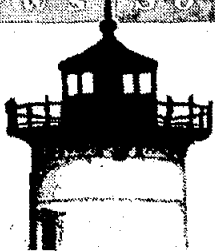


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## Science-fiction author addresses WPU community

Susan Daubar  
Writer

Science-fiction conjures images of deformed aliens and a bizarre world of technological nightmares.

Lecture by author, Nalo Hopkinson provided an insightful look into the genre of science-fiction and the revolutionary changes taking place within its realm. The event, entitled, "Women Doing the Impossible, Living the Invisible: Science-Fiction and Fantasy," part of WPU's Women's History Month Celebration, took place on March 30 at 2 p.m. in the Student Center auditorium.

Hopkinson introduced science-fiction as the world of the fantastic. In her work she combines influences from her Caribbean and Indian cultures. Her books, *Brown Girl in the Ring* and *Night Robber* weave images of the incredible with folklore and the macabre of the two distinct worlds, which she calls home.

Hopkinson grew up in Trinidad and Tobago, moving to Canada in her late teens. While growing up in the Caribbean, she developed an affinity to her father's books, her love of science-fiction. She reads books by Mary Shelley and H.G.

Wells, which provided a means of convergence into another world."

As women and society progressed through the 60's and 70's, Hopkinson developed her own identity and found her true voice in writing. She combined tales of the impossible with female main characters. She told fantastic stories from a women's perspective.

Hopkinson said, "I found it easier to get published, because of my genre in combination with issues of race and gender. Writers must try to find their own sense of voice and place."

Her writing, which she describes as speculative fiction, includes magic realism, fantasy, science fiction and horror. Her first book, *Brown Girl in the Ring* tells the tale of a powerful woman dancing on the border between fantasy and science-fiction. The story set in the future, contains zombies and organ transplants coexisting with ancient rituals, medical innovations and urban destruction.

Her second book, *Midnight Robber* constructs a world rooted in Caribbean culture and folklore, particularly the Trinidad carnival. It's about a little girl living on her

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## Blood Drive donors on the decline

By Robyn Goldenberg  
Staff Writer

Giving blood saves lives. That's the word from The Blood Center of New Jersey, a non-profit organization that visited William Paterson University last week for Greek Senate's once-a-semester blood drive.

From Mar. 28- Mar.31, many WPU students and staff members gathered in the Student Center Ballroom to donate blood.

The entire process takes about 35 minutes. The first step is to register, by filling out a few forms. Then you have a hemoglobin test, followed by a donor assessment. Finally, a pint of blood is taken from you, which may be sent to any hospital after it is screened in a laboratory.

At William Paterson, the expected amount of donors was about 60 per day, approximately 200 total. According to previous records, WPU has had many more donors in the past. No one is sure what has brought on the decline.

"After people donate the first time, almost every student will say it wasn't as bad as they thought it would be, and end up doing it all the time," said Nancy Ellison, nurse practitioner/coordinator of wellness services at WPU.



photo by Laurie Koba/The Beacon

A blood donor has his blood pressure checked at the semi-annual blood drive held at William Paterson University. The Greek Senate sponsors the event.

Overall, there are usually more females than males willing to volunteer.

"I want to save lives, so I donate every year," stated Tracey Whitcraft, a junior.

"Most women are accustomed to being jabbed and pricked, especially through pregnancy. They have an inner nature to want to take care of people," said Joy White, a regis-

tered nurse at the drive.

Donors must be over 110 pounds and be in good health. Students under age 17 need written permission from parents. Otherwise, all that is required to give blood is a signed I.D. and a social security number.

Everything the Blood Center

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## Hip hop cultural club to sponsor artists' forum

Felicia Pettiford  
Staff Writer

"I said a hip hop the hippie people to the hip hop, and you don't stop, the rock it to the banging boogie say up jumped the boogie to the rhythm of the boogie, the beat."

Few people can hear the opening lines of the Sugarhill Gang's classic song "Rapper's Delight", without snapping their fingers, tapping their feet or reminiscing about good times and the beginning of a musical genre that has been taken over the world.

Because of the rampant commercialization of the industry, hip-hop has dominated not only the music charts, but also the money markets, becoming one of the hottest commodities on the market.

However, the evolution and history of this culture called hip-hop, which includes break-dancing,

emceeing, dj-ing, and graffiti art, is far richer and more diverse than meets the eye, according to Andrew Young, president of the Universal Hip-Hop and Cultural Organization (U.H.H.C.O.). In April, the U.H.H.C.O. will be holding their first Hip-Hop and Unity Forum. The forum will be held on April 15, in the Science building, room 200B, with a reception to follow.

The all-day event will begin at 12 p.m. and end at 6 p.m., including a brief intermission. Over 200 people are expected to be in attendance, and representatives from Arista records, Universal Music Group, Hot 97, and others will be on a panel, along with three keynote speakers (to be announced) who are well-known artists in the hip-hop industry. All the panelists will share their varied experiences, insights, views, and opinions with students, faculty and staff.

The forum will delve into several different, relevant issues regarding the culture of hip-hop, including the effect of hip-hop on the college campus, the intersecting roles that the government and media play in the community, and the social and economical effects of hip-hop on society. Individual workshops will focus on these and other issues concerning the urban community, giving students a chance to interact and network with one another and with the panelists.

The U.H.H.C.O. has been actively involved with the development and organization of this event, particularly the executive staff, which consists of Young, Zeeli-beth German, Executive Vice-President, Gladstone Harris, Vice-President, Melissa Morales, Treasurer, and Monique Aquilla, Secretary.

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## Sociology students, faculty present papers at conference

Why do some body builders excessively lift weights? Is there such a thing as teachers fearing certain aspects of their jobs? These topics and others were presented by students and faculty from William Paterson University and at the Eastern Sociological Society's conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from March 2 to March 6.

Over 800 sociologists attended, including ten faculty members and seven students from WPU. The theme of the conference was inequality; many sessions were devoted to the topics of race, poverty, gender and wage gaps. Sociologists convened in Baltimore from all over the eastern seaboard. Faculty presented papers on a variety of issues, from teaching techniques, use of the internet in teaching sociology, ethnic consciousness, gender and race bias

and on the sociology of music. Student papers covered topics on racism in the media, male abuse, teachers' fears, self-esteem and body-building and gender typing in toy selection and in the classroom. Students' research papers included a variety of methodologies including survey questionnaires, interviews and participant-observation.

Josephine Lercara, a senior, presented her research revealing the differences of gender bias between education and non-education majors at WPU. Tracy Trovato's paper compared the perceptions of fear, and the actual encounters with violent behavior among teachers in urban and suburban schools. Tiffani Cannon's research focused on the differences in depicting black criminals vs. white criminals of violent crime in the

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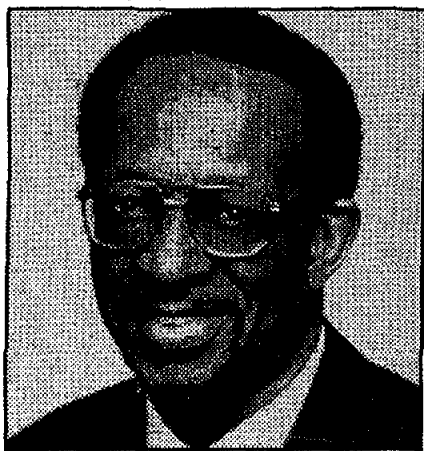


# Racism and National Politics

a talk by

## Ron Daniels

Executive Director,  
Center for Constitutional Rights



Thursday, April 6, 2000  
3:30 - 4:45

Askew Library Auditorium

reception at 5:00 in the Library Paterson Room

sponsored by the WPU Race and Gender Project

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

Monday, April 3

Secondary/Elementary Education Club: Book Drive. 12:30 - 2 p.m., SC Lobby. Also on April 4 and 5. For more information, contact JoAnn DiLascio @ (201) 891-2774.

Tuesday, April 4

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

Amnesty International: Every Tuesday @ 12:30 p.m. in R309 For more information, call Elene Jensen @ x4140.

Catholic Campus Ministry: Bible Study. Come learn, discuss and apply. All welcome. 12:30 p.m. Room 301 Student Ctr. (CCMC office). For more info, contact Fr. Lou Scurti @ x3524.

Wednesday, April 5

Women's Studies: Women and Revolution in China, presented by Prof. Yingcong Dai, from 2-3:15 p.m., Atrium Auditorium. Reception in Conference Room. For more information, call x3547.

Thursday, April 6

Catholic Campus Ministry: Join us for a special Lenten viewing of "Jesus of Nazareth." Refreshments will be served. 9 pm @ CCMCenter. For more information, contact Alan @ x3524.

Friday, April 7

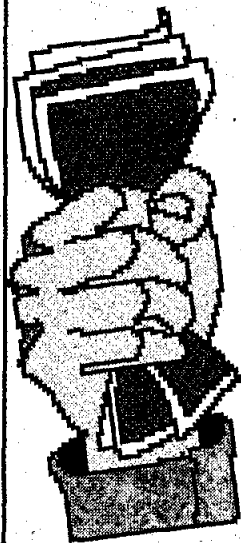
Catholic Campus Ministry: Shelter-The-Homeless project continues, benefitting Eva's Sheltering Program. Meet at the CCMCenter at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Denise @ x3524.

College of Science and Health: FROM APOLLO TO MARS A lecture by NASA Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar 10-11:30 a.m. Science 200A. For more information, contact the Women's Center @ x2946.

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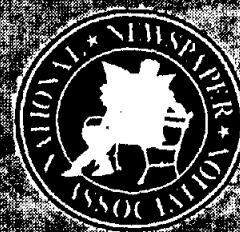
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## Greek Senate sponsors semi-annual blood drive

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uses is sterilized, from the needle to the cotton. The phlebotomists wear a new pair of gloves with each donor, taking extra precaution in everything they do.

In order to use the blood, the FDA requires several tests. Blood must be typed and screened for syphilis, forms of HIV, leukemia, and hepatitis A, B, and C. Blood pressure and heartbeat are recorded before the procedure begins. A drop of blood is used to see if donors have enough iron in their system before they donate.

Although it is uncommon, some donors may experience some side effects. Possibilities are: upset stomach, dizziness, and light headedness. It is very rare, but a donor may faint, which only lasts a few minutes.

Before donors give blood, it is recommended they have a full stomach. Having food will cause less of a reaction, say representatives from the Blood Center. After donors give blood, they should not participate in anything strenuous, but should drink lots of fluids and have a high protein meal.

"If you're a runner, you can run the next morning, but quit as soon as you feel you've had enough," stated White.

Once you donate, you must wait a 56-day period to donate again. Donors who have had a tattoo less than a year ago must wait a full

year, since it cannot be verified that the needle used for the tattoo was sterile.

"Having a tattoo for less than a year is the main reason why a college student would be deferred," said Ellson.

Also, if you are on an antibiotic that is sterilizing, you may not qualify. Some other limiting factors are: a man who has had sex with another man since 1977; a person who has taken drugs through needles; a person who has had hepatitis after age 11; a person who has been in jail for more than 72 hours in the past year.

The Blood Drive was sponsored by the Greek Senate, who does it twice a year as part of an outreach program.

"This is a great way to get the Greek community involved with the campus," stated Shannon Brown, president of Greek Senate.

Many students realize that every little bit helps.

"One pint of blood may impact up to seven different lives," said Ellson.

Nancy DoCoito, a junior, looks at it in this view: "Every time I give blood, I feel like I'm a step closer to going to heaven."

The Blood Center of New Jersey is located at 45 South Grove St. in East Orange. If you have any questions or comments you can reach them at (973) 676-4700.

## Educational Opportunity Fund Celebrates Achievements of 7 WPU Students

Recognizing their outstanding academic and personal achievements as well as the obstacles that many have overcome, the Educational Opportunity Fund will honor 500 students graduating this year from two- and four-year colleges and universities throughout New Jersey.

The Student Achievement Awards are presented annually to the top students who participate in New Jersey's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program, which provides academic and financial support to students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in 41 public and independent higher education institutions.

The honorees and their families will be recognized at a special luncheon to be held at 12:00 p.m. on March 28, 2000 at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The awards luncheon is a highlight of the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association's (EOFPA) annual Student Day Conference.

"The success of these inspiring students is the essence of the EOF program. When their strong ability and desire are nurtured with opportunities and support, they excel at the college level and beyond," said Dr. Herbert Flamer, chair of the EOF Board of Directors.

Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement will be presented to 169 students who maintained a cumulative grade point average over 3.50 or above. An additional 2760 graduates with cumulative grade point averages between 3.20 and 3.49 will receive Academic Achievement awards. The number of awards in this category has increased by 51 over last year.

In addition, one student on each

### Award Recipients:

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Free Doecks  
Cecil Dunbar  
Magon Hastings  
John LaFranco  
Myra Rivera  
Aisha Thornton

campus who best exemplifies the spirit of the EOF program at their institution is recognized with an award for outstanding achievement. Fifty-four students will be honored this year.

Created in 1968, New Jersey's EOF program has gained national recognition as one of the most com-

prehensive state-supported efforts to expand access to higher education. Campus-based programs provide financial assistance and support services that improve student retention and graduation rates. The program also encourages participants to pursue advanced graduate degrees.

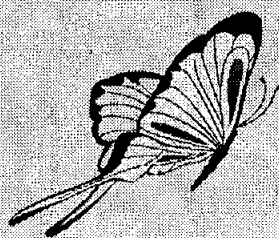
Over 13,000 students are enrolled in the EOF program this year. More than 12-percent of all first-time, full-time freshmen entering New Jersey public and independent higher education institutions enroll through the EOF program.

EOF students from throughout the state attend the Annual Student Day Conference, which includes stimulating workshops designed to develop leadership skills applicable to careers in government, business, and academia.

The theme of this year's conference is "Poverty in the 21st Century: Empowering the Disenfranchised Through Education, Leadership, and Social Change."

Dr. Samuel Betances, professor at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago will deliver the conference's keynote address at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Betances is a renowned educator and motivational speaker.

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By Felicia Pettiford  
Staff Writer

The world of education has sadly lost another one of its shining stars, in the passing of Dr. Leola Grant Hayes, professor of Special Education. William Paterson University recently held a memorial service in honor of Hayes in the Library Auditorium. Faculty, staff and family members were in attendance in an enormous attempt to capture the life of a woman whose career spanned over 30 years in a mere afternoon.

The Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Leslie Agard-Jones who expressed his own memories of Hayes, led the service. Dr. Arnold Speert attested to the fact that Hayes not only talked about getting things done, but involved herself in getting things done. "We were truly blessed to have known Leola Hayes, work with her, laugh with her, and celebrate her service," said Speert.

Hayes carried out a distinguished career, having obtained a Bachelor of Science degree, three masters' degrees and a Ph.D. She joined the William Paterson University faculty in 1964, where for many years she served as an advisor to the Special Education department. Dr. Susan H. Kuveke,

## In Memoriam Dr. Leola Hayes

Chair of the Department of Special Educational Counseling, said of her friend, "Dr. Hayes was a pioneer in special education and a role model for both faculty and students. We all mourn the loss of our colleague, and I mourn the loss of a good friend."

Osumba Benson, of the Registrar's Office poignantly described her relationship with Hayes, delivering a powerful eulogy, followed by a moving prayer. Dr. Majorie Goldstein mentioned that the students who were most touched by Hayes and her teaching were the last students she worked with before her passing. Overcome by emotion, Goldstein went on to say that those students were out in the field student teaching, doing exactly what Hayes would have wanted. On a lighter note, Goldstein also described how she and Hayes shared an affinity for stylish handbags, although Goldstein felt that Hayes eye for style in handbags surpassed her own.

Dr. Marion Turkish, of the Curriculum and Instruction Department, recounted some of Hayes' greatest accomplishments at William Paterson, which included the development of a special scholarship for Dr. Alice M. Meeker a former William Paterson faculty member that passed away.

Hayes worked on the scholarship for several years and eventually got it passed.

Turkish also described Hayes' social demeanor by telling of Hayes' involvement in the re-establishment of the faculty club, annual faculty parties and retirement parties of William Paterson. "Leola loved her position, she loved people, and she especially loved her students, they were very dear to her," said Turkish, of Hayes. Several of Hayes' students were present to honor their professor and they showed their grief as well as their appreciation for Hayes' inspiration and motivation. The William Paterson University Gospel Choir performed two musical selections, as well as Cynthia Northington who also sang a touching musical selection.

Dr. Leola Grant Hayes, who left behind an astounding legacy of dedication, consideration, and love of people and of education was quoted by Dr. Speert as saying, "My greatest aim is to see the mentally retarded live in a community environment of normalization and function to the best of their capacity. The mentally retarded have the same rights as other citizens; to live, walk, and to socialize in a community where they can be seen and treated as members of society."

## Teachers from ancient Tibetan Buddhist school set to lecture

On Wednesday, April 5, two of the leading teachers from the most ancient school of Tibetan Buddhist will speak.

Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche and Khenpo Tsewang

Dongyal Rinpoche both escaped from China.

The lecture is set to begin at 2 p.m. in the Student Center, rooms 324-325. The lecture is free and open to all.

The following information, courtesy of Padmasambhava Buddhist Center, gives some biographical information about the two monks.

Venerable Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche is one of the most qualified scholars and teachers of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. He entered Gochen Monastery at the age of six, where he began intensive training in all facets of Tibetan Buddhism.

At age 12, he entered Riwoke Monastery, training to become a Khenpo or professor of Tibetan philosophy. In 1960, he had to flee to India. There, for over 15 years, he was in charge of the Nyingmapa Department at the Central Institute of Higher Studies in Varanasi, as well as being a founding member of the Institute.

Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche has received many honors for his scholarship from His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche and other Tibetan leaders. He is fully versed in many areas of Buddhist study and is the author of several learned works and Tibetan language books. He is also considered a master of

Dzogchen, the highest tradition of meditation practice in Tibetan Buddhism.

Venerable Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche, born in eastern Tibet, was enthroned as a Nyingmapa Abbot by H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche, supreme head of the Nyingmapa school of Tibetan Buddhism. He studied extensively Hinayana, Mahayana, Vajrayana, poetry, history, and Tibetan literature.

Khenpo is the author of many books on poetry, historical perspectives of the great Nyingmapa masters and translators, as well as Buddhist philosophy and practice, which he co-authored with his brother Ven. Khen Rinpoche.

As holder of the complete Nyingmapa lineage—kama, terma, and Dzogchen Teachings—Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche is the co-founder of PBC International, whose activities include monastic institutes, Buddhist meditation, research and study centers.

## International Students club serves WPU community

By Paola Carolina Melo  
News Contributor

The International Students Association at William Paterson University is preparing itself for a year full of exciting events. The club held elections this past February, and the new officers include Caroline Kuria (president), Vincent Mokebo (vice president), Angela Kariuki (secretary), Olu Lawalsolarin (public relations chair), and Cyed Mirza (temporary treasurer).

The club is now holding weekly meetings on Tuesdays during common hour, and expects participation to be as successful as it has been in the past years. As of Fall 1999 and Spring 2000, the club has carried out a book drive, sponsored an international fashion show during Multicultural Awareness Week, put on a Phat Comedy Tour and held a Kiosk where students and faculty were able to ask questions about the club and about the students' countries.

This past February, two international students made themselves available to speak at one of the Pompton Lakes Girl Scouts meetings. The topic of the meeting was

"Girls Around the World" as part of Women's History Month. The two William Paterson students spoke about their native countries, China and Colombia, and based their speeches on their personal experiences of growing up in foreign countries and explained the social and cultural differences in relation to America.

International students are representing the diversity of students that come to this WPU. The International Students Organization is open to all William Paterson students. For more information, contact President Caroline Kuria at the International Students Services, 720-2976.

## Contestants sought for 2000 Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey contest

WEST ORANGE - The Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey 2000 pageant is seeking participants for this year's competition to be held July 8 - 9 at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange. This annual event is designed to find the most accomplished and articulate spokesperson an individual with beauty from within - who can break down barriers and increase awareness for millions of individuals with disabilities.

During the two-day pageant, contestants will be judged on their academic, vocational and personal accomplishments; communication skills and their ability to serve as an advocate for persons with disabilities, and personal presenta-

tion, which includes motivation and poise. The New Jersey winner will be selected by a panel of judges, including soap opera star Ryan Brown of The Guiding Light, and will represent the state at the Ms. Wheelchair America pageant to be held at the Bahai-Mar Hotel in Fort Lauderdale Beach, Florida, from August 8 - 13.

The public is invited to attend Sunday's final competition free of charge and meet the extraordinary women vying for this year's crown. The festivities will begin at 1:00 PM at the Kessler Conference Center, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, 1199 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange.

Volunteers from various com-

munity organizations, business groups and other individuals plan and staff this event. All funding for the program comes from private contributions, corporate sponsorships and a number of fundraising events.

Anyone interested in entering this year's pageant or volunteering to help with the pageant should contact Jeanine Stoddart, Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey 1998, at (973) 2990833 or e-mail to MsWNJ1998@aol.com for an application and additional information. Candidates may also log on the Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey website at [www.jeaninestoddart.com](http://www.jeaninestoddart.com).

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## Brothers unite for kids

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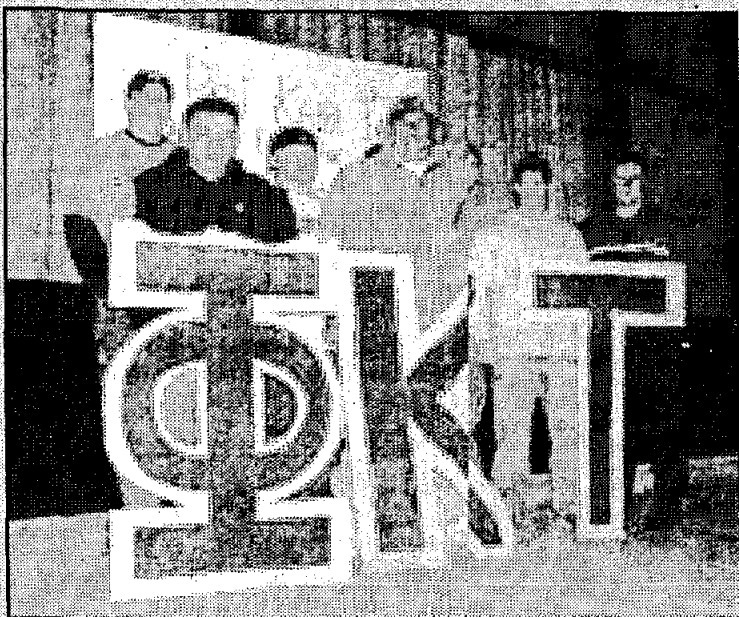


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## Freshman Focus

By Katherine Scala

Welcome to this week's edition of Freshman Focus!

Last year, William Paterson University accepted 2,606 students, according to this year's Fact Book. Some of the popular majors of the 1,127 enrolled included Communication, Business Administration, Psychology, Computer Science and Music. Of the 1,127 freshmen in the fall of 1999, 401 students were undeclared majors.

According to Anne Wright, Director of Freshman Life, being a high school senior is a difficult time in one's life when deciding what to major in.

"It's hard to know when you're a high school senior. When students come here unsure of what to major in, general education classes are there to help them begin to decide. It's too limiting to just take certain classes for a possible major. (The GEs) gives students broad-based basics to deciding. We need to give people that choice," said Wright.

For many freshmen who are still undeclared, there are many options they can look to. As Wright continues to explain, there is a certain process to discovering the right major for you.

"Incoming freshmen are enrolled in Freshman Seminar. There it is a time of exploration of a major. It is a regular process. Also, Career

Development offers workshops student can attend," said Wright.

Majors and Minors day took place on March 23.

The Advisement Center is definitely one place where students can turn to, even if they are currently confused about something they are already majoring in. Wright encourages students to take such steps when making decisions.

"Advising is a time when students can explore their options. I usually tell students who may be interested in a particular subject to talk to the faculty in that department. Deciding is not something that happens overnight."

For those of you who are still confused, don't worry too much about it.

Ask almost anyone who went through college already. He or she probably changed their major a few times or went undeclared for quite a while. It's perfectly normal to have mixed feelings about this. After all, this is the rest of your life and it is a good idea to not only take this seriously, but to explore every option you have and to take advantage of them.

For more information or options that you have as an undeclared major, talk to your advisor, or call the Advisement Center at 720-2730.

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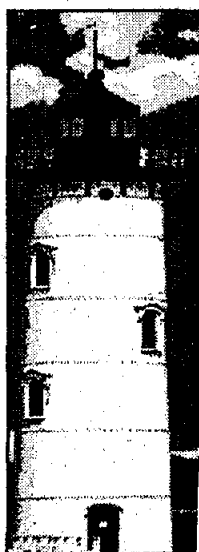
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### Mailbag

## Member of the community commends writer's efforts

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Ms. Bari Feinstein for the feature story entitled "Cat Attack: Campus felines familiar sight, danger at

William Paterson," which appeared in the March 27 issue of *The Beacon*. Ms. Feinstein came to my office to interview me prior to writing the article and she was very professional in her demeanor.

Ms. Feinstein should be commended for her contribution to the school newspaper and for a job well done.

John DeCando

Chief Animal Control Officer

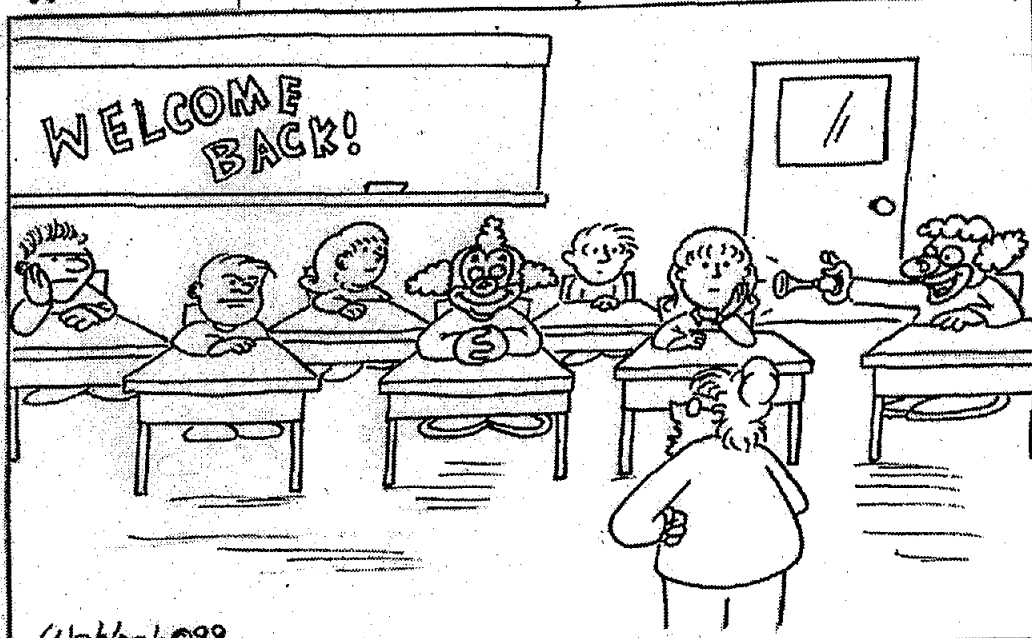
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"Well, it's a new school year, one that I hope will be filled with learning and fun.... Unfortunately I can already see that we have one or two class clowns in here!"

# Offering tips for prospective used-car buyers

I should have known I'd have bad luck with my car the very next day I bought it. It was a practical four door, 1990 Lumina with decent mileage and one previous owner. The price was right, or so I thought.

The very next day I was greeted with a flat tire. I know, I know. You can't let a little flat tire ruin your whole perception of the car, right? Well I should have. The car ran great for a few months. Suddenly I needed shocks and new brake pads. The shocks, or in my Lumina's case, struts, set me back only about \$175 and the previous owner had a life-time warranty on the brakes so there was no problem there.

Then I was okay for a while until I started leaking coolant. Was it as simple as a leaking hose? No. That would be too affordable. Instead, after two mechanical opinions, I found that a head gasket in my engine was failing.

After a week in the shop I got a phone call from my mechanic telling me that the other gasket head was going to blow in a matter of weeks. Whoever owned the car before me never weatherized or took care of the car. \$1400 later I was hoping for a reliable car.

Surprise!!! Remember those hoses I told you about? Well, they needed to be changed and what's this? How come the blinkers weren't working? Well at least I have good struts, right? Think again. Yep they were worn, and the warranty had ended two months earlier. Then I had a minor accident with someone who felt it was necessary to stop suddenly in an acceleration lane. A couple days later, while driving on my way to work on a busy highway the hood flew up and smashed my windshield. Weeks later, another flat and then the power locks stopped working, the passenger side seat was broken and the interior light wouldn't illuminate.

Well, \$3500 and two and a half years later, I was officially bummed and fed up. I needed a new car, but couldn't afford a brand new one.

What's a girl who just landed a new job ten cities away to do without transportation? I had enough for a down payment and went shopping. This time I researched used cars and how to check their reliability. It's something all used car buyers should educate themselves about.

First things first. My suggestions for car hunting include the following. Trust me, I've thought this stuff through. Take a look at the car dealerships close to where you live. Make sure the dealer knows you live close. If he or she knows this they'll hopefully be more honest with you about the car.

After all, they don't want to see you coming around with a million problems, right? Make sure the dealer knows that you're shopping around at other dealers. Name them if you want. This way they'll want to give you a better price if they know they're not the only place you're looking. Never tell the dealer how much you're looking to

spend or the car you're interested in will be a couple hundred dollars short of that amount or perhaps the exact amount. And of course, if you're trading in your old car, don't tell him or her that until you've talked them

down to the bare minimal. Sometimes, if you tell them you've just graduated college, they may offer you an incentive. My dealer took \$500 off the price when I asked about a graduation incentive. Woo Hoo.

Well, that's all fine and dandy, but you really do need to look at the condition of the car. Here are some hints that will help you to not only look more car savvy, but decide if the car is right for you.

When I was looking around, I found a 1995 Beretta with a nice interior, exterior, new tires and low mileage. OK, so it looked cute, but would it give me an ulcer in two years?

Well, I checked the body work to see if it had been in an accident. An easy way to do this is to crouch down at the bumper and look down the length of the car. The body lines should all be even, if they're not then there was most likely a collision. Look at the creases where the doors meet the side of the car and the trunk and hood meet the rest of the car. The gap should be equal in width. If it's wide at one end then there was most like-

ly an accident as well. Of course you should check for corrosion. The two most common places are under neath the door and in the wheel arch. If you see any rust, the chances are there's more or will soon be more. Sometimes the rust may be hidden under paint, but there's a trick for this. Place a magnet on the body of the car under the door. If it doesn't stick it's because there is too much paint keeping it from reaching the other metal. Someone is riding a lot of rust.

The frame of your car is extremely important. Now is the time to get under the car. Don't be embarrassed and don't worry about your clothing. It's important! If you see any cracks or corrosion, don't buy the car!

Next, check out the engine. This may be intimidating. Before my research, I probably would have looked, to make sure the engine was shiny and been happy if it were, but there is so much to look at.

I'm going to assume you're looking at a non-diesel engine. If that is the case take the cap off the oil

filler hole and look inside. If you find a black carbon build-up it could mean one of two things. Either the oil hasn't been changed in a long time, or the car has over-heated.

Another thing to look for is bulging out bolts or broken fastening on the engine. Just imagine. If the engine looks that way on the outside, it's probably not pretty on the inside. OK, so you're hands are dirty now, but that's ok.

Next turn on the engine and let it run for about three to five minutes. Take a look at the exhaust pipe. If the color on the inside rim is a nice brown or reddish color, the car doesn't consume too much oil, which is good. If it's black and oily-looking, then the car consumes too much. Granted, if you're looking at a diesel car, the oil will be darker and the exhaust pipe's end rim will be blacker. If a puff of white smoke comes out and smells like burned oil when the dealer presses half way on the accelerator pedal then it means the engine consumes way too much oil and you shouldn't even look further at that car.

Keeping the engine on and the hood up, if you see any steam coming off of the engine after it has reached normal operating temperature then there is probably a coolant problem, such as a head gasket. Trust me this will run you at least \$700 each gasket. Ah, it brings back memories for me.

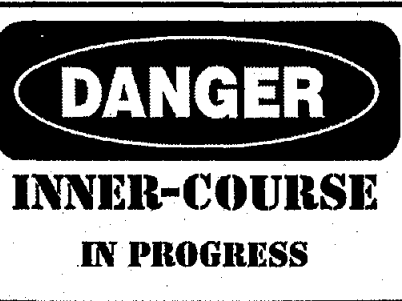
So, the odometer reads 75,000 but did you know that it is extremely easy for dealers to take miles off of the reading. Perhaps there's really 100,000 miles on it. Here are some hints. If the brake or accelerator pads are extremely worn, the car has been drive at least 100,000 miles. If the steering wheel is loose, it has been turned enough for the same amount of miles. So be weary.

I wish I had a way for you to check your suspension, but perhaps a test drive will determine this. When you're ready to test drive the car the dealer may drive it out of the lot for you. When you get behind the wheel, you'll discover that the radio is on. Some dealers do this because they're hiding sounds that shouldn't be there. Turn off the radio drive over bumps. Listen for every sound that doesn't fit and ask about them. Squeezing could indicate a suspension problem.

Check all of the following: blinkers, wind shield wipers, the emergency brake, the tilting wheel if it tilts, the windows, the locks, the air conditioning and heat. Check to see if your seat works properly. Are you comfortable behind the wheel? Check the weather stripping around the doors. You do not want a leak during a down pour.

Well, did you like the car? Great, now go look at another car in another lot. Don't rush things. I almost did and my mom talked me out of a '95 Grand Am. Today I'm driving the Beretta and the things I need to remember most are to change my oil every 3,000 to 6,000 miles, get a tune-up each year and weatherize my car. In order to keep my transmission healthy I'll avoid accelerating up steep hills and accelerating too quickly at all. I'll let the car accelerate at a steady speed, and I won't be sorry. Hopefully, you won't either.

Please, please, please don't take my word for it. Check all the things I've written about with an auto-mechanic friend or manual. I wish you luck.



By Sheri A. Freeman



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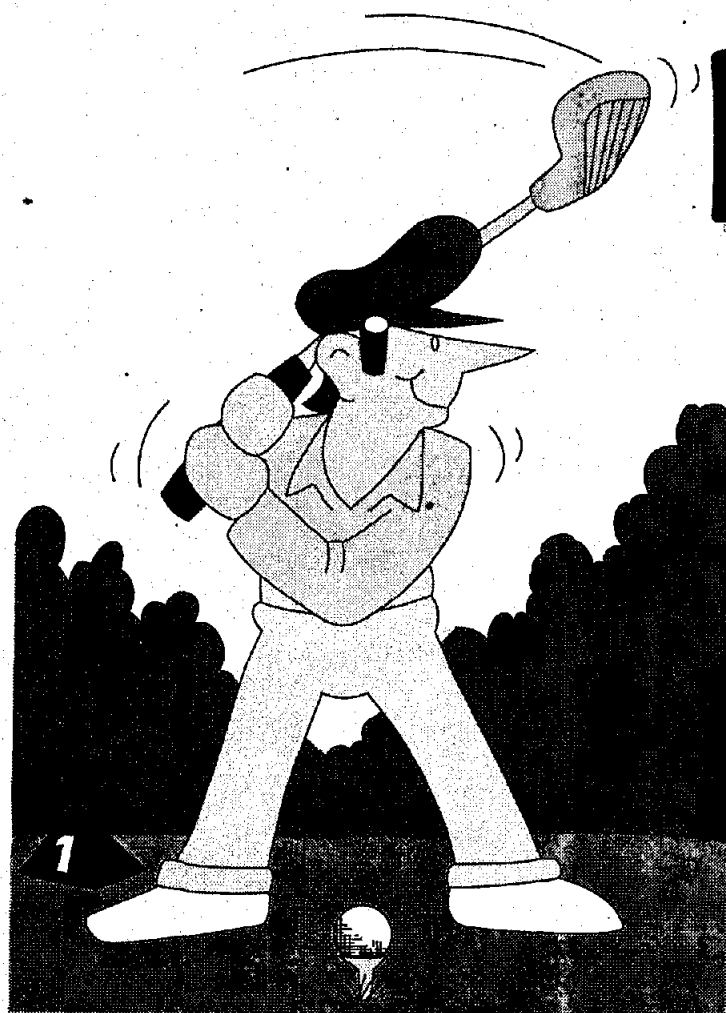
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## Scene this One: "Whatever It Takes"

By Renee Romanelli & Michael K. Wnoroski  
Insider Writers

Welcome to one of the final editions of Scene This One? Renee and Mike would like to extend a warm "thank you" to the folks over at LOEWS THEATRE, in Wayne. We appreciate their constant support. We decided that this time around we would do whatever it took by not seeing anything too heavy. Life's too stressful at this time in the semester to sit through something too contemplative. Thus, this week's target ... "Whatever It Takes"

Presented by: Phoenix Pictures  
Produced by: Paul Schiff  
Directed by: David Raynr  
Screenplay by: Mark Schwahn  
Starring: Shane West, Marla Sokoloff, Jodi Lyn O'Keefe, James Franco, Aaron Paul, Richard Schiff and more.

Picture this ... high school, four weeks before graduation. Ryan (Shane West) has the hots for Ashley (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe). Chris (James Franco) is in lust over Maggie (Marla Sokoloff). Enter one small problem ... the girls have no interest in their prospective fellows. The solution; each guy has pull with the other guys fantasy girl.

(How convenient) Now, the trick is to convince the girls that the perfect date to the prom is only a second look away. But, not everything

the advertisement of this film. After seeing the trailer, I was under the impression that "Whatever It Takes" was going to be some sex-

be a good movie with some heart to it.

R- Hi Mike! I have to admit that when you said you wanted to review this movie that I was not too thrilled. I wasn't up to sitting through almost two hours of teeny-bopper, toilet-bowl humor once again. It seems like every movie made nowadays is geared toward 12-year-olds and under. But "Whatever It Takes" proved me wrong. It was a cute movie that showed how looks really aren't everything, and it's what is inside that counts. Sure, there was some definite cheese in the movie, and it was completely unrealistic, but so what? It actually displayed some sort of values, which is almost never seen in pre-teenage movies. The acting was also a lot better than some other teen movies I've seen. How 'bout that awful flick "Drive Me Crazy" ... Yuck!

M- I have to agree with you Renee. The acting was pretty good, especially by actor Shane West who played Ryan and Marla Sokoloff who played Maggie. Both of these talented young actors graced the screen with a natural presence that made them easy to relate to. I also enjoyed how the story was put together.

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photo by Frank Masi

The Columbia Pictures/Phoenix Pictures romantic comedy cast

is as it appears and all too often we are blind to what is right in front of our faces.

M- Hello Renee! Here we are ... together again for another installment. This semester is rapidly approaching the end so let's get on with it. First off, I have to warn you moviegoers out there about

crazed teen flick with lots of toilet humor, drunken madness and gratuitous nudity. It appeared to be some kind of "American Pie" movie clone. NOT the case! In fact, this movie does not even earn an "R" rating. Nope, it's "PG-13". Oh well! Seriously though, this movie was not what I expected but all things considered, it turned out to

## David Wroe Leads the Orchestra in Season Finale

David Wroe, music director of New Jersey's Westfield Symphony Orchestra, will elad The Orchestra at William Paterson University in its final concert of the season on Saturday, April 15.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts at William Paterson University in Wayne, where the Orchestra is in residence. The program will include Igor Stravinsky's "Scenes de Ballet" and Hanson's Symphony No. 2. "Romantic," as well as works performed by Catherine Resnick of Red Bank, the winner of The Orchestra's Mae and Fletcher Fish young Artist Competition, and yoo-Sun Park of Old Tappan, first runner up.

In addition to serving as the Westfield Symphony, New York City Ballet and other major orchestras. His opera credits include "La Boheme" with the Stadt Theatre der Heidelberg, as well as "Fidelio" and "Amadis." A native of Britain, Wrote is a graduate of Manchester University in England and Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois.

Prior to the concert, John Link, professor of music at William Paterson, will present a lecture about the musical program that is

free to all ticketholders in room 101 of Shea Center at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 and \$25, depending on the location. Students may purchase two tickets for the rear lodge at \$5 each; a valid I.D. card is required.

The orchestra, formerly known as the Wayne Chamber Cultural and Heritage Council through a grant from the New Jersey Council on the Arts/Department of State. In addition, the orchestra is underwritten in part by William Paterson University and supported by gifts from private individuals, area businesses and corporations. The ensemble has gained national recognition both for its excellence of performance and imaginative programming.

The Mae and Fletcher Fish Young Orchestra Competition, named after its benefactors, Mae and Fletcher Fish, reflects The Orchestra's commitment to promoting youth education and participation in the arts.

For tickets or additional information, please call the Shea Center Box Office at 973-720-2371.

## William Paterson University to stage scenes from Classic Opera

Scenes from operas by Verdi, Offenbach, Donizetti, Mozart, Rossini, and Bizet will be performed by members of William Paterson University's Opera Workshop on Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 6.

The performances, which will be staged and costumed, will begin at 8 p.m. in Room 101 of Shea Center for Performing Arts on Campus in Wayne. Tickets are \$6 standard and \$5 for students.

Under the direction of Stephen Bryant, professor of music and director of choral activities at William Paterson, vocalists will present portions of "La Traviata" by Verdi, "The Tales of Hoffmann" by Offenbach, "Lucia" by Donizetti, "Cosi fan tutte," by Mozart, "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, "Cenerentola" by Rossini, and "The Pearl Fishers" by Bizet.

Vocalists include Melinda Blum of Randallstown, Md., Jason Warren of Pompton Lakes, Andrew Semegram of Wycoff, Thomas Courtright of Newton, Beth Ann Coleman of New

Milford, Richard Hilton of West Paterson, Phillip Haltman of Marlboro, Lauren Lesko of Ringwood, Regina Altman of Livingston, and Euclides Zoto of Paterson.

Bryant, a bass-baritone, has accrued numerous oratorio and opera credits. He created the major role of Dante for the world premiere of Tan Dun's "Marco Polo," which he performed at the Munich Biennale, the Holland Festival in Amsterdam, the Hong Kong Arts Festival, New York City Opera, and with the Japan Philharmonic in Tokyo. The New York Times, in its review of the production, called it an "extraordinary work," adding that Bryant "made the vocalism and movement seem natural."

A native of Princeton, Bryant received his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and his master's degree and doctorate in voice and choral conducting from the University of Michigan. He resides in Upper Montclair.

For additional information please call 973-720-2371.

### Drag-On Opposite of H2O (Ruff Ryders/Interscope)

If you're a fan of hip-hop, then you've probably heard of the Ruff Ryders. This rap coalition has teamed up and exploded on to the charts with the help of its producer/DJ extraordinaire Swizz Beats. Swizz has been the RZA of the Ruff Ryders, providing a perfect beat to each of the Ruff Ryders' hot verses. As you all well know, the Ruff Ryders consist of: DMX, Eve and The Lox, who left Bad Boy to join the RR squad. You may also know the Ruff Ryders who released the single, "Down Bottom" featuring Juvenile. Of course, we are talking about Drag-On, his first solo album entitled, *Opposite of H2O*. Drag-On named his album the opposite of water to signify fire. This is exactly what this album is, HOT!

Swizz Beats' infectious bass lines and talented use of an organ and keyboard makes your neck sore after only six tracks. The first single, "Spit These Bars" features vocals by DJ Swizz and definitely keeps you bouncing. This party anthem asks us: "Do my ladies run this mother? Yes they do run this mother, uh-huh!" Another phat track is the one featuring DMX entitled, "Niggaz Die 4 me." On this track Drag-On spits: "Niggaz, Niggaz want to see the dog niggaz bite, this kid Drag strike a light, 155 five nicks, my fire burn the wire!" Track number seven features the First Lady of the Ruff Ryders, Eve, and is called, "Here

We Go." Eve's delivery on this song is fast and so is Drag-On's. In the tradition of the bling-bling, Drag proclaims: "Cop, dat Benz, dip those rims, wait till money leave and tell her hop right in." DMX also appears on track number ten, "Get It Right" which sizzles like bacon. "Ladies 2000" is a song from Drag-On to all the lovely young ladies who cook him break-

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fast. The real hardcore highlight of this album is not DMX but the Lox. The song "Ready for War" features Styles, Sheek and Jadakiss. This thugged-out track will definitely rattle your subwoofer and the lyrics and fight too.

Overall, things look quite promising for Drag-On. Swizz Beats and the Ruff Ryders have caused a tsunami in the music world and Drag-On is riding the waves to his projects and will not let you down. The one track that is corny is that last one called, "What It's All About." The lyrics are decent, but the hook is straight wack. Skip past the one to the bonus track entitled, "Life Goes on." This song is a heartfelt recollection of life and its many struggles. So hit up the record store and find the *Opposite of H2O*. Be careful not to burn yourself!

—Michael Lee AKA Drama

### Common Like Water for Chocolate MCA/Universal

*Like Water for Chocolate* (which is a clever reference to the foreign film by the same name) is Common's fourth LP, and serves as a nice representation of what's going on in the world of progressive hip-hop. While East-Coast hip-hoppers The Roots, Mos Def, Company Flow, and Pace Won have been on the forefront of the progressive hip-hop movement, Common weighs in for Chicago with his smooth voice and excellent jazzy band. *Like Water for Chocolate* finds Common nodding his head to some of those East Coast counterparts as it features Black Thought, Guestlove, and Rahzel of The Roots, and Mos Def, as well as an all-star lineup of guests including MC Lyte, D'Angelo, Roy Hargrove, DJ Premier, and Jill Scott.

The first single off *Like Water for Chocolate* is "The 6th Sense" (feat. DJ Premier) which is a track that you know is destined for success after you hear the first few seconds of it. Along with *The 6th Sense*, some of *Like Water for Chocolate*'s standout tracks are "The Questions" (feat. Mos Def), "The Light", "Coldblooded" (feat. Rahzel, Roy Hargrove, and Black Thought) and "Dooinit."

"Dooinit" is a track that features Common cleverly dropping intelligence about Hip-Hop fakers and takers. Just peep the lyrics, "You wasn't saying you was a thug before Pac came, ten years ago you had a high-top trying to be like Kane, then Snoop releasing it became a G Thang, claim sets, your city ain't got game." Common doesn't just address the problems in Hip-Hop but offers suggestions, like that of erasing disrespect of women in Hip-Hop. Get out and pick up *Like Water for Chocolate*, you might just learn something.

—Jacob Claveloux



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## Horoscopes

By Salome

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A loving leo offers a chance for romance. ON the job, follow the advice of a Libra who knows the facts and wants to help you succeed.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A temporary financial setback gives you a chance to recheck your plans and make some changes. A virgo waits to hear from you.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A Capricorn is Cupid's choice for a romantic spring fling. Your work week begins with a problem, but all is resolved by the week's end.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) More changes than usual could best the Moon Child this week. Be patient. This confusion will soon pass. A Libra offers you much-needed emotional stability.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's time to redecorate the Lion's Den with some of those bright new things you love to have around you. Then, invite friends in for a party.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A sudden change in a personal relationship creates some confusion. A full explanation will come later. The next move will be up to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A business partner could create

problems that will threaten a new venture. Your domestic partner might still need to be reassured about your feelings.

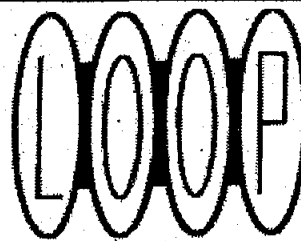
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A situation has finally gone from rocky to rock-solid. Use this quieter period to recharge your energies. Plan to spend more time with friends.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Finding the weakness in a financial matter strengthens your bargainin' potential later on. An Aries would love to share some romantic antics with you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The Goat's romantic repuration could get a boost from a loving Leo. A workplace situation continues to improve as others support your position.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) That added effort pays off on the job. A family situation is close to being resolved. Get out more and enjoy some well-earned fun times with good friends.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel overwhelmed by a torrent of events this week. Deal with them one at a time, and things will soon get back to normal.



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# The Band 311 performs great in show

By Joelle Caputa  
Insider Contributor

Sitting on my friend's shoulders above the sold out crowd, Friday night, March 3, at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City, I experienced an amazing view.

Below me were teenagers crowd surfing and moshing in unity to the lyrics they live by. In front of me, on the stage, was the band the fans had lined up outside the venue since early afternoon, anxiously waiting to see.

Passerby on the streets all asked the line of ticket holders the question, "Who's playing here tonight?" wondering what band attracted such a large following.

Each fan answered, showing pride, "311."

311, from Omaha, Nebraska, is the band critics love to hate and fans enjoy keeping as their "secret." Even with their best-selling, self-titled "Blue" album in 1995 and their breakthrough hit single, "Down," 311's music has never gone mainstream.

However, they do get radio air play and occasionally appear on MTV shows such as "120 Minutes." Through their albums, including, Grassroots, Music, Transistor and the newly released, Sound system, 311 combines a unique mix of rock/rap/reggae sounds like no other band.

They are known for their message of positivity, which is evident through lyrics like "Be positive with love/See the good in everybody," in

"Creature Feature." Their lyrics also inspire their audience, such is the case in "Brodel's" with "I cannot think of a better way that we can celebrate freedom than to make up a set of goals and cold beat 'em." This band entertains their audience and at the same time, tries to put them on the right track in life, with the lyrics "A shortcut's a self defeating means, if you cannot do it clean. You'll never reach your reward," in "Paradise."

They also have the lyrics that can cheer you up when you're feeling depressed, like "Let's think of all the good times/Instead of wish we could times," in "Lose." 311 also sings out against violence and for the environment.

Taking the stage after their audience-approved opening act, Jimmy's Chicken Shack, 311 played for about two hours and then came back out for an encore performance. The set list for the evening was surprising, but pleasing. They played some of their singles, including "Come Original," "Flowing," "All Mixed Up," and "Beautiful Disaster."

However, they also played lesser known songs that no one expected them to, like "Gap," off the CD that came with their home video, Enlarged to Show Detail, "What Was I Thinking?" and "Use of Time." While they did play songs off of SoundSystem, 311 really catered to their longtime fans by playing the favorites "Do You Right," "Feels So Good," "Nix Hex," "Visit" and

"Hydroponic."

Lead vocalist, Nick Hexum, along with cuts/back up vocalist, SA Martinez, drummer Chad Sexton, Bass player P-Nut and Tim Mahoney on guitar, are always "down" with their fans.

During the show, they paused in-between each song and Hexum asked the audience, "What do you want to hear?" He also took a dive off the stage and surfed the massive crowd.

At the end of the show, Sexton threw his drum sticks out to the crowd. The band even put out a CD exclusively to their web site, 311Music.com, and to their shows. It is a compilation of songs the band put out from their first three records, "Hydroponic," "Unity" and "Dammit," before they got signed to Capricorn Records.

A highlight of the Roseland show was when the entire band played different types of drums together. P-Nut also showcased his skills on his solo, a tradition for every show that begins with Hexum saying, "You know we can't leave here without having P-Nut beat that thang." When the band finally did leave the stage, their fans left feeling they got more than their money's worth.

311 is a band that, believe it or not, sounds even better live than on their albums. The band began touring again, after years on hiatus, last fall. Tickets are hard to come by, but their show is definitely one worth going out of your way to catch.

## If it sounds to good to be true, it is: Part 2

By Ilisa Schertzer  
Insider Writer

Hi everyone! Hope you enjoyed my article last week. If you did, read on; I will tell you the second half of my journey to Cancun.

Well, anyway, where was I? Ah yes, we just landed in Cancun where we thought our troubles were far behind us. Boy were we wrong!

After landing we went through customs. The lines were long but what could we do. All 300 students were then thrown onto buses that would take us to our hotel. While on the bus the tour representative came on and told us about all the money we would need to spend to get into certain places and events. My friends and I bought the "supreme" package for \$100. This is one of the only things on the trip that we got a deal with. We had something to do every night now and we already paid for it.

We finally reach our hotel after being awake for over 24 hours! We unpacked our things from the bus and checked in. Next, we walked down the stairs (elevator is out of order, and has been for years) to our room. We open the door and there is ONE BED for three girls!!!! Now my friends and I are close but

do we really want to be this close! Thank God the bed is big enough for us girls. However, the room was not what it looked like on the Internet, but who can complain when we looked out the window and saw the beautiful ocean. We were 300 ft away from that water.

After waiting in line at the payphone to call home collect (you can only use this or credit cards), we finally took a nap. But that was very short lived because now we had to take the bus and find the headquarters of our tour company to get our meal plan we paid for. Normally, this would be given out at orientation, but since our flight was so late, we missed it and now it was our job to find it and get it.

Lets fast forward to the end of the week. The middle was actually fun! We layed on the beach, got tan, went partying at night, drank and shopped.

The student were responsible for finding out when we were leaving. We were told that 24 hours prior to departure there would be a notification in the hotel lobby. Guess what? It was never there. We were originally supposed to leave Saturday morning at 6:10 a.m. The bus would pick us up at 3 a.m. Since nothing was posted, we took a trek down to the headquarters again and found out that we were to leave now Monday at 8 p.m. Not only would this mean we were coming home two days later, we would be kicked out of the hotel on Saturday and they would have to find us another hotel to stay at. The problem was, Cancun was filled and 300-plus students would have no where to go.

As you would expect the three of us freaked. We do not keep calm in hard situations.

Three hours after we left, we called the headquarters again. They say we are leaving at 5 p.m. on Saturday night and would be picked up at 2 p.m.

They also told us to call them again throughout the day on Saturday.

To make a long story even longer ... we checkout out of the hotel at 11 a.m. and decided we would shop until it was time to leave. We left our luggage at the hotel and off we went. At 1 a.m. we called our tour company, what a surprise our flight was pushed back to 8. We go back to the hotel at 4 p.m. and find out that the flight has been delayed even more. The bus was now supposed to pick us up at 10 p.m.

We were so tired at this point, we just vegged out in the hotel lobby.

We finally get picked up by the bus at 1:30 a.m. and our flight left at 4 a.m. We landed at JFK airport at 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

After going through customs, we prayed that one of our parents was there to pick us up. Thankfully my father was waiting for us, after he reset his alarm 4 times.

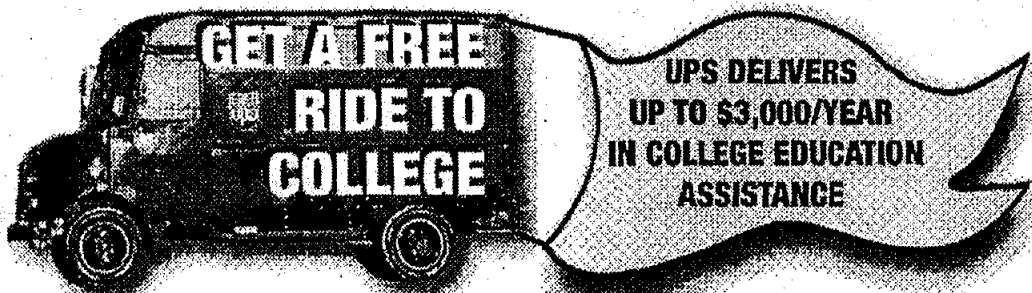
We were lured in with that promise of free admission to clubs, 30 hours of free drinking, a 4 star hotel and major airline for only \$699. Do not be deceived please, because let me tell you we were. I did not go to any of the 30 hours of free drinking, (I really do not even know if there were any). We definitely did not go on a major airline, the hotel might have been four stars in Mexico, not here and I sure paid a hell of a lot more then \$699 getting there.

Let me just say, there is no such thing as a tropical paradise unless it is a deserted island. When you plan a trip, be very cautious and don't have what happened to me happen to you.

**We've all seen the glossy ads that promise a great spring break trip for a low price. Be careful! Many students are tricked into affordable dream vacations that don't go according to plan.**

**Advice:**

1. If it sounds too good, it is. Check the agency's references and referrals. See if anyone else took a trip with them before.
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## Entertainment Extra

by Evelyn

**Q:** I would like to know if there is really a movie coming out about Texas Governor George W. Bush dealing with his years at Yale. Was this movie financed by friends or foes of Gov. Bush? I think that would be interesting to find out. Lewis W.

**A:** The movie, "The Skulls," which was released late last month, is not based on the governor's school days. It was, however, written and directed by Yale graduate John Pogue and inspired by "Skull & Bones," a secret society at Yale to which the governor, his father, former President George Bush, and a long line of influential Americans have belonged. They include Yalesmen (and more recently Yaleswomen) of every political party and philosophy, from the liberal Senator John D. Kerry of Massachusetts to the conservative writer, William F. Buckley.

Much of the mystique surrounding "Skull & Bones" has been the reticence of its members to talk about the society and their meetings. I love the comment Christopher Buckley made when he refused to talk to an interviewer about "Skull & Bones": "Don't quote me or I shall have to come and kill you, burn down your house and rape your dog."

Guess that about says it all. Oh yes, the movie stars "Dawson Creek's" Joshua Jackson.

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**Q:** Why didn't Jodie Foster choose to appear in the "Hannibal" sequel to "Silence of the Lambs"? And have they chosen someone else to play the part of Clarice Starling?

Annette M.

**A:** Foster reportedly said some time ago that she would rather devote her career to doing new things, including directing as well as acting. Although some of her newer films haven't been raging successes — such as "Contact" which, despite disappointing box office returns, is fast becoming a cult classic akin to "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Anna and the King" — Foster feels she was right to stick to her decision.

Okay. That's the official story. But there's more. Foster was reportedly eager to do the sequel with "Lambs" director Jonathon Demme and co-star Anthony Hopkins. But then "Lambs" author Thomas Harris came out with his book "Hannibal" in which Clarice is dumbed-down to where she seems to be Hannibal's love slave. No wonder Foster then gave the flick a pass.

### WPSC Top 30

1. Pinehurst Kids, Viewmaster, 4 Alarm Records
2. The Anniversary, Designing A Nervous Breakdown, H & V/Vagrant
3. Modest Mouse, Building Nothing Out of Something, Up Records
4. A New Found Glory, Nothing Gold Can Stay, Drive-Thru Records
5. The Violent Femmes, Freak Magnet, Beyond
6. The Cure, Bloodflowers, Elektra
7. Braid, Movie Music, Polyvinyl Records
8. Discount, Crash Diagnostic, New American Dream
9. Morphine, The Night, Dream Works
10. Scout, It Seemed Like A Good Idea at the Time, Mod Music
11. Beck, Midnite Vultures, DGC/Geffen Records
12. The Erics, Chaos Made Pretty, Childlike Records
13. The Jimmies, Let the Fat Man Plunder, Panic Button-Lookout
14. Yo La Tengo, And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-Out, Matador
15. Air, The Virgin Sulcides, Source-Astralwerks
16. Dynamite Boy, Finder's Keepers, Fearless Records
17. Podstar, Podstar, Noisome Records
18. Allen Crime Syndicate, Dust to Dirt, Collective Fruit
19. Junior Varsity, Bam Bam Bam!, Peek-a-Boo
20. Mary Timony, Mountains, Matador
21. The The, Naked Self, Nothing Records
22. Mary Lou Lord/Sean Na Na, S/T, Kill Rock Stars
23. Crooked Fingers, Crooked Fingers, WARM
24. The Gimmicks, Honeymoon's Over, Estrus Records
25. Pitchshifter, Un-United Kingdom, MCA
26. Errortype:11, Amplified To Rock, Some Records
27. Conehead Buddha, Rockets, BFP Music
28. ZooBombs, Let it Bomb, Emperor Norton
29. Papas Fritas, Buildings and Grounds, Minty Fresh Records
30. Kid Dynamite, Shorter, Faster, Louder, Jade Tree

### Top 10 Pop Singles

10. Santana, Feat. Rob Thomas "Smooth"

9. Montell Jordan "Get It on Tonite"

8. Savage Garden "I knew I loved You"

7. Celine Dion "That's the Way It Is"

6. Backstreet Boys "Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely"

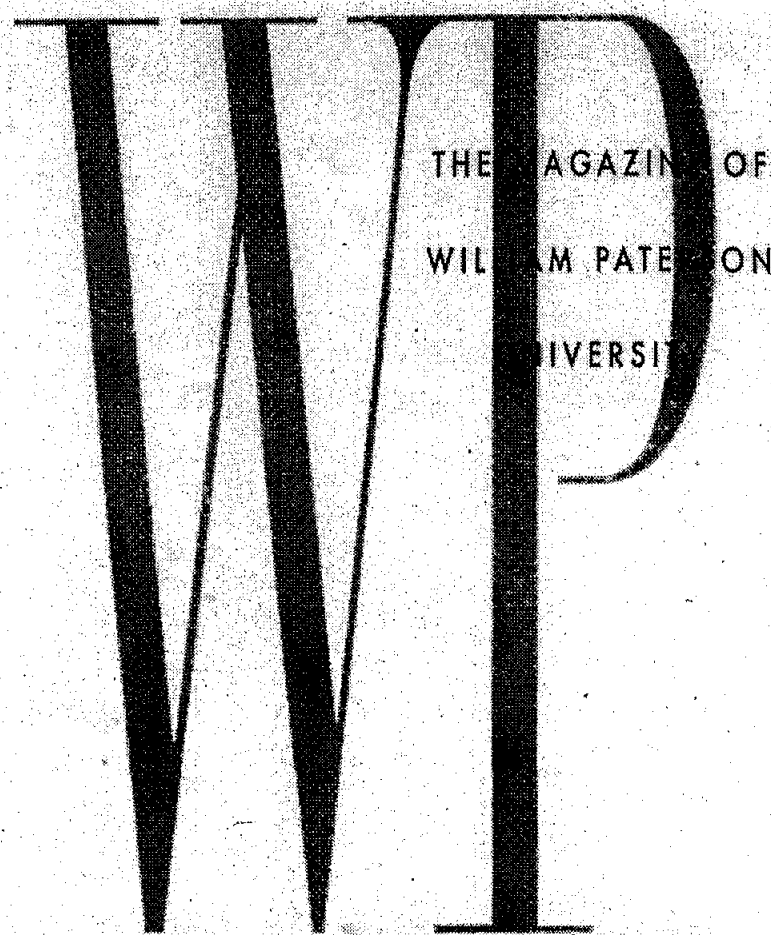
5. 'N Sync "Bye Bye Bye"

4. Faith Hill "Breathe"

3. Santana "Maria, Maria"

2. Lonestar "Amazed"

1. Destiny's Child "Say My Name"



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# "Whatever It Takes"



photo by Frank Masi

Jock Chris (James Franco) and social outcast Ryan (Shane West)

from SCENE page 9

"Whatever It Takes" is not a breakthrough movie filled with fresh new bold ideas; however, it's a nice recycling of some classic themes. Renee even pointed out to me the direct lifting of a scene from the play, "Cyrano". Also, there is a wonderful prom scene that uses a gag originated by famed director Frank Capra in the classic, "It's A Wonderful Life."

R- Yes, I did enjoy those classic themes. I particularly enjoyed when they all fell into the pool in the gym - especially when Ashley (Jody Lyn O'Keefe) fell in. I swear, that girl was really annoying me! She was such a stuck-up snob! You know the one in high school that everyone admired but also really hated? She was so pathetic when

she kept following and throwing herself on Ryan. At one point she even plants herself outside of his house and chants "PLEASE take me to prom! PLEASE take me to prom!" That's another thing I can't stand about these movies: Why do they say "prom" instead of "the prom"? Does anyone really say, "Hey, I have a date for Prom!"? I don't think so! Okay, now that I've gotten completely off the point, you can take it from here, Mike...

M- Right on, Renee! Overall, I enjoyed "Whatever It Takes." It was a fun, light-hearted movie about the struggles of teenhood. Of course, in this movie even the nerdiest of nerds isn't that bad off. Anyway, the acting wasn't bad (with a few exceptions), the story was cleverly put together, and the costumes and sets were very well

thought out. There was nothing distracting or particularly annoying about this film (well, maybe James Franco's smile. What the hell's with this guy's mouth?). If you are looking for 90 minutes of light, up-beat, fairy-tale entertainment you'll find it here. This is a perfect date movie. Or, go with a bunch of high school pals and reminisce about the way it was back in da day. Enjoy! Back to you Renee.

R- Overall, I have to say that I surprisingly enjoyed this movie. I have to add that I particularly liked the character of Floyd (Aaron Paul). He was hilarious! I would go see that movie again just to see him! Anyway, the acting was good, the plot had some depth to it, and it basically was not your typical teenybopper movie. Some of the things that happen would never really happen ... I mean does the popular jock ever really fall for the shy, good Samaritan? No. But it's fun to watch and see what could happen if he did.

On a scale of 5 groups of three high school dweebs..  
Mike gives this movie 3 1/2 groups of three high school dweebs.



Renee gives this movie 4 groups of three high school dweebs.



## In Review: Topsy Turvy

By Christopher English  
Insider Contributor

If you go to see Mike Leigh's *Topsy Turvy*, try not to blink, or you'll miss something. This is a movie so crammed with scenic detail, both inside the Savoy Theater itself and in the domestic lives of Gilbert and Sullivan, that turning away would mean losing sight of the cluttered and gossipy dressing rooms or the falling samurai sword that inspires Gilbert to write "Mikado's" libretto. The director's most remarkable achievement, though, is keeping grasp of a range of characters (mostly connected with the Savoy, but containing some non-theatrical types) and the circumstances and emotions that propel them into helping bring to life what was, at the time, an outlandish and successful production. The film, which runs close to three hours, although seems much shorter, is set in the theater world of London in 1884 and 1885 and tracks how the comic operetta team of Arthur Gilbert (Jim Broadbent) and William Sullivan (Allan Cordaner). Together they come to create "The Mikado."

Faced with a worn out formula from his shows and an unhappy producer, Arthur Sullivan, the teams musical half, ignores the duo's obligation to produce a new show and instead makes a vacation tour of Europe. At the same time, Gilbert works alone on a new libretto, only to have it rejected by

the returning Sullivan. At a creative impasse, the two go their separate ways. Sullivan tries to produce more serious music and Gilbert searches for inspiration for a new story. He is unwillingly lead by his wife to an exhibition of Japanese culture that starts him towards "The Mikado."

Broadbent's Gilbert is a staging perfectionist and cynic who is perpetually waiting for the roof to fall in. He puts the touchy actors through grueling rehearsals, patiently deflating their egos ("this is not grand opera in Milan, it's low burlesque in a small theater") and overseeing kimono and sandal costume fittings.

Cordaner's Sullivan lives almost exclusively for his music. He is first seen resurrecting himself from his sickbed to conduct an opening night orchestra, and later seen getting personally involved in a topless Parisian cabaret.

The musical theater orbit of over 100 years ago seems an odd setting for a film by Mike Leigh, a director whose films are usually about the lives of dysfunctional families in modern London, such as "Life is Sweet" and "Meantime." But the problem both Gilbert and Sullivan communicate (Sullivan has a girlfriend who is tired of being an afterthought and Gilbert has a wife who he consistently takes for granted and a mother he refuses to speak to) demonstrates the subject of human failings.

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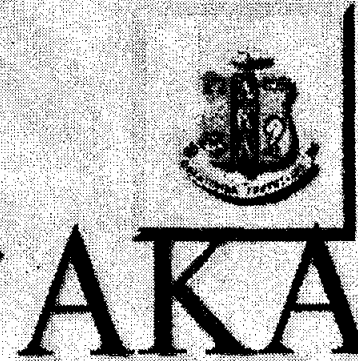
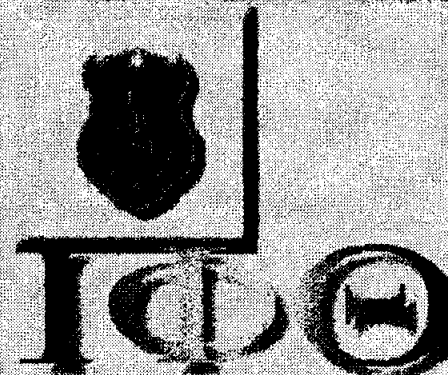
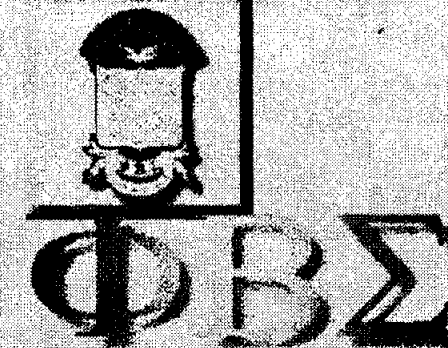
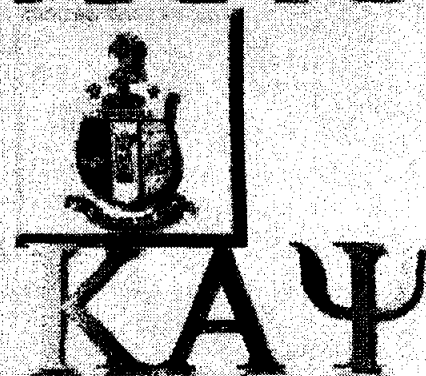
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# Leukemia: Treatable Cancer of the Blood

Approximately 15 out of every 1,000,000 people have leukemia, or cancer of the blood. Leukemia is not the type of cancer where one gets tumors and growths, which will be addressed later on. There are two types of leukemia. The first type, and the most common one, originates in the bone marrow. The second type originates in the lymphatic system.

Leukemia usually starts in the bone marrow with the "baby" white blood cells known as myelocytes, which is why leukemia is sometimes known as myelocytic or myeloid leukemia.

Bone marrow is one of the places in the body where blood cells are produced, including red and white blood cells and specialized blood cells known as platelets. Red blood cells carry oxygen to the tissues and organs of the body, white blood cells fight infections, and platelets form clots to seal injuries.

Next is the second type of leukemia known as lymphatic leukemia. This type of leukemia affects the immune system's "soldiers," the lymphocytes, also known as the white blood cells. Many of these lymphocytes are made in the bone marrow, but the majority are made in the lymph nodes. Leukemia attacks these two places.

The bone marrow and lymph nodes are the vulnerable targets of this dreaded affliction. The lymphatic type is the kind most prevalent in children, although leukemia of both types could strike at any age and at any time. Leukemia can manifest itself as either chronic or acute. Chronic is when it takes longer to notice, lasts longer, and the symptoms are less severe. Acute means that the onset of the illness is rapid and the symptoms can be extremely severe, even life threatening.

Lymphocytes (white blood cells), can not reproduce themselves. That is why either the bone marrow or the lymph nodes have to make them. After about three weeks, the cells die and

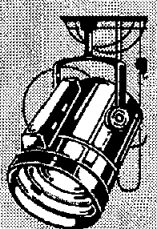
are replaced by new cells. Leukemia affects the lymph nodes; the bone marrow making them produce small, immature and really long-lived lymphocytes that don't die after the customary three weeks. The bone marrow and the lymph nodes keep making new lymphocytes and they just start piling up and overpower the lymphatic system, the liver and the spleen, according to F & W's Family Health.

## Cause

The disease known as leukemia has several hypothetical causes. One or all of these could be true. A virus, x-rays, genetics, benzene, atomic radiation and other factors may be

## SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR HEALTH

By Caroline Schmidt



possible causes. Scientists have discovered that there are higher incidences of leukemia sufferers in radiologists, people who work with x-rays, and Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors.

This suggests that radiation may play a part. Scientists have also discovered a link with an abnormality in the chromosomes, particularly a missing piece of chromosome number 22, which has become popularly known as the Philadelphia chromosome.

The next door neighbor chromosome, number 21, is the chromosome that is responsible for Down's Syndrome (trisomy 21).

People afflicted with Down's Syndrome have a higher incidence of leukemia. Over-population of the lymphocytes is the tip-off that doc-

tors look for when taking blood tests. The bone marrow and the lymph nodes get "clogged" with all the excess cells and can not function properly, preventing the bone marrow from producing the oxygen carrying red blood cells. The few healthy white blood cells can not fight infections, for their numbers are too low, and platelets can not get to injuries.

This results in anemia, weakness, easy bruising, excessive bleeding from wounds and extremely slow-to-heal people.

## Early Detection

Leukemia is usually discovered after an illness such as pneumonia, sinusitis or a dental abscess. Symptoms include bleeding of the gums when not brushing your teeth, easy bruising, frequent sickness, protruding lymph nodes (situated in the neck and under the ribcage) general feeling of weakness, cold extremities and pale skin. Diagnosis is made by your doctor. If you discover these symptoms in yourself, friends or family, see a doctor immediately.

## Treatment

Treatment is successful seven out of ten times in cases of leukemia according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Treatment consists of chemotherapy, radiation treatment, and in severe cases, a bone marrow transplant may be necessary. Leukemia sufferers are classified as being cured if after treatment they are cancer free for five years. This is a very curable cancer, and soon it might not be a threat for the twenty-first century.

Next week I will address colon cancer in observance of National Colon Cancer Awareness month.

**Editors Note:** Spotlight On Your Health is not a substitute for medical advice from a licensed physician. Consult a licensed physician before making changes that could affect your health, or for specific medical advice.

## Ricardo Joseph: Glad to Be a Resident Assistant

By Jamillah Harvey

Ricardo Joseph, a junior at William Paterson University, is a resident assistant on the first floor in Pioneer Hall that houses the campus apartments.

Even though being an RA requires a lot of hard work, and is time consuming, Joseph feels glad he became a RA.

He gets free room and board, and what he terms "a great learning opportunity. It teaches me how to be a leader."

Joseph has learned to give floor programs, provide his residents with information, and become a counselor to them at times.

"Where else can you get all those qualities rolled into one job?" he asks.

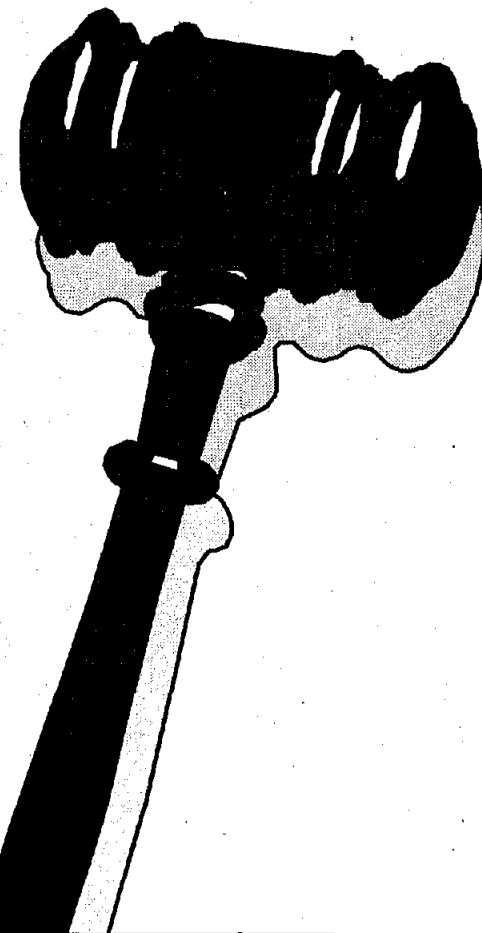
Joseph said he was led to his post after watching how other resident assistants could have an effect on fellow students.

**Editor's Note:** Students in Dr. Lesher's Advanced Journalism class have contributed student profiles for publication in The Beacon. The Beacon will be publishing such contributions on a space-available basis.

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## Evidence Shows Russians Bombed Apartments

By Mark Fonseca Rendeiro  
(Institute for American Universities,  
Aix-en-Provence, France)

MOSCOW, Russia - New evidence has been found linking Russian secret police to last year's apartment bombings, which has long been blamed on Chechen terrorists.

It is customary that when the leader of a nation wants to begin a large military campaign against a certain group or country, he must always have some sort of noble justification.

There is a plethora of excuses to choose from: national security threats, religious destiny, or just plain revenge are only a few. When former Russian President Boris Yeltsin began the military campaign in Chechnya, he used the bombing of two working-class apartment buildings as justification, blaming the attack on Chechen terrorists. One year later, acting president Vladimir Putin supports the same theory, as his military has now "liberated" Grozny, the Chechen capital, from

terrorist freedom fighters.

For the first time, solid evidence has appeared -- a witness, lab tests -- to strongly suggest that Russian secret police bombed the buildings, not Chechen terrorists.

According to eyewitnesses, there was a third bomb planted in another apartment complex, only this one was found. The bombers were caught red-handed by a local engineer coming home from work on the night of Sept. 22. He noticed a

strange vehicle near the building, with its license plates covered. He then saw three individuals acting suspiciously near the basement. He heard one say to another, "Have you done everything?"

The engineer called the police and they apprehended two individuals as they were planting the bomb. Eyewitnesses claim the two men flashed FSB (Russian Secret Police, formerly KGB) badges try-

ing to escape arrest. Police arrested the two men who were soon released following the intervention of the FSB in Moscow. The third bomb was diffused by a bomb squad officer, who later reported that it contained the same explosives as the previous two bombs, Hexagen. It was a live bomb with the detonator set for 5:30 a.m. The explosives were immediately driven away by an FSB truck, but they left the detonator, which was photographed by the bomb squad.

Two days after the incident, the FSB in Moscow released a statement that there had been no bomb, only a training exercise. The Kremlin has yet to release any substantial evidence of the bombing of the apartments. The FSB's only form of evidence was a series of pictures of unnamed Chechens. This new evidence comes as a great embarrassment for President Putin and his supporters, who have maintained that Chechen terrorists were responsible.

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## Senegal puts exiled leader on trial

By Mark Fonseca Rendeiro  
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Aix-en-Provence, France)

DAKAR, Senegal - In a powerful message to leaders throughout Africa and around the world, a human rights group has put the former president of Chad on trial for crimes against humanity.

Whether or not Augusto Pinochet stands trial in Britain for human rights violations during his dictatorship, the case has already left its mark on the world.

In the nation of Senegal, Hissene Habre is on trial, accused of crimes against humanity. All African leaders, on a continent where many have engaged in widespread torture, murder, and destruction, will watch his trial closely.

President Habre has long been referred to as an official of "steel," referring to his legal status as untouchable. But this man of steel is now under house arrest since being indicted on torture charges by a Senegalese court. Human rights groups report having 97 documented cases of political killings, 142 cases of torture, and 100 cases of people who have disappeared in Chad, a poor, desert nation in Central Africa.

In court, ordinary Chadians testify against the former president, giving accounts of being arrested and tortured during his regime.

One former prisoner, Souleman Guengueng, was arrested in August 1988 by government security officers for being an opponent of the government. He told the court that 300 prisoners were being forced into a single cell, having water poured on them from the ceiling, forcing them to lick the floor and their bodies to avoid dying of thirst.

Mr. Guengueng spent two years being tortured in that prison.

"My joy was great in that courtroom," he said, "Hissene Habre never thought that one day he would be brought to justice."

Groups such as Human Rights Watch and the International Federation for Human Rights have brought the case to Senegal because of its highly regarded independent judiciary. In many nations where leaders are in exile, judiciaries are not free to pursue cases of crimes against humanity.

After seizing power in 1982, Mr. Habre's eight years as president were highly supported by both France and the United States. Both nations portrayed him as a charismatic and intellectual leader who cared for his people. The U.S. supported him because of his Anti-Gadhafi position. Following widespread human rights abuses, Mr. Habre was overthrown and sent into exile, taking with him \$11 million.

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The march, organized by NOW-NJ, will begin at 11 a.m. at the Hughes Justice Complex and proceed to the State House steps. The rally will last until about 3 p.m.

A nationwide poll, just released by Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), found that 75% of voters believe the right to an abortion is currently being challenged. Almost half believe Roe v. Wade will likely be overturned in their lifetime.

PPGNNJ will provide buses to the rally from three north Jersey locations. For further information, call the PPGNNJ Public Affairs Department, 973-539-9580, ext. 141.



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## U.S. policymaking will impact Colombia's drug trafficking

By Paola Carolina Melo  
News Contributor

The United States Congress is now considering whether or not to provide Colombia with 1.6 billion dollars towards a two-year emergency aid package to fight drug traffickers in Colombia. Colombian President Andres Pastrana's project of anti-drug measures, peace initiatives and social services known as "Plan Colombia" has risen concerns regarding the utilization of these funds due to the high corruption level in the Colombian government and the danger that the US might be dragged into military conflict.

This package will position Colombia as the third leading recipient of US aid after Israel and Egypt. Although Democratic and Republican senators seem to agree that economic aid should be given to Colombia, questions remain as to how effective the US aid might be in dealing with the drug problem.

Colombia's war against drugs has been an ongoing practice since the late 1970's and early 1980's when farmers began to grow coca crops at a higher level than the

accustomed food crops. The uneven distribution of income, plus the isolationism of the central government in vast portions of the Colombian territory, and the high cost of transporting crops from the rural areas to the cities, all gave way to the development and expansion of cocaine crops. Due to this isolationism, narco-traffickers as well as guerrilla groups and revolutionary groups have settled in these areas and have become powerful enough to take the law in their hands and even influence the production, distribution and price of drugs.

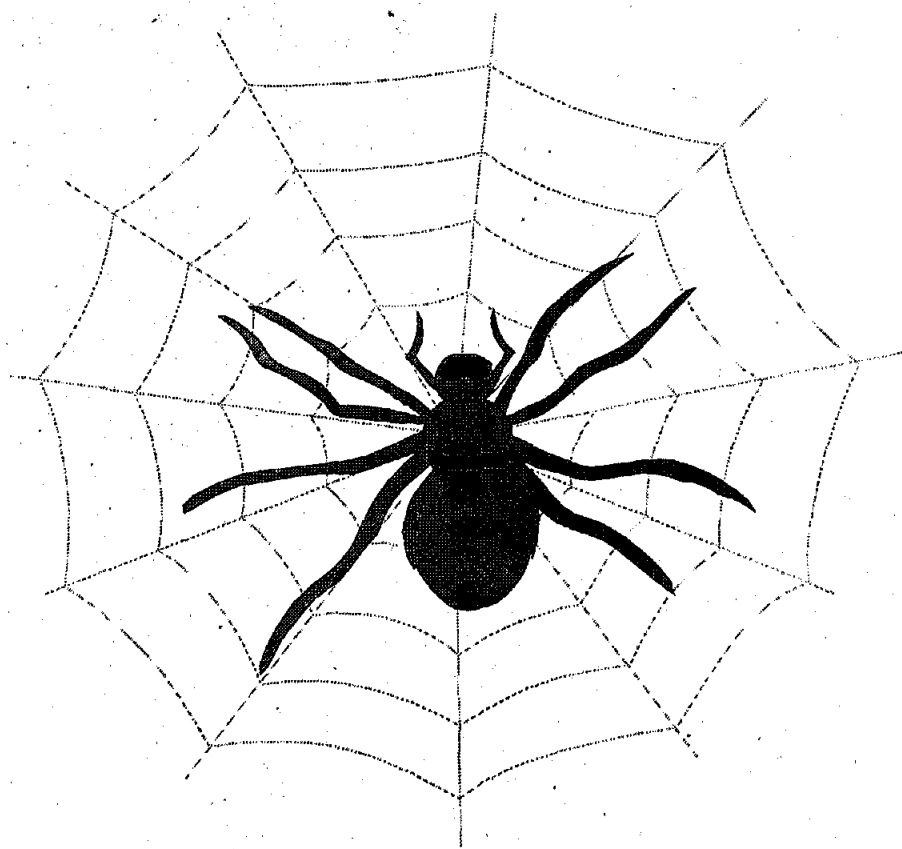
Although both US and Colombian governments have been fighting the farmers and drug lords by seizing lands and laboratories, using herbicides to kill plantations, arresting and even extraditing some of the traffickers, they haven't fought what some experts call the greatest problem: the consumers. Until the demand side of the whole drug problem is addressed, and the associated high profits stop being sufficiently high enough to outweigh the visible risks involved, narco-trafficking in Colombia, or anywhere else, will continue into the foreseeable future.

The 1.6 billion dollars in emergency assistance to Colombia will consist of a total of 63 Black Hawk and Huey helicopters intended to allow the armed forces and the police to operate in the coca-growing areas that the rebels dominate. In addition, money will be spent in the training of two 900-men counter narcotics battalions, radar, aircraft and airfield upgrades, alternative economic development, improvement in the justice system and other social services. After discussion the plan is expected to be passed by the House of Representatives this week, but it still faces skepticism in the Senate. Colombian officials are now in Washington lobbying and presenting reports on the country's improvements in terms of corruption and human rights violations.

Colombia's current situation will benefit greatly from this package, and this will give impetus to the much desired peace process. Although valid concerns regarding the distribution of the funds are still on the table, "Plan Colombia" a decision is expected to be announced this week by the Congress.

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## Thor's Thoughts

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Griffey did. ARod will drown offensively as compared to previous seasons without another legitimate 40-homerun threat to screen him. All I'm going to say about Anaheim is first-year manager Mike Scioscia should tell Mo Vaughn he made a big mistake leaving Boston.

My predictions for post-season honors and miscellaneous statistics are as follows:

National League MVP: Mike Piazza, NY Mets; American League MVP: Albert Belle, Baltimore; National League CY Young: Kris Benson, Pittsburgh;

American League CY Young: Tim Hudson, Oakland; National League Manager of the Year: Dusty Baker, San Francisco Giants; American League Manager of the Year: Tie- Mike Hargrove, Baltimore and Art Howe, Oakland; N.L. Home run leaders: Sammy Sosa, Chicago, 66; Mark McGwire, St. Louis, 61; Ken Griffey, Jr., Cincinnati, 51; Jeff Bagwell, Houston, 47; Mike Piazza, New York, 44; Shawn Green, Los Angeles, 44; A.L. Home run leaders: Albert Belle, Baltimore 58; Juan Gonzalez, Detroit, 48; John Jaha, Oakland, 45; Jose Canseco (barring injury, again), Tampa Bay, 41; Fred McGriff,

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Beacon Editor-in-Chief Paul Bonney picks the Montreal Expos to sweep the Anaheim Angels in four games in the 2000 World Series. Most of us do not agree.

### Sports Trivia Question:

Deron Oshey is the real name of what NBA point guard? Hint: It was Pearl Jam's original name. (see answer next week)

Last week's answer:

O.J. Simpson won the Heisman Trophy in 1968.

### Science fiction author is active feminist

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home world who gets yanked between her parents as they carry on a troubled relationship. Stories of adventures become mixed up in the folklore of her culture. The central theme of

the novel is the midnight robber, a classical masquerade from the Trinidad carnival.

Hopkinsons' stop at WPU is part of her appearances and readings throughout the United States. She will be publishing a number of

short stories in the near future. She is also editing Whispers From the Ceiba Tree, an anthology of Caribbean fabulist fiction. For more information contact Hopkinson at her site <http://www.sff.net/nalo>

### Cultural hip hop artists' cultural forum set for Science Building

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Young, who claimed that this is the organization's biggest non-entertainment event thus far, recently expressed his desired response from the people attending the forum. "I want people to understand that our organization is more than just doing fund-raisers, and [I want them to] fully understand the breadth of

quality that our organization brings to this campus," said Young. German also commented on her expectations for the event. "I want everybody to learn how hip-hop came about; it's history and it's positive and negative effects. I also want people who may not know much about hip-hop, to have the stereotypes they've developed about it broken. I want participants in the forum to

respect and embrace hip-hop as an art form."

The cost of the event is \$3 for William Paterson University students, \$5 for people with college identifications and \$8 for people outside of college. For more information on the Hip-Hop Peace and Unity Forum, please contact Zeeli-Beth German at (973) 720-5159.

### Sociology conference features papers from WPU students, faculty

from SOCIOLOGY page 1

media. Amy Lorfink's paper on gender typing of children's toys found that a child's gender and toy selections are firmly established by seventeen months.

Sherylee Priestly's paper focused on body-builders. She found that serious weight lifters offset their negative self-esteem and images by their change in body shape and hours spent

at the gym. Body-builders, according to Priestly, were men of lesser education, social status and job satisfaction.

Since many young female students work as waitresses, Shannon Woods' paper on "Work in a Sexualized Workplace" was of particular interest to students. Woods observed waitresses and promotional models that develop techniques of emotional distance and

management to offset unwanted advances by male customers and bosses. Her paper was a serious discussion of the relationships between gender, power and work.

The participation by the students was made possible by a grant from the MOST and Sociology Programs, as well as by the Provost's Office. WPU is home to offices for the Eastern Sociological Society.



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## Pioneers meet success in double-header against Gothic Knights

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as the Pioneers had ace Shaun Stokes. And yet again, it was the error-ball that killed the Pioneers.

With no outs in the bottom of the ninth, second baseman Dan Torres booted the ball, allowing pinch-hitter Bobby Brown to reach safely.

Later, when Stokes threw wildly to first on a bunt attempt with one out, Brown scored the fifth Cadet run, and Army found two runners in scoring position.

Stokes struck out the next batter, which should have been the final out, had no errors been committed.

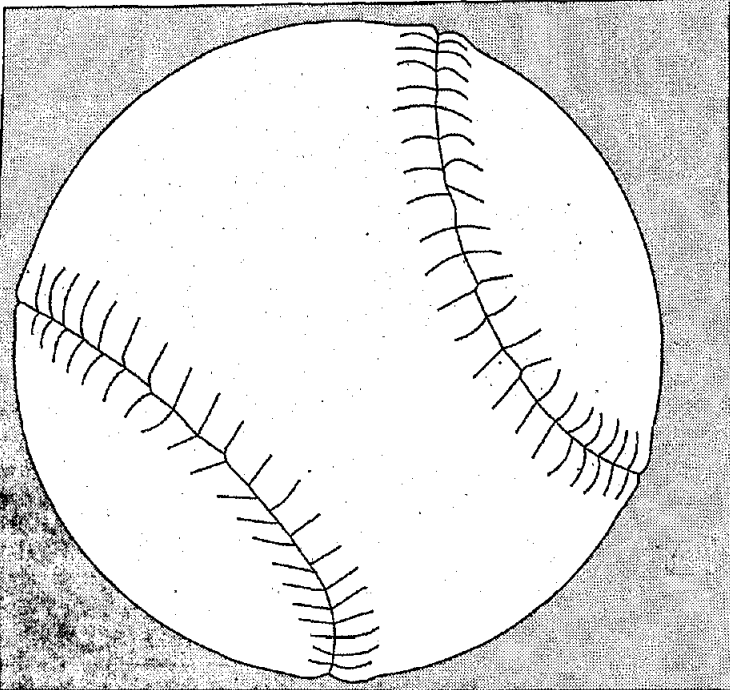
However, after a two-out walk loaded the bases, junior shortstop Buddy Gengler concluded a career four-hit, four-RBI day with a two-run game-winner to left, sending Stokes (1-3) to another unlucky defeat.

For Army, the comeback was the team's fourth in 11 days. The Pioneers' dominance over Army has subsided. WPU now leads the all-time series 7-5-1, after dropping decisions at West Point the last two seasons.

"Jimmy [Carroll] came in with the score 4-3 and just did everything we wanted him to do," said an obviously pleased Albies.

"He had the hitters off stride. But everyone saw him [Army batters]. It was the third time around. You've got your bullet sitting [Stokes] in the bullpen. He's well rested; it's his bullpen day. Here I am yanking the kid who's pitched from the fourth to the eighth

inning flawlessly, giving up one hit. I didn't sleep that night. But, it was the move to make, and I'd do it again. When you have your bullet ready, you bring your bullet in. [It was a] non-conference game, so it didn't mean anything in the long run, but it was a tough game to lose. The bus was silent on the way



home."

"We have 38 errors in 16 games and they've been in big situations," Albies continued. "They've cost us six or seven games. This record right now could easily be where Rowan and Montclair are if we didn't make the errors."

So Saturday's sweep was crucial

for the Pioneers, who can ill-afford to drop contests in the NJAC to losing teams, with the difficult task of keeping pace with Montclair State (13-3-1) and Rowan (14-2) looming.

In game one, Stokes, the junior fireballer from Oak Ridge improved to 2-3 on the year, throwing a complete-game, three-hit, 11-

runs, and smacked a homerun. Allendale's Jack Lipari and catcher Rob Riley were each 3-5.

Messina, a senior from Cliffside Park matched Stokes by allowing just three over the minimum to come to the plate, in a complete-game, three-hit, 13-strikeout performance to improve to 3-1. The 13 strikeouts are a career high. Second baseman Dan Torres, a senior, was 3-4 with two runs in the nightcap.

But despite the outstanding pitching, the Pioneer bats could have done more, leaving a combined 24 runners stranded in the doubleheader.

"I'm not happy with the offensive game," said Albies.

"With the quality of the players we have, we should [be hitting]. We haven't faced any pitching—even in the Montclair game—that we faced in 1997, 1998 or 1999."

William Paterson has a tough week of NJAC matchups ahead. On Thursday, WPU hosts upstart Kean.

Friday, the Pioneers visit Ramapo, a team which has found ways to beat WPU in recent years, and is having their best start in years.

The Roadrunners are 10-7 after sweeping a doubleheader from Rutgers-Camden in Camden on Saturday, 11-5 and 13-5. The Scarlet Raptors are 2-15. WPU visits Camden on Saturday, for what should be an easier conclusion to a week featuring four games in three days.

"You can't lose games in the conference because down the road it's going to cost you when it comes to tallying games in the middle of May," forecasted Albies.

"Right now, look at the situation. We beat the team we had to beat in [New] Jersey City, and we lost to Montclair. We're 2-1. We're not in a bad situation, but we have to play better or the seasons going to be a write off."

strikeout gem. Stokes walked just one, and faced only 30 NJCU batters—three over the minimum.

The amazing statistic is all three hits came in the first inning. Stokes was flawless as scouts from such teams as the Chicago White Sox looked on.

Roberts was 3-5, scored three

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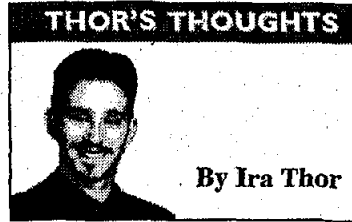
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## 2000 Baseball Predictions

At first glance, many of you probably are surprised to see Baltimore as a wildcard team, Oakland winning the A.L. West, Pirates in second place in the N.L. Central ahead of Houston, or the Giants winning the N.L. West. And the millions, and millions of Yankees fans, certainly don't agree with the Mets beating the Yankees in six.



By Ira Thor

I f New York is ever going to have a subway series, 2000 is

the year. Sure, the Mets have lost their best average hitter in John Olerud (Seattle), but they've also acquired one of the game's best pitchers in Mike Hampton, a free agent after the 2000 season. If Rickey Henderson can be more team-oriented, and the Mets can get production from their number two hitter, who appears to be Darryl Hamilton, the rest of the lineup—Edgardo Alfonzo, Mike Piazza, Robin Ventura, Derek Bell and Todd Zeile, will produce.

Piazza is always a big-time player, but look for the slugger to become the first catcher in the league since Johnny Bench of the 1972 Reds to capture a Most Valuable Player Award. And, if the Mets are going to have a big year, Piazza will need to produce, with questions being raised about Ventura's health. Piazza will hit .340, smack 44 home runs (which would be a new major league record for catchers), and knock in 134 RBIs. Even Rey Ordonez will have a breakout year. The sensational shortstop showed signs of success at the plate last year. Ordonez will hit a career-high two homeruns, and more

importantly, hit .290. Behind Hampton is Al Leiter, who seems to be relieved to have the ace tag removed from his shoulders. Rick Reed will have another great year.

The Mets bullpen features Turk Wendell, Dennis Cook, John Franco, Pat Mahomes (who may start eventually), and Armando Benitez, and may be the deepest in baseball. And, in my opinion, this group will be good enough to overtake the Yankees in the World Series.

The Yankees, meanwhile, will have another solid season, and should win the most games in the majors during the course of the regular season. With the best overall lineup, and a solid pitching staff, there shouldn't be anyone in the American League who can stand up to the test. Of course, what else did you expect?

Back to the National League, the Cincinnati Reds won 96 games a year ago, before bowing to the Mets in a one-game playoff. The addition of Ken Griffey, Junior will obviously help. However, the Reds have no starting pitching. A solid bullpen will wear out in the N.L.C.S.

Atlanta is still Atlanta. The Braves have been built on pitching. But, John Smoltz is a piece the Braves can't lose. Without him, the puzzle can't be completed. Despite his absence, look for Atlanta to still grab the National League wildcard and make a post-season appearance for the ninth straight season. Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux will each win 18 games. However, the pitching star will be Kevin Millwood. This young star should win 20-plus games. And with Andres Galarraga back from back cancer, I see this slugger again providing fans with many souvenirs. At least he looked nice in the spring.

My sleeper pick is Pittsburgh. I love this young, but hungry team. Kris Benson is the

real thing, and he'll prove it by winning the CY Young over Millwood and Arizona's Randy Johnson. Benson will win 23 games, and I think it's likely the fellow young arms Todd Ritchie and Jasourchmidt to combine for 30 more wins. If the Pirates can steal some wins here and there, look for this miniscule payroll to make some noise. Houston is still a contender, even without Hampton. Jose Lima and Shane Reynolds will provide the pitching. If Jeff Bagwell and Moises Alou who return from a season-long knee injury can crack a ball out of Enron Park, the Astros have a shot. Still, I think losing your ace doesn't affect Houston's chances.

In the N.L. West, the Giants are too good not to win. If Barry Bonds stays healthy, watch the future Hall of Famer crack some shots out of the new Pacific Bell Park. Russ Ortiz will win 20 games for manager Dusty Baker, arguably the best motivating manager in baseball. He always squeezes the most effort out of the least talent.

Los Angeles has too much talent to finish below .500. Still, I see manager Davey Johnson losing his job before August. If former Met Todd Hundt could actually perform after batting .200 in 1999, the Dodgers might win more than 83 games I am picking.

Arizona will be killed by the absence of third baseman Matt Williams for up to half the season with a broken foot. And, there's no way that second baseman Jay Bell could manufacture another homerun season; I just don't think he's fit good. However, if Randy Johnson can have another CY Young caliber season, there is still enough talent on tap to give the Giant run.

In the American League East, arguably baseball's best division every team will finish at least .500. The season I am picking Baltimore over Toronto and Boston is simple—Mike Hargrove. I think Cleveland made a mistake getting rid of him. If anyone can get production out of this aging lineup of all-stars, Hargrove is the man. Look for Mike

Mussina to make a CY Young run.

The A.L. Central is what I would like to call a "Dust Bowl." The Indians will win the division by default. The Tribe has plenty of offense, but still no pitching. And although I think addition Chuck Finley will win two games from the Yankees in the post-season (one on a short day of rest), even he's not good enough to help Cleveland get back to 90 wins. If you like surprises, watch out for Detroit. The addition of Juan Gonzalez, the former MVP in Texas, should send balls flying out of the new Comerica Park. I still miss Tiger Stadium.

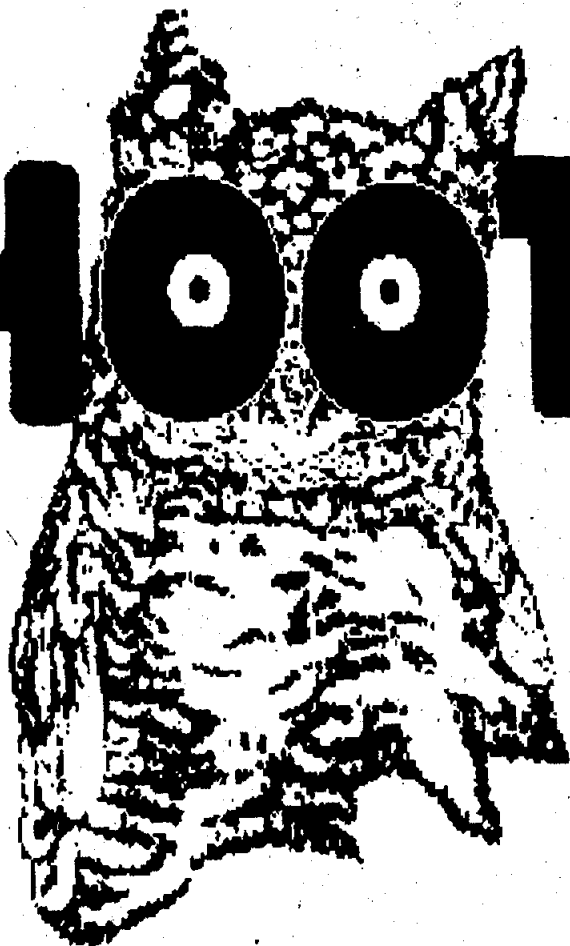
The rest of this division is not good. Enough said. Minnesota manager Tom Kelly will not be fired because even God couldn't win with the lack of talent he's been granted. Besides, he's won two World Series. What other active manager other than Joe Torre has done that in the last 15 years?

In the West, I love Oakland. Tim Lincecum is a stud. And the rest of the staff is solid with Kevin Appier, Omar Olivares, and Gil Heredia. Watch out for rookie left hander Ron Mahay, who was 7-2 in AAA in 1999. I saw him pitch in the AAA All-Star game, and he's impressed me to the point where he might have an outside shot at the Rookie of the Year award. Offensively, John Jaha is a monster. He will hit a ton on homer this year. Matt Stairs and Ben Grieve combined with Jaha to form a nice power-hitting trio. Oakland once had the bash brothers. I call them the "dinger trio."

Texas is still a solid team. But, I don't think there's enough pitching here. Plus, if you read the rest of this story, you noticed that Juan Gonzalez isn't playing in Arlington anymore. Seattle has some great young pitching in Freddy Garcia, Jamie Moyer and John Halama. But, with Griffey gone, there's no way Alex Rodriguez can be as productive. John Olerud will still hit for average, but doesn't provide even close to the threat that

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## Pioneers off to fresh start in outdoor season

By Laurie Quinlan  
Sports Editor

The Pioneer Track and Field team begins the outdoor season with a new coaching staff as well as new athletes.

After serving as an assistant coach since 1996, Horace Perkins steps up to become head coach for the first time this year.

Perkins is supported by Assistant Coaches Eddie Green, Rohan Jackson and Kenya Hems, who will aid in the development of the team.

"We are a rebuilding team," said Perkins. "There are only five to six women returning, lots of new-coming freshmen, and one person returning for the men's team."

Senior Shawn Hackett is the only returning athlete on the men's outdoor team.

Hackett placed eighth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.1 in Saturday's Army Invitational at West Point, helping the Pioneers finish eighth overall out of eighteen teams.

Freshman Germaine Bacon's times in last week's meet at Montclair exemplified the team's fresh talent, as he completed the

400-meter run in 51.8 and the 800-meter run in 2:04.

Bacon went on to beat his time in the 800-meter run on Saturday at West Point by completing the event in 2:02.



Shawn Kennedy was also successful at the Army Invitational by completing the 1500-meter run in 4:37.

The Pioneer men were successful in field events as well. Jonathan Johnson threw 14.2 in shot put and Caleb Cavileer threw 45.14 meters in javelin.

The women's team returned strong, lead by Captains Corey DiStasso and Morgan Small.

DiStasso placed second in the long jump by jumping 5.42 meters and fifth in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles at Montclair last week.

DiStasso placed second in the long jump once again on Saturday when she jumped 5.16 meters. She also ran the 400 in 69.3 and completed the 100-meter hurdles in 16.36.

Small followed up with success of her own in both meets. At Montclair, she placed fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:37.

Small competed in the 2000-meter steeple chase at West Point, setting the school record of 9:39 in the event, as she finished 13th overall.

The women's team also prospered in field events. Rachel Fisher set the women's pole vault record by jumping 2.35 meters at Montclair.

Fisher also went on to claim third in the javelin by throwing 30.50 meters.

Elizabeth O'Keefe placed second in the javelin with a throw of 30.66 meters and Jen Peluso placed fourth with 24.76 meters.

DiStasso and Small teamed up with Cinthia Speed and Amy Forte to create the 4x400-meter relay team that finished fourth at Montclair.

Overall, last week's meet at Montclair proved to be a success as the women's team finished third



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Senior Corey DiStasso participated in the 4x400 relay team that finished fourth in last week's meet at Montclair.

out of fifteen teams, with a total score of 42 points.

At the Army Invitational on Saturday, Forte completed the 400-meter run in 65.3, and Jill Sanders completed the 800-meter run in 2:35.

Although the majority of the Outdoor Track and Field team is new, they show promise for a successful season.

"The team is off to a good start," Perkins stated. "They're showing that they are dedicated and willing to work hard."

The Pioneers' next meet is on Saturday at Stockton, where they will continue to strive for success.



## WPU crowns two billiard champions

By Laurie Quinlan  
Sports Editor

Last spring, the William Paterson Billiard Club was formed and currently has 35 members.

Janice Davidson and Justin Marcus competed against 30 other students and were crowned billiard champions in the male and female divisions at a campus wide tournament under the direction of Don Phelps.

attend one of the meetings held in the game room on the first floor of the Student Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 2pm.

The club also meets on Fridays at the Crown Billiards on Hamburg Turnpike in Pompton Lakes to meet with other teams interested in joining the Metro Intercollegiate Billiard League (MBL) under the direction of Commissioner Steve Lillis, WPU computer science professor.



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Janice Davidson and Justin Marcus were crowned Billiard Champions and will now compete in the National Championships.

Davidson and Marcus advanced to compete in the regional championships in Newark and once again proved to be successful.

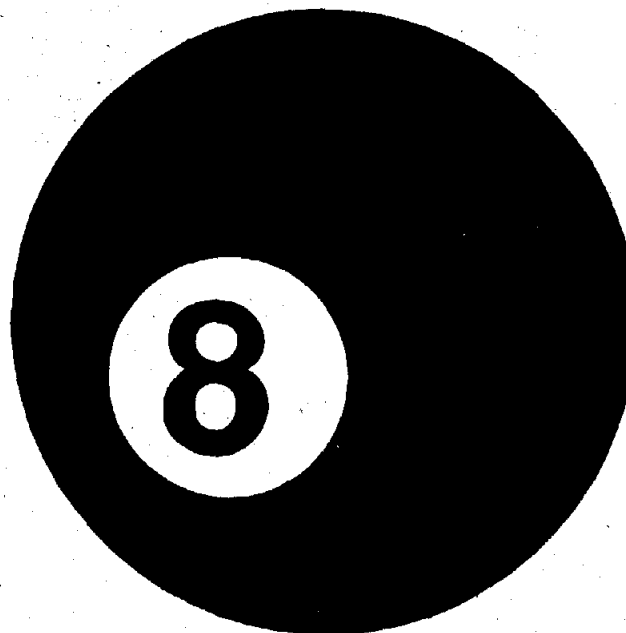
Both students are scheduled to compete in the National Championships in Frago, South Dakota on April 25.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Billiards Club can

In addition to William Paterson, four other schools are participating in the MBL: Passaic County Community College, Essex County Community College and Rutgers-Newark.

For more information about the Billiard Club contact Professor Lillis at 720-1298.

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## Rocky week for Pioneer hurlers

By Ira P. Thor  
Sports Writer

For all the frustration the Pioneer pitching staff suffered in losses to Army and Montclair State earlier in the week, Shaun Stokes and Jason Messina certainly reconciled their previous performances Saturday afternoon.

The top two starters in the William Paterson lineup combined for 24 strikeouts as the Pioneers (7-9, 2-1) blasted New Jersey City University 13-1 and 5-0 at Wightman Field. The Gothic Knights (1-13, 0-4) could muster only six hits in two games.

"It was a tremendous lift for us," said head coach Jeff Albies. "We need all the help we can get right now, and to get it from the pitching [staff] was huge. They took a lot of the pressure off. When you pitch like that, you take the pressure off the defense and even the offense."

It proved to be a much needed win for the Pioneers against a bad New Jersey Athletic Conference opponent, in the team's first of five NJAC doubleheaders on the 2000 schedule. And yet again the Pioneer starters gave the coaching staff some much-needed innings.

"You've got to beat the teams you're supposed to beat," Albies emphasized.

If you can split against the good teams and beat the teams you're supposed to beat you're in the playoffs. That's true of any sport."

Normally, when a William Paterson hurler lasts more than

eight innings during an outing, the Pioneers can chalk one up in the win column. Unfortunately for WPU, the odds were against Dan Snyder Thursday, as the Pioneers fell for the first time at home this season, dropping a 6-3 decision to rival Montclair State in the New Jersey Athletic Conference opener.

And after a short-side 7-6 result against Army on Tuesday, the Pioneers, who returned from a miserable California trip with a 3-7 mark, then won two straight at home last weekend, suddenly found themselves on another tailspin.

Snyder (0-2), a junior from Burlington, threw 8 1/3 innings, allowed six runs on 12 hits, walking two, and fanning only one. Only three of the runs were earned. And he didn't appear tired until the ninth.

"Snyder pitched real well," Albies noted. "As a coach you're always looking to see what the other teams don't want to see and they didn't want to see Snyder in there. He gave up a run in the ninth inning, but we still thought if we could put three or four hits together, we could win it. And he wasn't tired. He was confident we weren't over-extending him."

Thus far in his junior year, Snyder hasn't duplicated the success of his sophomore year (6-2), when he had dominant post-season victories—one in the Mid-Atlantic Regional and a complete-game, 8-3 win over Cortland State to stay alive in game three of the

Division III World Series on May 30.

However, Snyder hasn't exactly been the benefactor of timely at-bats. The same held true on Thursday. William Paterson took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, and held the lead until MSU scored two to tie in the fourth. The Redhawks scored three more in the top of the fifth to take a 5-2 lead.

WPU answered with one in the home fifth, but suddenly the aluminum bats went silent. The vibrant ping disappeared. And, after MSU padded the win with a run in the ninth, the Pioneers too were silent. Friday was not the start the Pioneers needed if they hope to make a run towards their fourth appearance in the World Series in the last six years. Offensively, the lone bright spot for the Pioneers was designated hitter Robin Roberts of Hackensack. The junior went 2-3, and scored two of the three WPU runs.

"We have no killer instinct," Albies admitted. "Right now to be very honest I'm not happy with the defense, and I'm not happy with the offense. Right now we're treading water. It's going to depend on who's going to step up and take over. The pitching seems to be the one thing that's a constant, and I told you in the beginning of the year, if we don't get the defense we're not going to win. The defense cost us the Army game, and to a degree the Montclair game."

On Tuesday, March 28, scoring

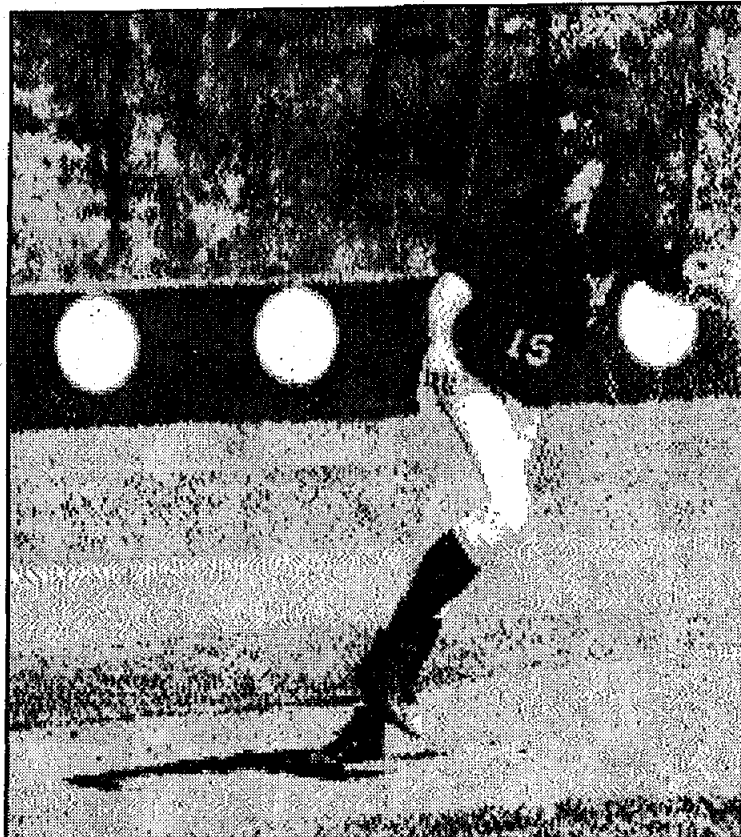


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Pioneer pitcher Shaun Stokes goes moves out for a catch.

runs wasn't the problem. It was keeping them off the board late against Division I foe Army.

The Pioneers punished Cadet starter Zach Watkins for four runs in the first inning, and a fifth score in the third. Army (7-8) chipped away at the WPU lead with four runs in the bottom of the third, sending Fair Lawn's Tino Lauriello out early, clutching a one-run lead.

In came freshman reliever Jim

Carroll of Demarest in the fourth to hold down the fort. The righty who led North Jersey high school pitchers in 1999 with a 10-0 record was impressive, hurling five innings of one-hit baseball. The Pioneers added a late run in the ninth to take a 6-4 advantage.

So, head coach Jeff Albies brought in as close to a sure thing

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Pioneer pitcher Diane Naugle up at bat.

## Pioneers sweep double-header

By Brady Smith  
Sports Writer

The Pioneer softball team came into their first New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) contest with one thing in mind—the beginning of the road to the NJAC Championship.

The squad outplayed and out-matched the New Jersey City Gothic Knights, as they won both games of a double-header, held Friday afternoon at home, by the scores of 11-1 and 5-1.

The two games were very much alike, in that the Pioneers dominated the Gothic Knights.

New Jersey City's defense was shabby, to say the least, as many balls were booted resulting in an assortment of unearned runs.

The first game was won in four and a half innings because of the 10-run mercy rule in accordance to NCAA Division III sanctions.

Junior standout pitcher and utility player Diane Naugle pitched for the win in an obvious lopsided game. Naugle held New Jersey City to one hit.

William Paterson amassed 13 total hits in the game, and scored

the majority of runs with good base running and off of the opponents mistakes. The Gothic Knights had to use an unusual total of three pitchers in the game to try and calm the Pioneer offensive attack.

Game two of the double header saw freshman pitcher Samantha Kszepka obtain a solid victory as they defeated New Jersey City, 5-1.

The Pioneers jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first two innings, scoring off two errors and a single by outfielder Courtney Heller.

The speedy sophomore played an excellent two games, as her baserunning, defense, and hitting sparked the Pioneers.

Heller even took a bad slide and bloodied her leg, but had the toughness to return to the game and play.

The rest of the contest was a breeze as Kszepka tossed an outstanding game holding the opponents to three hits total. William Paterson crushed a two-game tally of 23 hits.

"The whole team was very happy with the two games," said Kszepka. "Our style of play was definitely intense."

Defense was also a key to both games for the Pioneers. Freshman shortstop Kate Morris repeatedly made stellar plays and showed strong arm strength in her throws to first.

Catcher Morgan Dunlap, yet another freshman, captained the infield to a fine performance and kept baserunners in check.

"We played well today," said Head Coach Hallie Cohen. "Every NJAC game is important and it is nice to jump out to a 2-0 conference record."

The Pioneers record now stands at 14-4 overall and 2-0 in the NJAC.

For the record, the squad went 8-2 in the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Florida two weeks ago, as well as going 2-2 in the Montclair State/William Paterson tournament last week.

Also, last Wednesday, they defeated Muhlenberg 4-1 and 8-0, respectively, in a double header at Muhlenberg.

The Pioneers' next game is a double-header on Thursday at Ramapo. They will return home to face Stockton in another double-header on Saturday at 1 pm.