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) that the boy be returned home to his father and family in Cuba. However, his second cousins are challenging the decision and hoping that the boy will be made a citizen of the United States in the meantime. Time Magazine polled 1500

Americans about this issue. Of the polled legal citizens, 48 percent said he should be returned to his father and 38 percent said he should stay in America.

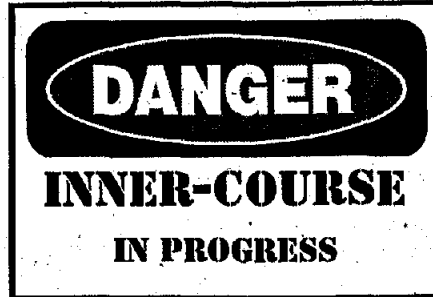
What do you think?

Let's not forget that his father has joint custody of the boy and claims that he did not know his ex-wife was taking him to America. Let's not forget that if the

voyage to America was successful, the boy would be an illegal alien. Let's not forget that there are over 275,000 illegal aliens living in the United States as of 1997. Let's not forget that the INS is responsible for border control and for granting LEGAL residents status and citizenship, and not to illegal immigrants. Let's not forget that waiting lists for citizenship can be years long.

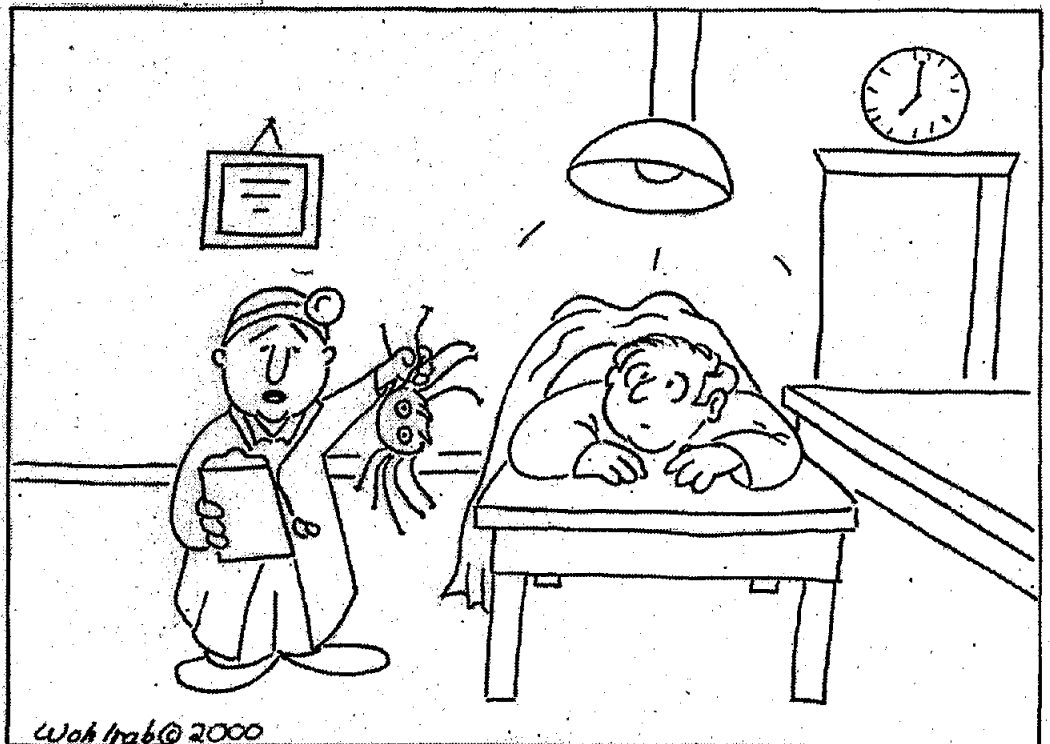
Let's send this boy home to his father. We may dislike Cuban government and wholeheartedly want to give this boy a chance at what we feel is greener on our side, but we would be wrenching him from not only his father, but his four grandparents, step-mother, baby half-brother, and friends at school. What right to do we have? What right do second cousins have over the boy's natural father, who loves him and raised him with his mother? His mother has already been taken from him. Should we take away his entire family? Call it a bonus buy? I think that doing so would make supporters for Elian to stay in America, his second cousins and the judicial system, very un-American.

Then, how different from Castro will we be?



By Sheri A. Freeman

## Wohnuts



"Well Mr. Connor, we found the reason for your crankiness and irritability... Turns out, you really did have a bug up there."

## Alum voices concerns about Russia

To the Editor:

The Clinton administration sent air force, navy and ground troops to Kosovo to defend Albanians from Serb aggression and brutality, but they have done next to nothing to defend the citizens of Chechnya from the aggression and brutality of the Russians.

During the rule of the czars, the Russians treated the Chechens as if they were all bandits and thieves. The czars executed common people and deported thousands. The Chechens resisted as best they could. After the Russian revolu-

tion the Chechens were once again made enemies of the state. Of course, Joseph Stalin, not to be outdone by anyone in oppression, brutally shipped most Chechens into forced labor camps. Thousands of innocent people died. After Stalin died, Nikita Krushchev released surviving Chechens from forced labor camps. Many thousands of Chechnya's people have died at the hands of czars and communists.

After the collapse of one party dictatorship in Russia, the Chechens elected a former general, Dzhokhar Dudayev, as their president. Russia fought Chechen

rebels from 1994 to 1996, and left defeated. The Russians started a brutal war with Chechnya again in 1999. The Chechens have resorted to resisting the latest Russian invaders by using guerrilla warfare.

What should our government do about this? We should stop giving any aid, money, loans or cooperation to the brutal Russian invaders. We should also recognize Chechnya's independence.

**Neil H. Lori**  
1989 Graduate

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# Protecting Great Minds

## A lengthy look at FIRE SAFETY at William Paterson University

### Part I: Systems to save lives

### Fire Alarms and Sprinklers

By Ryan Calazzo

It's 2:30 a.m. in South Tower at William Paterson University. Some students are cramming for an 8:30 a.m. exam. Others are sound-asleep despite loud music echoing from down the hall. Some students are downing a few beers, playing video games and reading books. A number of others are milling around the lounges watching late night TV, joking with friends.

"Ernt-ernt-ernt...ernt-ernt-ernt..." fire alarm horns begin to blare throughout the building, the obnoxious noise resonating off the plastered walls of the long, winding corridors. Strobe lights flash like a disco-dance as noise, confusion and frustration fill the air. Inside the dorm rooms, buzzers scream like a trillion mosquitoes; the high pitched noise is terrible. Nobody knows what is going on. Some students roll over in bed and slam pillows over their heads. "Ah, it's just another false alarm," they think, "It's too cold to go out for this." Others curse and shout expletives, some mumbling unintelligibly as they grab their coats and thrust open their doors, reluctantly joining the mob that is traipsing toward the exits. The elevators won't work, so it's down the stairs they go — out into the frigid January frost. Outside they stand freezing in unison on the edge of a cliff, catching a great — though unintended and somehow unwelcome — glimpse of the West end of campus during a full moon. Those neon lights that adorn Ben Shahn Hall may be pretty sleek, but for most of the students standing half-naked in the 20 degree weather, they'd much rather be back in their warm beds — asleep. It's not an ideal time to sight-see. It could be a prankster who pulled the alarm. It could be a cigarette smoldering, a roomful of pot smokers toking or simply someone's toasterized pizza muffin smoking. But maybe, just maybe, it's a life-threatening emergency — a fire or smoke condition on another floor or just next door — that may endanger all 1,000 occupants of the dormitory, especially those who choose to stay behind.

#### Editor's Note:

The Beacon is pleased to bring you this three-part series on fire safety as a public service to our readers. We look forward to bringing our readers relevant safety features for the benefit of all students and faculty at William Paterson University.

For many resident students at William Paterson University, the above scenario is a reality that some believe occurs all too often.

A recent fire tragedy at Seton Hall University in nearby South Orange killed three students and hospitalized dozens more after flames rapidly spread throughout the third floor of the dormitory. The catastrophe has prompted WPU officials to evaluate fire safety procedures and life safety systems in each of the university's 36 buildings. This feature series is a look at fire safety — an informative guide to William Paterson University's systems, policies and plans that are designed to save lives.

Life safety systems are comprised of two main parts: fire detection/alarm systems and fire suppression (or sprinkler) systems.

Students may be unaware that life safety systems protect lives and property every second of every day at WPU.

But students need to be aware of how these systems work and how they should react when alarm devices in their rooms or throughout the building become activated.

Every building on campus has a hard-wired fire alarm system. These systems are comprised of two main parts: initiation

devices and signaling devices. Initiation devices include smoke detectors, heat detectors, air duct detectors and pull stations. Signaling devices include horns, strobes and piezo sounders (or "mini horns"), such as the type located in residence hall bathrooms.

All of these gadgets are connected to a control panel (Central Processing Unit) that monitors conditions throughout the building and alerts occupants of any possible fire condition by activating horn and strobe signals and simultaneously notifying University Police of alarm or tamper ("trouble") conditions. The control panel also signals elevators to "recall" to the ground floor, open their doors and shut off during a general alarm, preventing persons from becoming trapped inside the cars during a fire.

An annunciator panel shows staff and public safety officials the location of any initiation devices — such as smoke detectors or pull stations — that have gone into alarm or are being tampered with.

There are two types of fire alarm systems in use at WPU. The first is called a conventional zone system. This type of system connects many initiation devices, such as smoke detectors, heat detectors and pull

stations, that are grouped in the same area onto one zone. For example, if there are eight smoke detectors in a certain corridor, they may all be attached to one general zone. Different types of initiation devices such as pull stations and heat detectors may be wired to the same zone. When a device is activated, officials may not know what type of device it is, and will not know the exact location of that particular device. The annunciator will display the particular zone where a device or multiple devices have become activated or tampered with.

This type of system is older technology and does not pin-point the exact device that is sending an alarm signal to the control panel; it could be any one device in a particular zone.

Conventional fire alarm systems can be compared to the newer, more accurate "addressable" fire alarm systems, the second type of system in use at WPU and gaining world-wide preference. This type of system utilizes serial numbers for each initiation device. A database in the CPU matches the number of the device to its corresponding "address," the exact location of its placement in the building.

For example, a smoke detector could

have a number of 85943 that corresponds to room 305 of South Tower. In this regard, the CPU can identify the actual device that is going into alarm or is being tampered with, then show an alphanumeric location on the digital annunciator panel. Addressable systems can also cross-reference device locations. For example, the display may read "Smoke detector in third floor corridor outside room 420 near stairwell."

Compared with conventional systems, addressable models are more accurate; officials know the location of the exact device sending a signal as opposed to a general zone where there can be as many as 20 or more devices hooked-up, making it time consuming to find the particular device that sent a signal to the CPU.

Addressable systems also have advanced capabilities such as indicating when specific smoke detector heads become dirty, and warning police when specific devices are being tampered with.

The Towers, Hillside Hall and Heritage Hall have addressable fire alarm systems, while White

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## Loews Wayne Theater Movie Times

--Stuart Little--  
(PG, 92 min)

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## On Top of the World: ZZ, Skynyrd rock the Island

By Brian LoPinto  
Insider Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — For at least one night the South rose again. That night was January 23 and with the assistance of ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd, Long Island became Dauphin Island, Alabama. The concert, which was part of the tour's extension, began with Nikki Sixx protégé Laidlaw. Their best efforts on the mild set were Catfish Stew, off the band's debut album *First Big Picnic* and the covers of Stretch's *Rock and Roll Hoochie Coo* and *For What It's Worth* by Buffalo Springfield.

The evening of rock, Southern style, truly began with Skynyrd; the vivacious band kicked off the show with the title track of their latest album "Edge of Forever." Throughout the set, frontman Johnny Van Zant met all points on stage as he strutted with mic stand in hand.

"It's party time people," said Van Zant prior to performing the 1974 hit "What's Your Name." "Skynyrd's in the house!"

Party time it was. Top to bottom the entire band enjoyed every minute; it was as if the spirit of the late Ronnie Van Zant was present



Photo by Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon  
Billy F. Gibbons 'struts his stuff' on stage at Nassau Coliseum

on the Nassau Coliseum stage. From their performance of "That Smell" right up to "Sweet Home Alabama" the new Skynyrd looked and felt revitalized.

"For five months we've been on the road with ZZ Top," said Van Zant. "Rock 'n' roll is still alive and well...so if you like rock 'n' roll..." the band went on to play "Preacher Man" off their latest release.

The remainder of Skynyrd's set

included: "Down South Jukin," "Whiskey Rock-A-Roller," and "Swamp Music." The band freshened things up with "Workin'" off the new album; before concluding with "Sweet Home Alabama" and an enormous Confederate flag in the distance.

As they left the stage, the fans chanted "Free Bird" while igniting their lighters. The crowd waited in anticipation as the chant grew louder and reverberated through-

out the arena.

Without disappointment, Skynyrd obliged. Throughout the song, Van Zant pointed to the air-brushed likeness of his brother Ronnie on the back of his denim shirt. The inscription on the garment read, "...you truly are a free bird."

Part two of this Southern rock doubleheader began with the introduction of "that little ol' band from Texas" with the assistance of a sexy sultry cowgirl. Guitarist Billy F. Gibbons, bassist Dusty Hill, and drummer Frank Beard (ironically the lone beardless band member) have been doing their thing for thirty years. Where most bands pray for ten

years of mediocrity, ZZ Top is arguably one of the best live rock bands.

With three decades under their belt, their sound and style is nothing close to stale. The band launched the set with "Got Me Under Pressure," in front of a mod art deco backdrop featuring various convex and concave shapes.

"We're gonna have a good time in here tonight!" said Gibbons following the crafty "Jesus Just

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## ARTIST DISCOVERS SECRET

By Giovanna Cecchetti  
Insider Contributor

To hear sound and feel temperature through color, to have space redefined by veiled forms shifting subtly within painted surfaces, to discover the whispering language of interior complexities...these are all visual experiences offered to viewers in this exhibition of paintings by Deirdre Schanen.

This impressive body of work, which is Schanen's presentation of her Master's Thesis, has consumed the past 6 months of the artist's life.

Schanen, who was born in a small town on Lake Michigan, was not unfamiliar with the painting life. Her own aunt is an artist and her father dabbled in painting.

She moved east in 1979 and during the mid-1980's, Schanen spent a lot of time viewing exhibitions in museums and galleries in New York City. She began to realize how emotionally involved she was with painting. Never before had Schanen given serious consideration to taking the artistic plunge, but, according to the artist, where art was once at the periphery of her life, it is now the main focus.

The eighteen paintings featured in the exhibition are filled with a visual lyricism where cool and warm colored shapes shift in space between ambiguity and clarity, expansion and contraction. Schanen is aware of the grounds edges, integrating those edges with forms that seem to be caught

between the painting's surface and its depth. She creates spatial diversity by constructing the painting with transparent layers of acrylic glazes. William DeKooning's fleshy pinks and Richard Diebenkorn's compositions have been major influences in Schanen's work. She states that both of these artist's works showed underpainting that fascinated her and by seeing how underpainting affected a painting's surface, she consciously referenced this visual effect in her painting.

Schanen uses Islamic calligraphy and its mysterious figures as a theme in her thesis and then infuses this with her personal vocabulary of symbols and fragments of written connotations. She clarifies that her use of symbols are a metaphor for the secret language of our inner world. Just as those inner messages to ourselves are never complete or totally clear, the markings in my paintings often consist of bits and pieces of things.

As far as Schanen's plans for the future? They are simple. To paint as much as possible. She will continue to explore the idea of secret language in her paintings and perhaps even to study Medieval art.

She informs us that her experience at William Paterson University has been a good one and, as Schanen tells it: "I still have the first painting I did in [Professor] Magistro's class...as a marker as to where I began and how far I've come."

## Mahalia spiritually captures audience

By Blake Driver  
Insider Contributor

"Electronic integration. Can't be nothin' but the Lord's work!" At least Mahalia Jackson's pianist seems to think so. Either way, religious and non-religious viewers alike gathered in Shea Center Wednesday night for what proved to be a spiritually moving experience. I was touched not by the subject of Mahalia's songs, but rather by her inherent enthusiasm for music.

The musical is about the Music Queen Mahalia Jackson, whose lifelong dedication brought a new beat to Christian music. The performance struck a particular chord with Wednesday night's audience. Clapping and singing along with Mahalia (played by Tasha Wilson) the audience's reaction was testament to its sheer joy and approval of the singer's rhythm.

The play begins at the birth of Mahalia's career, just before the onset of the Great Depression, when her Aunt Duke (Sharlene Nelson) and Cousin Fred (Daniel Burghardt) send her off to Chicago to earn a degree in nursing. But the Lord had already blessed her with the power of voice, which proved a greater healing power than any degree could have given her.

In Chicago, renowned Gospel Music composer Thomas Dorsey approaches Mahalia about promoting some of his new material on an upcoming U.S. tour. She instinctively hesitates until she can sneak

away to her prayer corner, a section of the stage illuminated by violet light, where she goes to get God's permission on everything. "He says yes!" she tells Dorsey. "I know, I've already spoken to him myself!" beams Dorsey as he whisks her off to her new life in the center spotlight.

It is in this spotlight where Mahalia's many varied attributes are illuminated, and we see that she is more than a Gospel artist. Mahalia was and remains to this day a symbol of black achievement and freedom, as well as the embodiment of feminine strength and capacity. The play carefully depicts one of Mahalia's many concert performances when she attempts to convince the two sides of her racially segregated audience to sit with each other. "Go on now, mix up," she coaxes until her audience is sufficiently integrated.

Her importance in the civil Rights Movement can never be underestimated. The musical stresses her pivotal role in the campaign and hails her as the "Voice of the Movement." As a member of the audience, I had a front row opportunity to understand the sentiments behind this most prestigious title. I couldn't help but feel moved by the unmistakable rhythm of blues deeply infused in her songs, as well as by her jubilant hand clapping and spirited dancing on stage. Bessie Smith,

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## IN-THEATER REVIEWS: "ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"

By Frederick F. Doot  
Insider Writer

As Kurt Warner and the St. Louis Rams ram their way to Super Bowl XXXIV victory, in theaters, Willie Beamen (Jamie Foxx) is thrown into the huddle of the Miami Sharks as veteran Jack "Cap" Rooney (Dennis Quaid) and a second string quarterback. Both go down with injuries in Oliver Stone's new action-drama football film, "Any Given Sunday."

With the support of ferocious but aging Coach Tony D'Amato (Al Pacino), Beamen must step up and perform the role of team leader. He immediately vomits in the huddle of the first play ("That's a first", replies Coach D'Amato). But Beamen soon comes out and takes control of his game and other things (including the playbook, much to the dismay of the running back played by LL Cool J) and sets the team in turmoil.

Luther "Shark" Lavay, played convincingly by Lawrence Taylor, is a linebacker who's encountered too many concussions, but is still an asset to the team. Physician assistant Dr. Allie Powers (Matthew Modine) wants to have him checked out, but Senior Physician Dr. Harvey Mandrake knows better; heartless, money hungry team owner Christina Pagniacchi's (Cameron Diaz) influence and

power is worth more than "Shark's" safety.

Beamen soon becomes a showboat, going against coach's orders, and disassembling the team's unity (although managing to win). Only a few games remain before the Sharks make it to the playoffs, and things begin to escalate, before

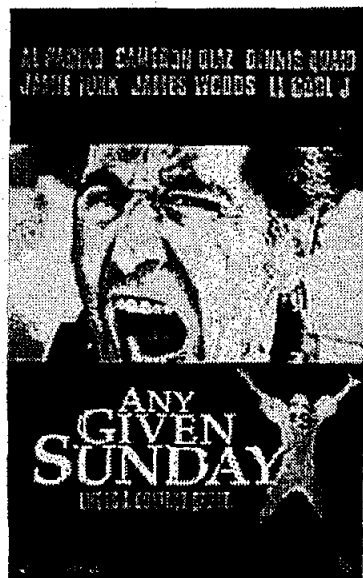


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a typical but still exciting ending.

The film is a wonderful display of successful montages (Sergei Eisenstein would have been proud.) Much of the film resembles

an MTV video with pounding music and shaking cameras shuffling through each play. The football action is realistic, but often hard to follow. And the dialogue and dramatic scenes are brilliant at times, but at other times are long and drawn out.

One of the more memorable scenes in the movie is during a discussion between D'Amato and Beamen. The discussion takes place at D'Amato's home, and has various clips of the classic Ben Hur mixed in the montage. References are also noticed as the championship game is referred as the Pantheon Cup (the trademarked "Super Bowl" supplement) and by a cameo by Charlton Heston (who played Ben Hur in the original movie) as the league commissioner.

Other humorous incidents to look for include Oliver Stone as the dirty announcer, drinking and looking at porno-mags while on the job. And a more obvious MTV style music video by newly famous sex idol "Steamin'" Willie Beamen keeps the audience wondering how much more sucked by the media the character could become.

The 170-minute "Any Given Sunday" is not a typical movie; it is more. It offers entertainment to action seekers as well as drama seekers. It's Oliver Stone without a conspiracy, and it works. Although it's fourth down, Coach Oliver Stone goes for it, and squeaks in for the touchdown.

## Band hits Jersey

By Ilisa Schertzer  
Insider Writer

Hi, Willy P. students! Are you bored of the same old routine and love to have a good time and let loose?

Well, I, Ilisa, might have the answer for you. Why don't you see a band? I am not one to go into the city often to listen to bands, so I stay in New Jersey to see my bands.

As many Willy P. students do, I go home for the weekends. While home, I end up going to at least one club.

Many of the clubs I go to are 21 and older (sorry). During the winter, the two big places to go are Tradewinds in Sea Bright and Jenkinson's in Point Pleasant. If one is looking for a place to see good bands for 18 and older, go to Birch Hill in Old Bridge. They often have big name bands playing in an intimate setting. This weekend I went to Jenkinson's.

An up and coming new cover band in the Jersey area is Fluid. The band consists of an all-star line up that includes former members of New Jersey's top circuit bands.

Although the band has high energy and a good song selection that ranges from the hottest Disco and Funk hits of the 70's, to the best party hits of the 80's and 90's, they leave much to be desired.

The band is not yet comfortable with themselves. During certain

songs the band played wonderfully and got the crowd going, but with other songs the band just fell apart, losing the attention of the audience.

When Fluid played "Black Balloon" by the Goo Goo Dolls, the room was filled with energy and everyone was dancing. The band then decided to play "Hungry Like The Wolf" by Duran Duran.

Fluid was not comfortable with this music and played it slower than the original version. Many people who did not know how to dance to the song left and got a drink.

Just when things got too boring, Fluid brought the crowd back with their rendition of "Dancing with Myself" by Billy Idol. However, the revitalisation was short lived when the band closed their set with an unfamiliar song.

All the elements are there to create a good band, with songs from Blink 182, Violent Femmes and Lit, they seem well on their way.

If you are looking for some fun times and familiar songs, this is a good band to see.

Once the band becomes more familiar with their song material and crowd, I think they will become one of the hottest bands on the Jersey club circuit.

Almost every week, I will be bringing you a review of a Jersey band. Next time I will be reviewing "Love Lies Bleeding". Until next week ... behave and let loose on the weekends.

### Atari Teenage Riot 60 Second Wipe Out Digital Hardcore Recordings

Digital Hardcore's crown jewel, Atari Teenage Riot, follows up their 1997 release *Burn, Berlin, Burn*, with a slightly newer sound and a lot more variety in *60 Second Wipe Out*. The question remains, is that a good thing? In the end, yes it is. Atari Teenage Riot is what their label, Digital Hardcore, implies, very hard electronic music. To sum up the sound of ATR: noisy, angry sounds over fast, angry beats, with loud, angry vocals. Alec Empire has traded in the trademark DHR overdriven beats for a wider variety of beats, including jungle break beats and some with a hip hop feel. This works most of the time, but sometimes results in beats that feel very generic. The majority of the tracks have an almost catchy sound, such as "Ghostchase," "Your Uniform," and "No Success," but still maintain ATR's edge. Other tracks, such as "Death of a President D.I.Y.," have the same chaotic feel as DHR companion *Bomb 20*, but with a more "musical" quality. There are only two flaws with this album, but both are very noticeable.

The main problem is that with almost every song, you think it ends, but then it doesn't. At the 3 or 4 minute mark of every song, it basically feels as if it is ending, then picks back up again for another few minutes. This

causes the listener to constantly check to see what track they're on, not knowing when a new song begins. Also, the songs feel like the 3 or 4 minute mark would be a great time to end. This would have cut 10-15 minutes off the album. Luckily, ATR is one of the few bands that can succeed in creating songs of this style longer than 4 minutes, without completely boring the listener. The second problem is one that plagues most ATR songs (and most songs on DHR for that matter) bad lyrics. The vocals

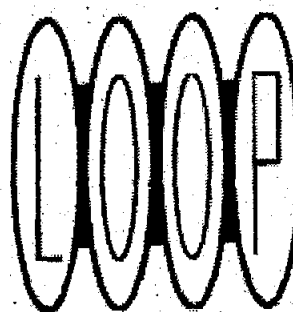
are good, but the lyrics themselves leave a lot to be desired.

Aside from them not being very well-written, the subject matter may be hard for many American listeners to associate with. Most songs are politically angry, from a German anarchist point of view. Instead of only addressing German government (as in *Burn, Berlin, Burn*), ATR now attacks America (songs such as "U.S. Fad Out" and "Western Decay").

If you like heavy electronic beats with an angry edge, definitely check it out. If you're new to ATR or even Digital Hardcore in general, I would recommend picking up *Burn, Berlin, Burn* first. Either way, *60 Second Wipe Out* is a high quality follow up to *Burn, Berlin, Burn*, but doesn't surpass it. If you are an angry German anarchist, buy this for the lyrics. Otherwise, ignore most of the lyrics, and enjoy the music.

—Michael Turberville

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# Lynyrd Skynyrd livens it up on stage

from ZZ TOP page 7

Left Chicago," the band then went into "I'm Bad, I'm Nationwide." They kept on cranking them one after another and the crowd loved it from "Pincushion" to their recent hit "Fearless Boogie," off the XXX album. The intimate crowd erupted when Gibbons strummed his guitar with a dagger for the duration of "Bang, Bang." "Are you having fun tonight?" asked Gibbons. "Reach deep in your pockets and put on your cheap sunglasses." The band glided right into "Cheap Sunglasses" as some of the faithful donned pairs of their own.

Gibbons then performed a solo jam as smoke rose from beneath him. He then tossed it to drummer Frank Beard for a flawless drum set. The band went into the captivating "Gimme All Your Lovin'," then

proceeded in a swaying motion as they sang "Sharp Dressed Man" off their 1983 release "Eliminator," the band's best selling album.

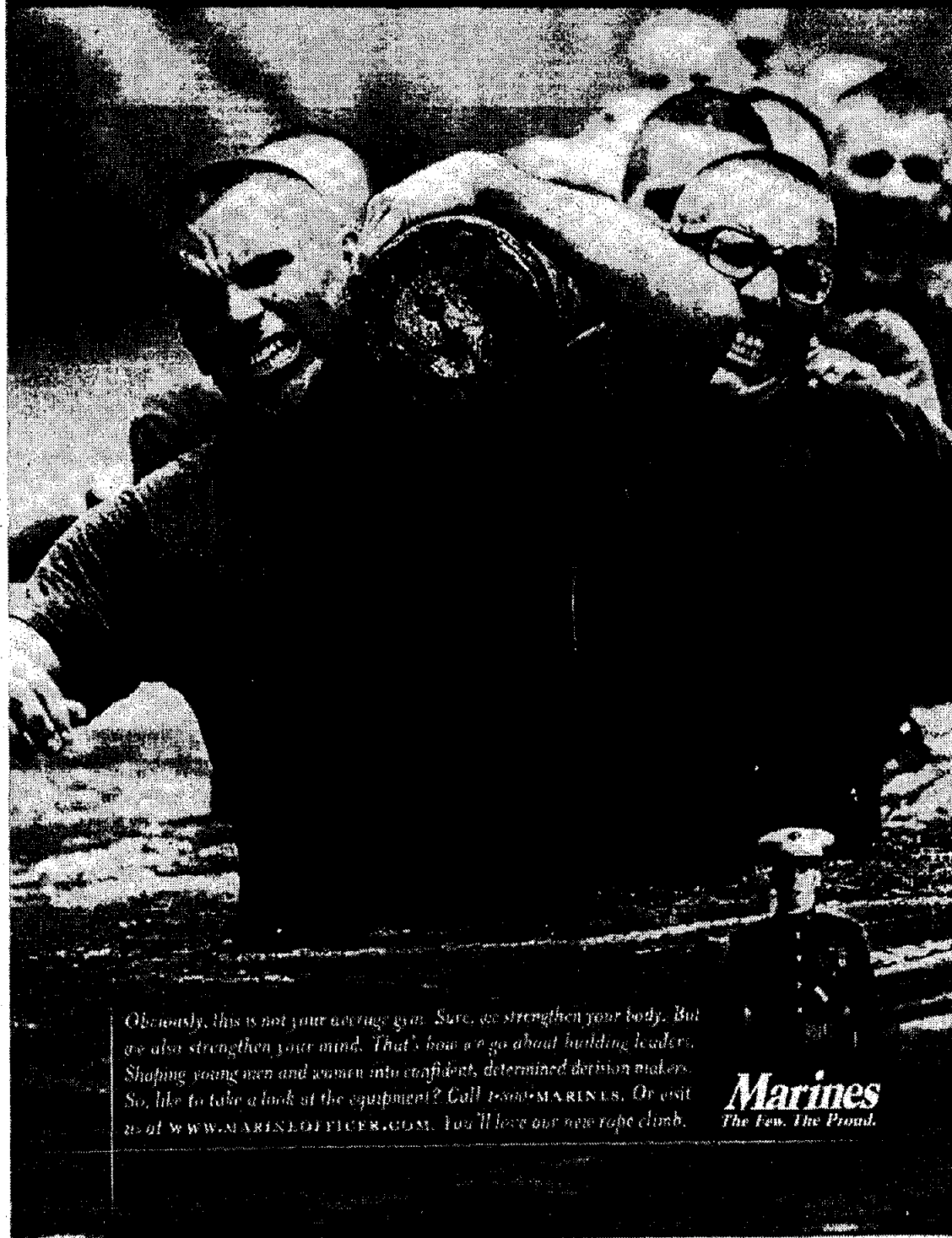


The trio broke out their plush guitars for the much-anticipated "Legs," another triumph off the "Eliminator" album. Returning with glittery sequin cowboy hats, their encore was fast paced. The boys with beards began their second wind with "Tube Snake Boogie. The ever-popular "Tush" was the exhibition's finale. During the song one fan threw a sombrero and another hurled a large pair of women's underwear. When the dust settled the 'tres hombres' genuinely bowed to their faithful fac-

tion.

For these veterans of rock, another show in the books and proof that ZZ is still on 'Top' of their game. You Have Been Informed.

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## Mahalia inspires crowd

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known as Queen of the Blues, was Mahalia's largest musical influence, while God was her favorite lyrical subject. Although she ran into conflict when religious leaders condemned her bluesy renditions of the Gospel as corrupt and devilish, black audiences everywhere recognized her rhythm as one which sprang from centuries of black oppression and hardship.

She was given the green light to perform as black artists had been for years before her, regardless of her religious subject matter.

In the end, this combination of Africanisms and spiritual lyricism is what we will remember Mahalia for. She knew better than anyone that music is the transcendental healer, and used it to bring a message to the world.

## Horoscopes

By Natasha

**Aries (March 21 to April 19)** You often use charm to get people to see things your way - but this week you could run up against a Cancer who wants more than sweet persuasion. Prepare some hard facts to prove your case.

**Taurus (April 20 to May 20)** Your casual common sense approach to decision-making wins out again. There will be some changes in your financial situation that you can turn to your benefit.

**Gemini (May 21 to June 20)** You need to nourish your inner self. Get away for a while from all that artificial light and closed-in surroundings. Mother Nature will do wonders for your spirit.

**Cancer (June 21 to July 22)** Your love for travel pays off this week when someone you met on a previous trip makes contact with you. Your career may seem stalled right now, but be patient; a big change is in the works.

**Leo (July 23 to August 22)** You're the hottest cat around and a certain Libra would love to bask in that warmth you exude. There's a chance of a major move at work that could mean relocating overseas.

**Virgo (August 23 to September 22)** Your penchant for neatness is to be admired. But in your zeal to tidy up the loose ends of a relationship, don't cut yourself off forever from someone who loves you.

**Libra (September 23 to October 22)** You could be called upon to exercise leadership in a difficult situation. You may feel a little uneasy at the prospect, but you know it's something you can handle.

**Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)** Someone at work wants to know a secret that someone else has confided to you. All sorts of persuasion will be offered to get you to reveal it, but stick to your principles.

**Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21)** This is a good time to mend a relationship that once held great promise. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to patch things up. Take care of a minor health problem immediately.

**Capricorn (December 22 to January 19)** You may feel a mite frisky this week. Great. You earned the right for a real caper. After the fun, get back to some fundamentals, including an outstanding money matter.

**Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)** Family is your priority this week. Reach out to someone who may be too proud to ask for help. At work, speak up about a problem that is affecting you and your co-workers.

**Pisces (February 19 to March 20)** You may be trying to do too much too soon. Slow your pace a little and you'll find you can accomplish what you need to do without pushing yourself to exhaustion.

# Systems to save lives: Fire sprinkler and alarm systems at WPU

from **PROTECTING** page 6

Hall, Matelson Hall and Pioneer Hall have conventional installations. Pioneer Hall is scheduled to have its system replaced with an addressable system this summer as part of overall renovations to the apartment building, and Century Hall will be equipped with an addressable system when it opens this fall.

## It's alive! How the systems work

In the dormitories and apartments, fire alarm systems work basically the same way. To best illustrate their functions, consider the following examples:

If a smoke detector inside a room activates due to smoke or some other condition that the detector thinks is smoke, the device will initially sound an alarm inside that room only; the general alarm that evacuates the entire building will not sound at this point.

Simultaneously, the CPU control panel alerts campus police that a "trouble" condition exists inside the building where the detector is located. Residence Life staff and police officials will respond to the building, locate the zone or address of the detector, and determine if a fire condition exists. If the alarm is caused by accident and there is no fire, the system is reset and the alarm documented.

Continuing with this same scenario, the room detector will attempt to reset itself after a few minutes. If it no longer senses smoke after a preset amount of time, the detector will stop sounding the local alarm in that room and the system just needs to be reset by university police.

But if the detector still senses smoke after a timing delay, the control panel will activate a general alarm throughout the entire building, switching on all horn/strobe devices, mini horns (in the bathrooms) and sounders on all smoke detectors. Likewise, if any smoke detector or heat detector in a common area (corridor, lounge, etc.) is activated, a general alarm will result automatically without the detector attempting to reset itself. This is because a smoke condition in a common area theoretically is more likely to be caused by an actual fire condition than one in a dorm room, where cigarette smoke or others conditions may set off detectors.

## Two for accuracy in Heritage

In Heritage Hall apartments, two smoke detectors out of the three installed in each unit must be activated — or — one detector must be activated twice within a preset amount of time in order for the control panel to initiate a general alarm signal. Since cooking is permitted in the apartments, false alarms have traditionally been a nuisance because of cooking fumes, kitchen smoke or burnt food.

The new fire alarm system in Heritage, with its two step activation process, helps to alleviate non-emergent alarm conditions from evacuating the entire building. As with all dormitories at WPU, if a detector in a common area

becomes activated, the general alarm will automatically be activated as a precaution without any reset attempt delays.

Apartment dwellers who accidentally set off their smoke detectors should try to fan the smoke out the window and wait for the detector to silence and reset. If the door is opened and the smoke seeps into the hallway, a general alarm is likely to be caused as a result of a common area detector sensing smoke.

Smoke detectors in ALL dormitories and apartments are hard wired; there are no batteries to remove. If students attempt to disassemble or dismount smoke detectors or any other fire alarm devices, the control panel will send a trouble signal to police headquarters and police officials will respond to investigate.

## Tampering with devices

Tampering with or vandalizing fire alarm equipment and devices can result in expulsion from residence life, suspension from the university, fines, restitution for damaged devices and other disciplinary measures. These are all in addition to local, state and even federal criminal charges prohibiting misuse of fire safety equipment. "In the State of New Jersey, it's a felony to tamper with fire safety equipment," said Bill Siegrist, Captain of the Wayne Fire Department.

## Prank alarms

Prank alarms are not uncommon at educational institutions. Most of us know someone who pulled the alarm in high school and as a result was suspended or severely disciplined.

At WPU, pulling an alarm box or otherwise intentionally causing the fire alarm to activate has both disciplinary and deadly implications. Life threatening consequences can result when students ignore the fire alarm because they think that the alarm is false. It happened at Seton Hall as a result of a combination of prank and frequent non-emergent alarm activations. The *Star Ledger* reported that 18 alarms in the past semester were recorded in Boland Hall where the fire which killed three students and injured scores of others occurred.

When the alarm sounds too many times in the absence of a real emergency, people may get used to the noise and discount it as someone who is fooling around or carelessly cooking. All alarms need to be taken seriously. It is no joke to pull an alarm and jeopardize the

safety of occupants who, by experiencing too many non-emergent alarms, are inclined to disregard the fire signals.

## Few true 'false alarms'

Gerry Petrullo, fire safety coordinator for WPU Building Maintenance, is cautious about

a constant water supply. A sprinkler head is activated only when the ambient temperature in the room reaches approximately 160 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature, a solder seal on the sprinkler head melts, exposing an orifice through which water will shoot out, suppressing flames as

far as 15 feet away. Only sprinkler heads where the heat exceeds the solder-melting temperature will open and spray water, preventing water damage to the rest of the building and extinguishing or at least containing fires until the fire department arrives.

When a fire sprinkler head opens, a water flow switch attached to pipe valves sends a signal to the fire alarm control panel to notify police and

activate a general alarm. Tamper switches are installed at all valves

where water supplies could be accidentally or intentionally cut off.

The Towers and Pioneer Hall do not have a fire sprinkler system, although a new system for the apartment building is scheduled to be installed this summer as part of general renovations.

Tim Fanning, Vice President of Administration and Finance at WPU, said that the university is looking into installing a fire sprinkler system in the Towers, but no official word has been made while cost analysis and feasibility studies are being conducted. Meanwhile, Maximina Rivera-Burrowes, Assistant Director of Residence Life, says that the new addressable fire alarm system has dramatically reduced non-emergent alarms and makes the building safe.

Although the Towers and Pioneer Hall do not currently have fire sprinkler systems, both have stand pipe systems. These water supplies allow firefighters to access water through the stairwells at all levels of the building.

"The (Towers) is what they call class A construction. It's all brick and concrete—the walls, the ceilings. Fire safety wise, it's a pretty safe building," said Siegrist.

All in all, William Paterson University seems well equipped with fire safety systems.

"Our systems exceed every code known to man. We don't take risks with students' safety," Siegrist

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Gerry Petrullo of WPU Building Maintenance points at the fire alarm annunciator panel in the Towers. This electronic device displays the status of the building's fire detection and alarm system.

calling false alarms "false." "When the alarm goes off, something is causing it. If it's smoke from cooking, that's not a false alarm. The system is doing its job by sensing smoke. It may not be a fire, but it is an alarm condition with a cause."


A better way of categorizing "false alarms" is referring to them as non-emergent alarms. Certain conditions may not constitute an actual fire emergency, but may cause the alarm system to receive indication that a fire condition may exist, as in the case of smoke. Current technology in smoke detectors can not determine which smoke is harmless and which is not; the devices treat all smoke the same to err on the side of safety.

## Water to the rescue

"Fire sprinklers save lives." That is the message from the National Fire Protection Association, the National Fire Sprinkler Association and many other similar organizations.

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## Fire systems at WPU designed to save lives

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"We will continue to upgrade systems in all buildings as renovations are done," said Fanning.

Next week: Part 2: "Just another false alarm - An attitude that can kill."

The Beacon features evacuation policies, procedures, problems and planning at WPU; students who ignore the fire alarm; fire codes and dormitory fire statistics.

The following individuals and organizations provided information for this feature:

Gerry Petruccio, WPU Building Maintenance; Bill Siegrist, WPU Building Maintenance and Captain of Wayne Fire Department; Tim Fanning, Vice President of Finance, WPU; Maximina Rivera-Burrowes; Don Bialecki, Haig's Service Corporation; Jill Brenna, Edwards Systems Technology; National Fire Protection Association; National Fire Sprinkler Association; NJ Burglar and Fire Alarm Association.

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## "Spirit of Seattle:" Demonstrations set to disrupt Washington meeting

By Mark Fonseca Rendeiro  
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON - Following the successful break-up of the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, fair-trade activists are now focusing on the upcoming World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington.

When thousands of people gathered in the streets of Seattle to stop the meeting of the WTO and demonstrated against the policies of "free-trade," they said it was only the beginning of a worldwide movement.

As Washington prepares to host a joint meeting of the World Bank and IMF, organizers intend to keep the "spirit of Seattle" alive by shutting down the meeting. Groups that were prominent in Seattle, the Ruckus Society, Global Exchange, Direct Action Network and Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, will participate in demonstrations during April's meeting.

Many demonstrators have been trained on how to disrupt the meeting using non-violent means; many demonstrators are prepared to be arrested. "There's tons of interest," said Juliette Beck, economic rights coordinator for Global Exchange, a San Francisco

advocacy group, "We are shooting for a gathering of many thousands of people."

Demonstration organizers also hope to involve labor groups such as the American Federation of Labor and Congress Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), who

marched on Seattle last November.

Police in Washington have said

they are aware of the plans; law enforcement officials have put together a team to counter any attempts to disrupt them meeting.

"We anticipate that our city will not be shut down," said Terance Gainer, executive assistant chief of the department. Police have attended seminars on lessons learned in Seattle.

Advocacy groups are in favor of fair trade, including labor laws, environmental standards and a democratic world trade body.

The WTO, IMF and World Bank, have long ignored such issues under the banner of free trade. Besides demonstrating at the upcoming meeting, groups will also be lobbying congress and holding teach-ins about global trade policies in addition to physically blocking the meeting.

*Editor's Note: Mark Rendeiro is writing from Institute for American Universities, Aix-en-Provence, France)*



## A SNOW DAY OFF at William Paterson



Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000 was William Paterson University's first snow day of the millennium. The day was not a total waste for some students enjoy the cold, white bliss outside the Towers.

## Famous lawyer speaks at WPU

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engage in a dialogue with Dershowitz. A man ask, "Have any of your guilty clients been found innocent? If snow did that make you feel any what did you do about it?"

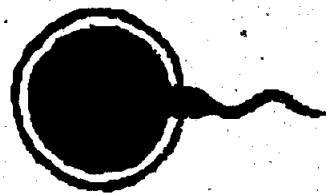
With great poise and surance, Dershowitz replied, "mt of my guilty clients have been nvicted. When a guilty client vs, I feel awful," he continued. ut I can not abandon my client the middle of a case, even if I spect that they are guilty. Once I te a case, I am sworn to it. It wot be like a doctor leaving in the middle of surgery."

While his motives foiefending some of the wealthiest minals in the world remain questionable, his genius and achievemer are not.

Dershowitz attended ale Law

School, where he was first in his class. A Harvard Law professor, Dershowitz was appointed to the faculty at age 25. He was promoted to full professor at age 28, the youngest in the school's history. He has taught classes in criminal law, psychiatry and law, constitutional litigation, civil liberties and violence, comparative criminal law, legal ethics and human rights.

Dershowitz has offered television commentary on famous law cases with his own infamous cases, and lectures throughout the country and around the world, having publishing more than 150 articles in noteworthy magazines, journals, and newspapers. He has also written several books, including "Just Revenge", "Sexual McCarthyism" and "The Advocate's Devil".



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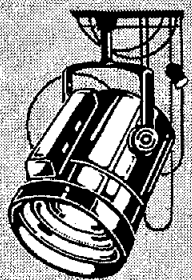
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# Winter's Bitter Sidekick: Hypothermia

## SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR HEALTH

By Caroline Schmidt



Now that winter has shown us all his terrible wrath, we must again learn to deal with the tremendous amounts of snow, slick ice, bitter cold and ferocious winds. These conditions are prime for losing one's health.

Shoveling snow can cause pulled or torn muscles, exhaustion and more. Even having fun skiing, sledding or ice skating can cause unwelcome problems such as broken bones, falls, pulled muscles, concussions, cold overexposure and hypothermia.

Exposure and hypothermia usually go hand in hand, but they are two distinct conditions. Exposure means being out in the cold too long whether it be rain, sleet, snow or wind. This causes frostbite and exhaustion. Hypothermia can result from exposure, though it does not have to.

Hypothermia is literally a "cooling of the body" past its normal temperature. The body's normal temperature is a steamy 98.4 degrees Fahrenheit. When someone has a fever the temperature of their body goes up, the opposite of hypothermia.

The body's maximum temperature is about 106 degrees F. The body's lowest temperature to support life is close to 86 degrees F or about 30 degrees C. At this low point, someone has gone into a coma and the heart is "freezing." This is not always true for

everyone. In infants and small children, their bodies can go down to a mere 69.8 degrees F (21 degrees C), cooler than room temperature, before their hearts stop.

### Causes

People who have been out too long in cold weather are known to suffer from exposure. This means that their lips are chapped from the wind, their fingers, toes, tip of the nose and ear lobes are showing the beginning signs of frostbite. Persons suffering from exposure can become confused, agitated and sluggish.

Hypothermia sets in where exposure ends. The beginning signs of hypothermia are shivering. The body shivers as an attempt to generate heat so that the body does not lose more life-preserving heat. Shivering starts out minimally, almost unnoticeable even to the sufferer, but slowly progresses to the "teeth-chattering" stage.

At the teeth chattering stage, the person is now in serious danger. A feeling of lethargy and drowsiness will then set in. Soon after this the person will stop shivering. Do not take this as a sign that the person is warming up and do not let him/her fall asleep.

If the cooling continues, he/she will become confused, angered and feel an almost overpowering desire to sleep. The body has probably reached the approximate temperature of 89.6 degrees Fahrenheit. After this benchmark has been hit, attempts to keep the person awake will probably fail.

Here is the clincher: if the person falls asleep, her/his temperature immediately falls even further as her/his heart and breathing slow down. She/he quickly slips

into a coma.

If cooling continues and the person's temperature drops to about 86 F (30 C), his/her temperature controlling mechanism, the hypothalamus, loses its ability to function. Cell activity will slow, breathing will slow down even more and the oxygen carrying capability will slowly diminish.

The slowed heart will start fluttering and beating irregularly as the flow of blood diminishes; this fluttering is called fibrillation. This is a critical time. Once fibrillation starts, the heart is no longer able to pump blood through the body. Circulation stops and unless something is done, the person will technically die within 5-7 minutes and go brain dead within 8-11 minutes.

### People at risk

Who is at risk for this frightening condition? People who are unable to defend themselves against loss of body heat and those exposed to hostile weather conditions. Older people and infants are at an extremely high risk. Older people's metabolism is naturally slower and hypothermia can set in much more quickly. Infants have not yet fully developed their temperature regulating mechanism, so their little bodies lose heat quickly because they are unable to shiver or move around to warm up.

Everyone can get hypothermia, so do not

let good athletic ability persuade you to believe that you are immune.

### Treatment

There are two types of treatment: active and passive. Active means immersing the sufferer in hot water (104 F, 40 C) and getting out of drafty places or out of the elements. This is meant only as treatment of those who are conscious (i.e. awake). For those who are unconscious or elderly, space blankets (made of heat reflecting aluminum foil) and woolen blankets are best. The hot water treatment may induce shock.

A well wrapped hot water bottle may be used. Then the person must be left in a room about 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The process of rewarming may take many hours and even days so don't rush it. Hot foods and drinks are not usually a good idea because the person usually will vomit. The stomach is not functional because the body has diverted all efforts to keeping warm.

Alcohol is a definite no-no during cold weather. Alcohol was previously thought to make a person warm up, but it does the exact opposite, it actually cools the body by causing blood vessels to dilate.

Hypothermia can set in at home as well, especially with older people. No matter what age and seek medical help if you feel that you are too cold, frostbitten and especially if you feel any of the symptoms described above or know someone who is. Winter can be fun if you take care, but be reminded, cold can kill.

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# WPUNJ swimming drowns the competition

Laurie Quinlan  
Sports Editor

As the swimming season winds down, the Pioneers have shown potential for being successful in the upcoming Metropolitan Conference Championship (MCC) meets.

The Pioneers traveled to Misericordia on Saturday and captured a victory for both the men's and the women's teams.

The men out-swam Misericordia 114-69 and the women were victorious in one of the closest races of the season 101-97.

After defeating Queens 123-45 on Wednesday, the men's team seemed to have the stamina needed to take on Misericordia.

"The men are swimming really well," said Head Coach Ed Gurka.

Mike Wilson displayed consistency by winning the 1000-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle against Misericordia as he had against Queens.

Wilson swam a slightly better time on Wednesday in both events by clocking 10:48.98 in the 1000 free and 5:10.69 in the 500 free.

Christopher Bell won the 200-yard Individual Medal (I.M.) in both meets, but his better time in this event, 2:07.76, was against Queens.

Bell also claimed first in the 200-yd back stroke against Queens and the 500-yard freestyle in Misericordia. Bell went on to win the 100-yard backstroke in

Misericordia, setting a pool record with a time of 55.81.

Brian Boardman won the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle on Wednesday.

In Misericordia, Boardman swam a better time in the 200-yard freestyle by clocking 1:54.1 and set a pool record for the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.98.

Billy Kessel won the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard breaststroke against Queens.



Kessel continued his success in Misericordia when he won the 200-yard freestyle and set a pool record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.99.

Ed Stolarz stole first in the 200-yard fly, on Wednesday, by clocking 2:10.94. Stolarz also made the all-century team at WPUNJ, which means he is one of the top three swimmers in school history and happens to be in the top 28 in all-time Division III.

Stolarz was one of three seniors honored during the first diving event on Wednesday. The coaching staff also honored Sarah Rodis and Keri Luther.

Bell, Boardman, Stolarz, and Kessel won the 400-yard medley relay in 3:56 against Queens and teamed up again to claim a victory in the 200-yard medley against Misericordia with a time of 1:43.90 (another pool record).

The women's team came up short against Queens 125-104 but triumphed at Misericordia.

Alyssa Bansky won the 1000-yard freestyle by clocking 12:32.65 and came in second in the 500-yard freestyle against Queens.

"Alyssa Bansky swam close to her personal best in the 1000 and 500," Gurka stated.

Bansky came in second in both the 1000-yard freestyle (12:42) and the 500-yard free (6:07).

On Wednesday, Allison Coyle swam close to her personal best in the 200-yard fly and was able to claim first in this event at Misericordia with a time of 2:26.78.

Erin Kavanaugh won both the 1-meter required dive (115.99 points) and the 1-meter optional dive for 125.75 points against Queens.

Rebecca Schirrmann swam close to her personal best on Wednesday in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle.

Schirrmann won both those events in Misericordia with a time of 26.40 in the 50-yard free and 58.87 in the 100 free.

Coyle, Schirrmann, Rodis, and Kersbergen made up the 400-yard freestyle relay team that won the event in 4:14.

Jill Vargo came in second at

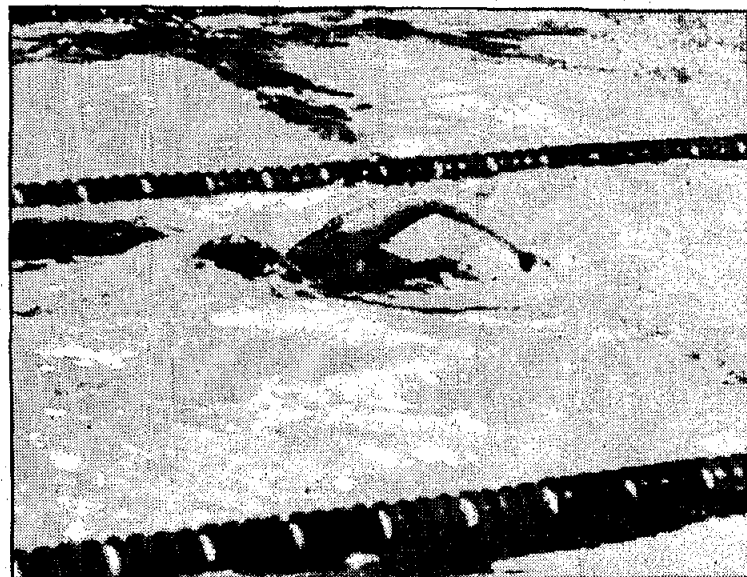


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Rebecca Schirrmann swims close to her personal best in the 100-yard freestyle on Wednesday against Queens.

Misericordia in the 200-yard I.M. with a time of 2:32.7 and the 100-yard backstroke by clocking 1:11.25.

It was a close race throughout the day for the women's team.

"It was a very exciting meet," stated Gurka. "It was a close meet all the way with a lot of cheering and excitement."

The Pioneers were down 93-90 with only the 220-yard freestyle medley to go.

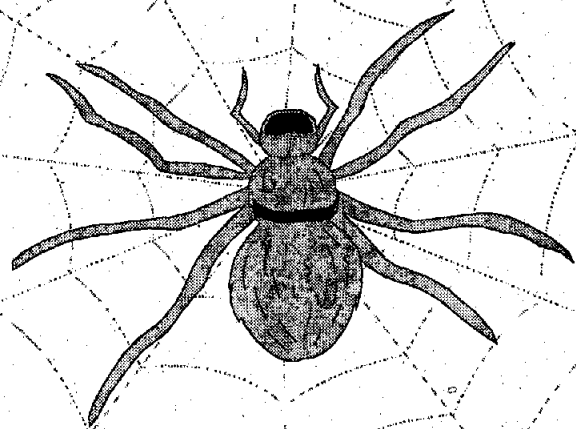
Getzke, Kersbergen, Luther, and Coon made up the 200-yard relay team that swam the Pioneers to victory with a time of 1:58.26.

"This was a great finish for the women's team," Gurka said.

The meet at Misericordia concludes the women's dual meet season with a record of 9-5. They are now looking forward to the MCC's on February 18-20.

The men's team is currently 8-4 overall and 3-0 in the Metropolitan Conference. They have one more meet left to swim for the Metropolitan Conference East Division Dual Meet title at Martine this coming Wednesday before they can set their goggles on the MCC's.

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# Pioneer victory not so sweet

## Ozgopoyan leads with a hat trick

By Laurie Quinlan  
Sports Editor

The Pioneer ice hockey team succeeded in defeating the County College of Morris (CCM), 7-3, Saturday night at Mackay Park, in Englewood.

However, the coaching staff was not pleased with the overall performance of their team.

"It was a very unsatisfactory win," said Head Coach Gary Schor. "There was a lack of effort in the last half of the second and the third period."

Assistant Coach Mike Chomiak commented on the "lack luster effort" of the Pioneers and stated that one of the few positives of the game was the goaltending of C.J. Stevens.

"C.J. was great in the pipes," Chomiak said.

The Pioneers came out strong in the first period by shutting out CCM, 3-0.

Assistant Captain Andy Friedman scored the first goal of the game off a pass from Craig Hoppey.

The Pioneers, who have been struggling on the power play, followed up with two power play goals - the first of which was by John Ozgopoyan from Captain Bobby Carnathan and Assistant Captain Don Bennett, and the second by Aaron Jasper from Jeff Rothman.

"The power play showed signs

of improvement," said Schor.

The penalty kill continued to be one of the Pioneers' stronger points throughout the game.

"The penalty kill has been consistently strong all season and continued to be," stated Schor.

William Paterson gave up a goal to CCM early in the second but came back with three goals.



John Ozgopoyan

Freshman Brian Murray scored a goal from Rothman and Chris Hagen with a little over six minutes into the second period.

Ozgopoyan scored two goals in the last three minutes of the second, giving him a hat trick for the game. John Horbal, Friedman, Hoppey and Alfieri all assisted on Ozgopoyan's goals.

Friedman scored in the third, but the Pioneers let up the pressure by allowing two CCM goals, one of which was scored on a five-on-

three with one second left in the game.

Although this game was a victory for the Pioneers, there are many issues that need to be dealt with to ensure future success.

"Games like these should be used to fine-tune our defensive system, but we seem to play down to the weaker team's level and that will hurt us when it's time to play the tougher teams in the conference," said Bennett.

"We can't just play good when we have to play good - it's got to be every game no matter who the opponent is."

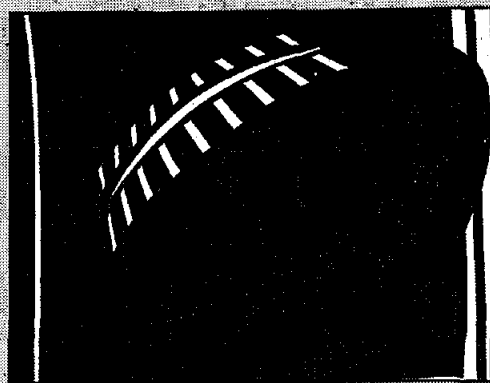
The Pioneers currently hold a record of 7-2-1 in the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference, but the coaching staff feels this record can be a lot better with increased effort in upcoming games.

"The club is disappointing the coaching staff because we are capable of finishing high in the standings and going far in the playoffs, but the lack of mental discipline, focus during games and following directions of the coaching staff will hurt us in tight games - in the play-off race," Schor stated.

"If many of these players don't come to grip with this, a promising season will come to an end too quickly."

The Pioneers will look to shape up their game when they face CCM again next Sunday at Mackay Park.

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**Fri. 11th** Meet @ 10am for Eva's Kitchen  
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## Lady Pioneers outlast Rutgers-Camden Raptors

By Dale DeVino  
Sports Contributor

The Lady Pioneers (15-3) edged out a victory over the Rutgers-Camden Raptors (3-14) by a score of 52-50, on Saturday at the Rec Center.

There was sense of urgency from the very beginning of the game. The Lady Pioneers came out cold, shooting 6-for-28 (.214) from the field. William Paterson did not convert a field goal attempt for the first 4:00 minutes of play.

Numerous turnovers thwarted any attempt the Lady Pioneers made to get back into the ball game. Rutgers-Camden failed to capitalize on the Lady Pioneers mistakes and took a nine-point, 23-14 lead into the locker room at half-time.

"Everyone wants to beat the number one team in the conference," commented Coach Erin Monahan on the intensity of Rutgers-Camden.

The lack of production could be attributed to the absence of backcourt leader Meg Renna. Renna missed the start due to an injury sustained to her hand earlier in the week.

Coach Erin Monahan rallied her

troops in the locker room and the Lady Pioneers came out swinging. For the second time in three games the Lady Pioneers mounted a second half offensive assault on the opposition. A 7-0 run that spanned the first 3:00 of the second half sparked the Lady Pioneers comeback.

With 11:50 remaining in the game the Lady Pioneers took their first lead. It was a lead they would not relinquish.

Dana Feltz was a key factor in the come-from-behind victory. Feltz led the Lady Pioneers with a double-double by scoring 13 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

Guard Katie Morris chipped in with 10 points and two rebounds. Morris also added four steals to keep the defense in rhythm.

The William Paterson defense was able to create turnovers which helped the offense get more quality looks at the basket. The Lady Pioneers shot 13-for-25 (.500) from the field in the second half.

Rutgers-Camden, however, did not go down easy. When the Lady Pioneers seemed to pull away the Raptors would claw their way back into contention. The Raptors were led by Joy Silver who had an outstanding day. Silver scored 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

"She really surprised us because we didn't see her the 1st time we played them," Monahan said about the transfer center from Rutgers-Camden. "She really gave us some matchup problems."

With only 1:00 remaining and the outcome still in doubt, the Raptors cut the Lady Pioneers lead to two points. A key steal by Katie Morris allowed the Lady Pioneers to build their lead back to four points with only seconds remaining.

Melissa Donovan's clutch free-throws down the stretch sealed the victory for William Paterson. Donovan also scored 11 points on 4-for-12 shooting.

Two late second three pointers pulled the Raptors within striking distance but time simply ran out on the comeback.

"Confidence was the key for us today," Coach Monahan said.

With this win the Lady Pioneers matched their win total of 15 from last season. With a 11-1 record the Lady Pioneers sit atop the NJAC.

William Paterson's next opponent will be on Wednesday Feb. 2 against New Jersey City at the Rec Center. Tip off time is slated for 2 pm. Meg Renna's status is hopeful for that game.



Photo by Laurie Koba/The Beacon

Senior forward Wendy Kane (No. 15) jumps up for a shot in Saturday's game against Rutgers-Camden. Kane scored eight points in the Lady Pioneers' 52-50 victory over the Raptors.

## Pioneers overcome scare, stay undefeated at home

By Brady Smith  
Sports Contributor

The Pioneer men's basketball team overcame a slight scare and a Rutgers-Camden half-time lead as they defeated the Scarlet Raptors, 68-57, at the Rec Center last Saturday.

In a game that featured the first place Pioneers and the last place

Scarlet Raptors, the standings were meaningless.

William Paterson jumped out to an early 9-0 lead with a stingy defensive effort. Rutgers-Camden then countered an array of missed Pioneer shots with three-pointers to take a surprising early lead.

The Scarlet Raptors went 6-for-15 beyond the arch in the first half. As the opponents continued to

make clutch shots, the Pioneers shot an uncommon 33 percent first half. The score at the half was 30-25 in favor of Rutgers-Camden.

With an undefeated home record on the line and fear of an upset, the Pioneers came out of the locker room determined to mount a comeback.

Immediately, the defensive effort in the second half was raised to a higher level.

The Scarlet Raptors could barely breathe against a tight defense that created 15 total turnovers total in the game.

The Pioneers quickly gained the lead back, leading 39-36 with 14 minutes still remaining in the game. They would own the lead for the rest of the game, with Rutgers-Camden coming within six points only once.

It seemed that the Pioneer squad, as well as the crowd, awoke when the Rutgers-Camden Head Coach Jim Flynn was called for a technical foul. After this point, William Paterson started to play their style of basketball.

New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) leading scorer Horace Jenkins produced flashy lay-ups and an alley-oop that got the Rec Center crowd on their feet.

Although having a somewhat unproductive first half Jenkins finished leading his team with 18 points and eight total rebounds in the game.

Junior forward Ray Ortiz was

second on the team with both 15 points and seven total rebounds.

The Pioneers out-rebounded Rutgers-Camden 36-26, which helped them blow away the Scarlet Raptors in the second half.

"We played much better in the second half. It was nice to come back and get this one to stay undefeated at home," said freshman guard Jeff Mogila, who had five assists in the game.

The Pioneers (15-3 overall, 10-2 NJAC) have won 6 straight games and are now 7-0 when playing at home. The last time they lost a game was on December 12, at New Jersey City, which just happens to be their next opponent Wednesday, at home.

"We are focusing on Jersey City now since they beat us the first time," Mogila said, "It is a very important game."



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Pioneer player slashes to the basket in William Paterson 68-57 victory over Rutgers-Camden.



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Pioneer guard Steve Smith (No. 11) dribbles toward the net.