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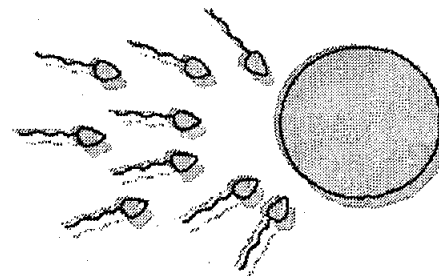
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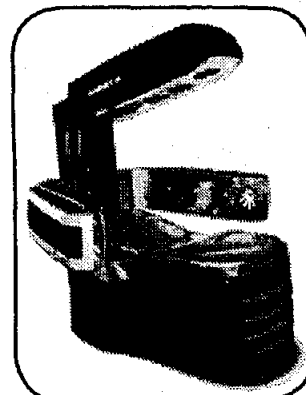
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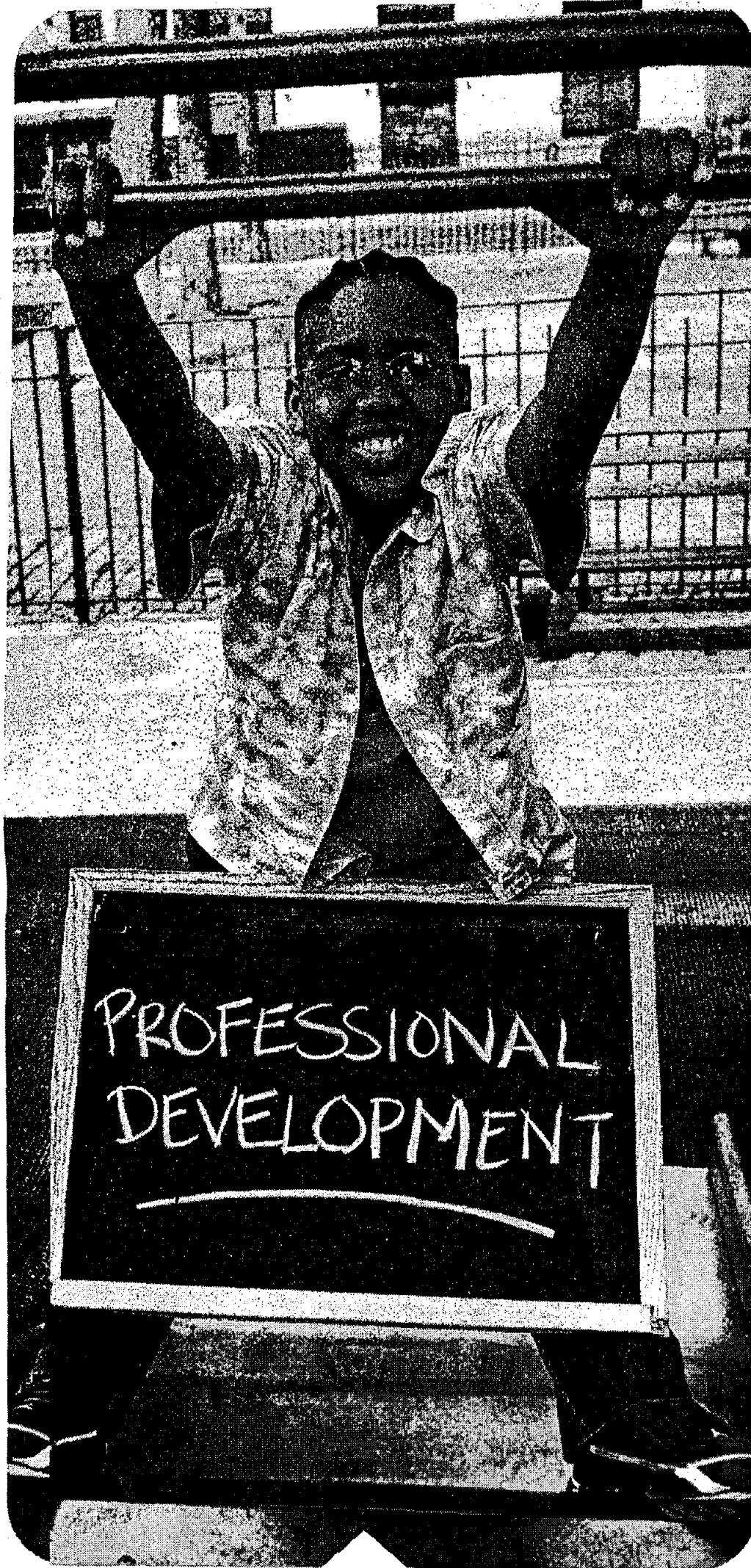
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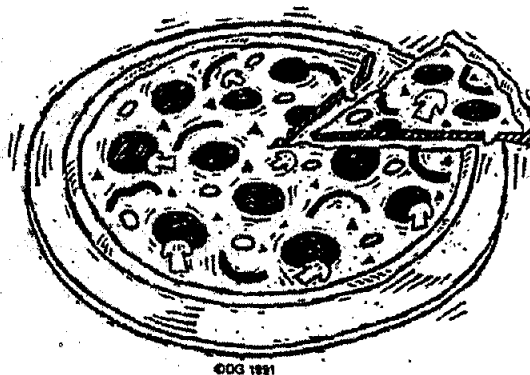
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-Thomas Jefferson, 1786

"I shall never fear or avoid things of which I do not know," said the great philosopher Socrates. He was a man devoted to seeking out the truth, seeking out the extraordinary, the unconventional, and attempting to make others see these things as well. And just as with so many great people who believe something different and who aren't afraid to hold true to their opinions, no matter how diverse or outside the norm they are, Socrates was considered someone to be suspicious of, someone decent society-following folk shouldn't associate with, for fear of making a bad name for themselves through guilt by association. Socrates was put to trial countless times, both literally and metaphorically speaking, for exercising his rights to freedom of speech, because people were, and still are, afraid of truth. Enough said.

Jennifer Sinclair
Diversity Editor

I'm proud to be a part of the Beacon, especially because I'm focused on diversity. After all, that's what this paper is all about. We print things, not necessarily to piss people off, though that happens, but to allow everyone a chance to share their point of view. Unfortunately, some people are too closeminded to accept that, to realize that other, opposing, viewpoints might also have merit. They take offense, and lash out, rather than bend rigidly held beliefs.

Jessica Lynn
Asst Diversity Editor

The Beacon has given me something very dear to me: a place to print all the things that come to mind and just have to be written. Here I have the opportunity to share my inane ramblings with others of like minds, and to open the minds of others. If this was a conventional school paper, half what I write would probably be censored, for condemning various aspects of campus life and marginally insulting unidentified persons.

Thanks, everyone, for reading, and to my fellow staff, thanks for a great time, and I hope to see you next year.



What does Free Speech mean to us? Well, first of all, it means that we can tell you that your shitty band needs to stop making "music" (memo to Fred Durst.) Free Speech also means that when Satan, Ice-T, or Mr. T show up at the Insider desk, we can allow them to express themselves openly without threat of censure. Beyond those traditional meanings of Free Speech, we also recognize the first amendment as an opportunity for people like us (who don't usually agree with the mainstream majority) to talk about the things that we're into. So when we cover Dillinger Escape Plan, Mike Ladd, and Mr. Bungle, all you sheep can learn something, and what's great about Free Speech is that you have a right not to listen. "And yes, I recognize the irony, that the system I oppose affords me the luxury of biting the hand that feeds, which is exactly why privileged fucks like me, should feel obliged to whine and kick and scream. Yeah, till everyone gets everything they need." -

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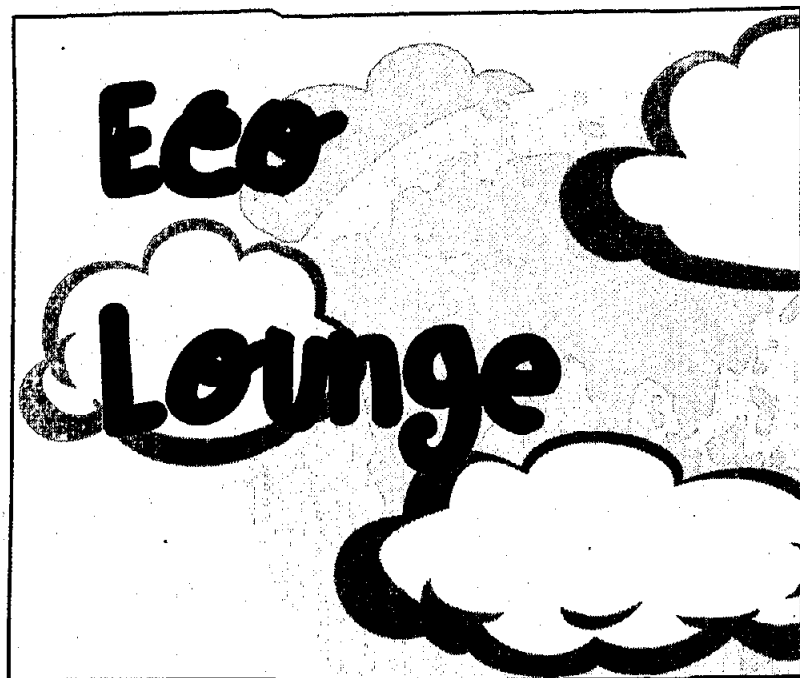
The administration of William Paterson University prefers that their students not be able to read or write. You might think that that sounds like a strange position for a college to take—this is supposed to be an institute of higher learning, after all. But right now as you're reading this, the administration is making a concerted effort to shut down The Beacon. What does this mean to you? This means that you won't be able to freely express your views by writing for Beacon, nor will you be able to read about what's really going on around this campus. Why is this happening? For one simple reason: the First Amendment is a dangerous thing.

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press. That means that you can say whatever you want, whenever you want, and not have to worry about being censored or targeted by a higher power because of your ideas. So why is this a dangerous thing? Because words and ideas are dangerous. New ideas promote new thinking; the right words can expose the truth of a situation. Right now, through various means (many of which are neither legal or ethical), the administration of William Paterson is trying to stop the flow of new ideas and halt the spread of truth. This all seems abstract now, but if this continues, then you, yes you, could be next. Maybe you'll write a paper for a class that someone doesn't agree with, or maybe you'll speak up on an issue that no one wants to talk about—and then maybe the university will try and keep you quiet. All because of a few words.

Preserving the First Amendment is essential to everyone. If you don't like what The Beacon is saying, then write about it. Speak up. But don't sit there and let the administration silence your voice. No matter what happens, The Beacon will go on—we'll publish out of our own homes, if need be. What's really at stake here, though, is your own freedom. Keep the First Amendment alive—say what you want, when you want. Don't let anyone, least of all the WPU administration, try and stop you.


John Findura Lit Editor

Some years ago there was quite a flap about a small book of poems by Allen Ginsberg. It was titled "Howl" and some thought it was obscene or contained subversive ideas. The same was said about other novels like "Catcher in the Rye" and "Tropic of Cancer", books that were banned in America. The people who make these claims like to disregard the 1st Amendment of the United States. They believe that what we read, write, see or hear is dangerous and has no place in this country. How quickly they forget that the original basis of these United States was a subversive idea.



Joelle Caputa
Eco Lounge Editor

I thought it was going to be easy writing this paragraph on free speech. There are a million things to say in favor of it, yet I have no idea where to start. So here I am, crumbling up pieces of paper and staring at the new pictures I just taped on my closet door. The door is actually useless because it's broken off its track. There's too much junk in my closet for it to close properly. What can I say? I hate throwing things away. I have saved every magazine I've subscribed to since I was 12 years old, along with numerous copies of every newspaper one of my articles appears in. I love seeing my name in print and even better, knowing that people are reading my words. Maybe someday I'll write an article that will effect someone in a positive way. Who's to say I won't? Thanks to the First Amendment, I can write whatever I want and publications, such as *The Beacon Weekly*, will print it.



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Free Speech-what an idea.
Madison really knew what he was talking about when he had drafted that one. I mean, how else were we supposed to weed out the bad ideas from the good ones. The only way to do it was freedom of expression and then society as a whole can decide what should happen next.

The press put out its publications to inform people and hopefully provoke some sort of change. Although some press groups only find content that's more entertainment, never the less it's the truth. It is what people see happening and what they can still see happening if its illegal and not checked. If the truth provokes people I say let it be, at least they will be informed on situations that could possibly involve them in some future time.

Kevin Smith
Wall Street Editor



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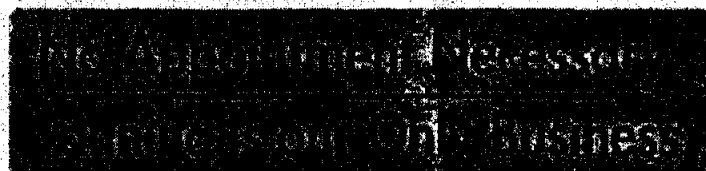
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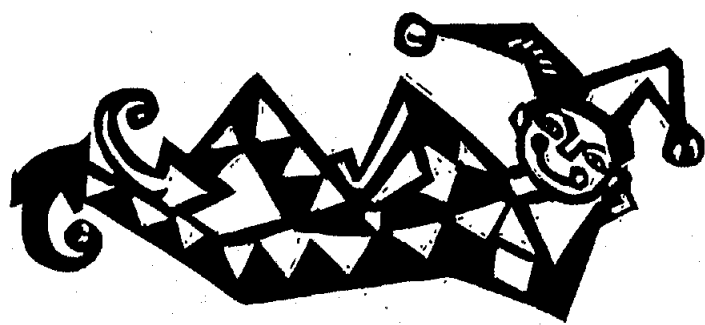


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Many students on campus have little time/access to get to newspapers from the outside world every week, since we're all stuck on this lovely campus. With that in mind, The Beacon brings you campus news and national news, and provides students with a place to express their opinions and learn from the views and thoughts of others.

If the idea of a blank Beacon from now on feels even remotely disturbing or out of place to you, take this image one step further: Imagine opening up The Home News, The New York Times, and even

those stupid Tabloids and finding them all BLANK. Picture turning on your television to watch the news and seeing nothing but little black "censored" boxes over all the images. This goes back to the days of book burnings...people trying to eliminate anything that they don't agree with and don't have the desire to understand. Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are the two things that make this country what it is. I realize that this country doesn't truly have streets that are "paved with gold"; far from it. But if people weren't allowed to speak and write what they were feeling openly, those streets would be paved with uniformity, censorship, misunderstandings, discrimination, illiteracy and blatant lies.

—Jennifer Sinclair, The Beacon



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