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Fire Safety: Burning Issue

By Stephanie Leavens
Staff Reporter

It's 2 a.m. You're sound asleep. Suddenly the loud, buzzing fire alarm sounds. You think, "Oh great, another false alarm," roll out of bed, grab your William Paterson University identification, and walk to the door.

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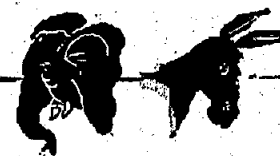
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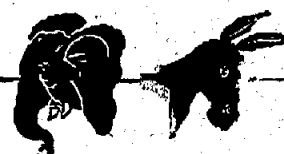
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University Purchases Office Building to House College of Business, Continuing Ed.

By Erik Ortiz
Staff Reporter

In an effort to create classroom space and develop the College of Business, William Paterson University has purchased a nearby office building for \$9.5 million.

The former Union Camp Corporation structure was originally priced at about \$18.2 million, but through an \$8.7 million dollar donation from International Paper, the owners of the building, WPU was able to buy it for less.

University President Arnold Speert said the university plans on paying for the acquisition and renovation of the building through a floating bond.

"The Education Finance Authority, a non-profit organization that makes loans available for students and colleges, will have ownership over the building," said Speert. "They'll offer the university a 30-year bond worth \$27 million and the school would pay back about \$2 million a year through regular student fees."

The yet-to-be named building, which had been standing dormant since Union Camp closed last year,

was not Speert's first choice in trying to address space issues.

"We were going to build a new building by parking Lot 7 by the art building and a new parking garage by Lot 2," he said. "The estimated cost would have been \$12 million for the building and \$8 million for the garage. Purchasing the new building cost less."

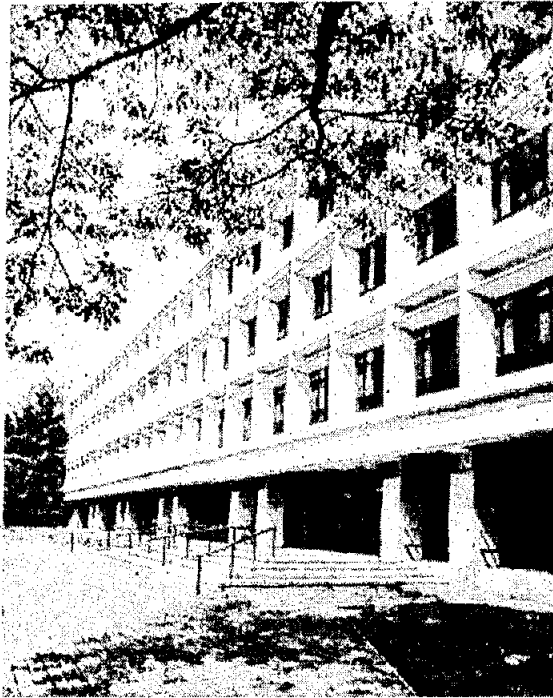
Members of the College of Business faculty are eager to move into the new facility, which has a tentative opening date of fall 2002.

"If we make full use of the new

facilities we will have one of the best business schools around," said Curt Stiles, assistant dean of the College of Business. "The physical facility will be the envy of Columbia."

The department plans on implementing new programs as a result of the move, including an executive program that would set up unaccredited classes specifically for business professionals. In addition, the department

hopes to add a scholars and executives-in-residence program, allowing business professionals to teach classes for other professionals, and hopes to form a small business development center.



The center would permit local businessmen to use the facility as a place for learning to help their businesses grow.

The building is also expected to accommodate the Center for Continuing Education and Distance Learning, now housed in College Hall.

Iris Torres, assistant director of the Extended Program for CEDL, believes the move is important for accommodating the growth of professionals and students involved with CEDL.

"The former Dean, Shelly Gimenez, brought a concern to the university because we needed a new space since our center is growing," said Torres. "We only have one computer lab and we need more. We also need a conference space that can accommodate 500 people. A move for us would be tremendous- five star."

The four-story building, located at 1600 Valley Road, is expected to house between 30-40 regular classrooms as well as provide 600 additional parking spaces.

Biology Professor Displays Poetry in Motion Hanks shares healthful skills in WPU class

By Meredith Cooper
Pioneer Editor

White Stork Spreads Its Wings. Play Guitar. Grasp Bird's Tail.

These could be lines in a modern poem, but they also describe what students can learn from biology professor Sharon Hanks. In addition to her geology and biology courses, Hanks teaches the first 14 positions (including the three mentioned above) of Tai Chi Chuan in a free class that runs Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Wightman Gym C.

After attending yoga classes for four years, Hanks found herself wanting to pursue another of the movement arts. Determined to find another stress reliever, she was introduced to Tai Chi by her colleague, Dr. Martin Hahn. After some searching, she found a compatible Sifu (teacher) for herself at the Kung Fu Tai Chi Academy in Nyack, N.Y., in 1996. Since that time, Hanks has earned the rank of black sash (the equivalent of the black belt in karate) and is teaching at the academy.

"It [the academy] becomes like an extended family," explains Hanks. "It's a very positive community. I mean, videos are great, but it's really better taking a class with a teacher for individual instruction and encouragement."

According to Hanks, Tai Chi was probably founded about 527 AD by the Taoist Monk Chan San Feng. Employing the same basic moves as its combative precursor, Kung Fu, Tai Chi can be done by anyone regardless of age or physical condition.

"We have one person in my class [at the academy] who's 78 and comes regularly every week," smiles Hanks, who has also done work in retirement homes with arthritis patients, using Tai Chi as a tool to help prevent joint lock. "It's not like running where if your knee goes, you have to give it up.



Photograph by Meredith Cooper
Dr. Sharon Hanks, right, leads a WPU class in Tai Chi Chuan

You can do Tai Chi for the rest of your life."

In addition to improving flexibility, Tai Chi is also being prescribed to help such conditions as high blood pressure, poor balance, and even asthma. Beyond that, however, Hanks praises Tai Chi for its positive men-

tal impact.

"It gives me an hour during the day where I can just relax and shut out the rest of the world. Everyone can benefit from that."

Hanks normally spends 14 hours a week either teaching or studying Tai Chi, but that number increased this fall when, in addition to her free class, she started a two-credit Tai Chi course at the university.

"If something is really good for you, you should share it," she says.

Student Teacher Excited to See Paterson Classes

By Mark Fonseca Rendeiro
Staff Reporter

He didn't expect brand new school buildings, wealthy neighborhoods, or an abundance of new textbooks.

But during his first teaching-observation experience at Rosa Parks High School in Paterson, Darrell Rogers was surprised and excited by what he saw.

Rogers, 21, is a William Paterson University senior with a double major in history and education; he hopes to become a high history teacher. His goals as a teacher are to "promote academic change, inform (and) promote appreciation for the subject I teach."

He had long been aware of the problems of the Paterson school district: low test scores, high dropout rate and inefficient management. These were among the problems that led to the state

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Entertainment

Almost Famous Ranks as 'Year's Best Film'

By Mike Schuster
Staff Reporter

I believe it was mid-July when I lost all hope for this year's films.

"Magnolia" was a distant memory. "Gladiator" had its moments. "Scary Movie" made me chuckle a bit. Even "X-Men" could be partially salvaged.

As for the rest of the pack, they could be considered the worst grouping of films in a long time. And what lie ahead didn't look promising, either.

Then some time in August, a buzz began about Cameron Crowe's recent work, "Almost Famous," a partial autobiography of his writing gig for Rolling Stone magazine. I actually perked up a bit. Could it be? An actual "must-

see" of 2000? I don't believe it. And then I saw it at a screening.

My take on the Crowe work? It is, perhaps, the best movie to be released this year. The story takes place in 1973 and follows William Miller (played by doe-eyed Patrick Fugit) who becomes the youngest freelance writer for Rolling Stone. His assignment: tag along with an up-and-coming rock band (Stillwater) on its rise to success and write about the group's journey.

Before hopping on the bus with the band, he receives some pointers from legendary rock critic Lester Bangs (Phillip Seymour Hoffman): "Don't become friends with the band!" Bang explains that the band members will take advantage of William's innocence and expose him to sex, drugs, and

all-out partying.

William doesn't exactly take this advice to heart and befriends self-proclaimed "Band Aid" Penny Lane (played by the impishly beautiful Kate Hudson) and the lead guitarist Russell (Billy Crudup). What conspires is a surprisingly heart-warming tale of the 1970's rock underground.

Rounding out the rest of the cast is Frances MacDormand, who plays William's extremely over-protective mother. Some of the funniest sequences in the film take place as the characters experience the estrogen-marred wrath of Mrs. Miller and become "freaked out." The always-electric Jason Lee plays the Stillwater's lead singer; once you hear him sing, you realize the kid's got chops. The scene in

which he gripes about his visibility and placement on the band's newly printed t-shirts contains the funniest line in the whole movie.

"Almost Famous" kept me in a trance throughout its duration. I was fixated upon the whole 70's rock scene, which is a grand feat coming from a person who isn't into "classic rock." Everyone's performance is award worthy and conveys a naturalism not seen since Dreamwork's Oscar winner, "American Beauty." I wouldn't be surprised if "Almost Famous" launches the careers of Fugit, Hudson, Crudup, and Lee.

My advice: See this movie immediately and witness this year's best film! Final rating - A+.

Jim Morrison tune charms Mets Fans

By Lorraine Hanley
Special to The Pioneer Times

Thirty years after its release, a song by the rock group The Doors is keeping baseball fans in their seats and making winners out of the New York Mets.

"L.A. Woman," a song performed by a man who never played baseball and didn't even like it at moments, has emerged as a kind of mantra for the team.

"I thought it was ridiculously insane," says Patricia Kennealy-Morrison, wife of the late Jim Morrison, lead singer of The Doors. Kennealy-Morrison, a career journalist and novelist received a call from a DJ friend in New York, Q104.3 on-air personality Ken Dashow.

"He called me because he knows I never read the sports page. So I went downstairs and fished the paper out of the recycle bin. I read the story and fell on the floor laughing."

What's even funnier to Kennealy-Morrison is the idea that any song by Jim Morrison, her late husband, would be used for sporting events.

"I only know of two or three times that Jim involved himself with sports," said Kennealy-

Morrison, "and once The Doors were recording and the technician had the World Series on with the volume turned down. Jim took exception to that and threw the television across the room."

When Kennealy-Morrison first heard the story, she contacted Jay Horwitz, the Mets director of media relations. It turns out that Robin Ventura, third baseman for the New York Mets, picked the song. Horwitz invited her to a game, and she "originally declined, but then called back."

Kennealy-Morrison, who was never much for sports, has been a Mets fan ever since. When she arrived at Shea for her first game on Sept. 7, of last year, Kennealy-Morrison and her friend Dashow were introduced to Ventura.

Kennealy-Morrison laughingly recalls that her first words to Ventura were, "Explain yourself, young man." Ventura did explain. While a member of the Chicago White Sox (1989-1998) he was not allowed to pick the clubhouse music. When signed by the New York Mets as a free agent in 1998, he became a leader in the clubhouse and he chose "LA Woman."

Horwitz explained further about what happened in the clubhouse while the song played.

"According to Jay, they had this ritual where no one was allowed to leave until the end of the song," says Kennealy-Morrison. None of the fans left until the end of the song either. The Mets Video and Entertainment Services group began to play the song after every home win.

"It sent people home in the right frame of mind. It was like hearing the national anthem at the end of a game," Kennealy-Morrison mused. One particular segment of the song caught on quickly. The refrain of "Mr. Mojo Risin", which not so coincidentally happens to be an anagram of Jim Morrison, became the rally cry of Mets fans anywhere.

"Mojo is a magical, controlling, attracting power," said Kennealy-Morrison. So with Mojo Risin everywhere in New York, the New York Mets last year advanced to the playoffs for the first time in 11 years.

Does Kennealy-Morrison think Morrison would be appreciative of the attention? "I think he would think this is really cool. Maybe he would throw out the first pitch," she chuckled. Kennealy-Morrison also believes that

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Online chatters risk dangerous personal disclosures

By Meredith Cooper
Pioneer Editor

If a person goes on a chat line and does not give out any personal information, is that person automatically safe from all sexual predators? As 20 year-old Jack learned first hand, nothing can be assumed when it comes to security on the Internet.

Two years ago, Jack was a typical college undergrad, taking a variety of general education courses and living in the dorms with his Web-surfing roommate, Rolfi. Although accomplished as an athlete and a student, Jack had not had a chance to work with computers very much and, unlike Rolfi, knew little about the Internet.

"He'd [Rolfi] go on every evening to this college chat," Jack remembers. "He helped me set up my own AOL

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OP *editorial commentary letters*

Do you count? Do you vote?

A decade ago, a William Paterson professor sent a class of students out on campus to ask fellow collegians for whom they would be voting in a gubernatorial election being held that day.

More than 100 students were asked to name their choice.

What the class found out, though, was not the name of the candidate best liked by the interviewees; the students discovered that **NONE** of those interviewed had voted nor intended to vote later that day.

The reality check proved educational for the class, and upsetting for those who understand the importance of casting ballots on Election Day.

Presidential elections, while more attractive than lower-level elections, still fail to draw overwhelming attention from the *collegiate sector*. Despite in-class discussions and assignments tied to the election, college students often ignore the opportunity to vote for the nation's chief executive.

What young men and women fail to realize is that their non-voting status remains on record for the rest of their lives. Should they aspire to political fortune in the future, their foes can point to their poor voting records as evidence of a lack of interest and/or their ignorance of the political landscape.

One wonders why college students, who have been given the right to vote (something many of their professors did not have until the minimum age changed) would rather talk about the election but not vote in the election. What characterizes the mindset of a person seeking knowledge but not demonstrating use of that knowledge?

If a class is sent out again this Election Day to find out whom students are voting for in the presidential race, will the responses show that those interviewed are taking advantage of their rights?

Or will the next day's classes be filled with students who just talk the talk?

Real journalism on campus

The debut of The Pioneer Times dovetails with The Communication Department's commitment to provide an outlet for its students to publish journalistic articles and to understand the principles associated with the field of print journalism. Students who contribute to the Times will be employing the techniques they learned in the context of their classes or in coaching sessions with Communication professors.

The objective is to allow a student editorial team to oversee the Times' operation with the help of faculty and staff advisors. The advisors will not engage in prior restraint---insistence on seeing articles before they are published---but will be available to help in any way during the publication process. They also will be insistent in reminding students that The Pioneer Times must adhere to proper ethical and legal principles---ones that are taught in the varied WPUNJ journalism classes.

To undertake this new project, Dr. Tina Leshner, associate professor and coordinator of the journalism program, wrote a proposal that resulted in an Incentive Grant being awarded to the department for start-up costs. Prof. Elizabeth Birge took on the task this semester of overseeing the project.

This venture is so new that the equipment has not arrived; thus, this edition represents the publishing help of a lot of people!! Plans are to publish 10 issues in this academic year, and to increase the paper's size with advertisements and additional material. Those interested in writing for the paper should contact Prof. Birge at BirgeE@wpunj.edu.

The time has come for The Pioneer Times...

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Field Hockey Stars

McNair, LuBrant Seek Records

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As the field hockey team reaches the halfway point of its season, two players hope to set individual records before the end of the year. Senior Missy McNair is ranked sixth on the list for "All-Time Career Goals" in William Paterson's record books. McNair hopes to move up the list by the close of her final season.

Junior Lesley Dube, who was named an All-American in 1999, hopes to set the record for "Most Goals Scored in a Season." Dube is ranked ninth in William Paterson's record books with eight goals.

The field hockey team finished September with a 6-2 record on its way to what head coach Hallie Cohen believes will be a winning season. In 1997, the team set the record for the most wins in a season with 13 wins. With eight games left to play, the team will need to win at least seven to tie that record. But after a season opening loss, the team put together a string of wins and is building momentum as the second half begins.

"Our first game of the season was against one of the Final Four teams in Field Hockey of 1999: Springfield," Cohen said. "That game shocked the team into the season. The girls came back to win the next consecutive six games!"

Led by seniors Adrienne LuBrant, McNair, and Diane Naugle, the team of 21 players is ranked 15th in the nation in Division III play and expanded its roster this year to include nine freshmen, five of whom are starting.



Missy McNair



Adrienne LuBrant

"The freshmen this year are just bringing so much energy and talent to the team," said Cohen.

Under the leadership of the captains Naugle and Katie Higgins, Cohen feels confident about the team.

"Diane and Katie are both great players, and always display an upbeat attitude," said Cohen.

"They help keep the motivation level high and continue to set a great example to the other girls. I am very lucky to have these girls on the team."

Upcoming Field Hockey Games:

October 17
Montclair (home)

October 19
Wesley (home)

October 21
SUNY New Palz

New Coach Unveils Plan For Pioneers

By Joannie Nunez
Staff Reporter

First things first. Before any game he checks out the competition, the other team. As he watches videotapes from their previous games, he sizes up their strengths and weaknesses, and begins to plot what his means of attack will be. He knows just what to look for and who to watch out for. If their offense is good, then he has to work on his defense, and vice versa. It's as simple as that, or is it really?

Actually, Larry (short for Laurence) Arico, the new head



Larry Arico, Head Football Coach

coach at William Paterson University, has a much more difficult job than just described. He's in charge of whipping the Pioneers football team into shape. This is the same team that ended its 1999 season with a record of 2-8, and is currently struggling at 0-3.

How Arico and his newly appointed coaching staff are going to transform this year's team into a winning one remains a mystery for most. But not to him; he has a plan.

It is very important that he establish some type of relationship with the team, he said. And so he tries to be involved every step of the way with the team's improvements, whether it's on the

Americans strike gold down under

By Dale Divino
Staff Reporter

American athletes won more gold medals than any other country at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia that ended on Oct. 2, including three for Marion Jones who became the first woman ever to capture five track and field medals in one Olympics. In addition to the gold, Jones won two bronze medals. Other winners included tennis star Venus Williams, who took home two gold medals in singles and doubles action. The latter she shared with her sister Serena.

American swimmers dominated the lanes, finishing with more than 40 percent of that sports' gold medals, including one for Misty Hyman who upset Australian great Susie O'Neil, previously undefeated in six years in



the 200 meter butterfly. In an unlikely outcome, U.S. swimmers Gary Hall Jr. and Anthony Ervin tied for the gold medal in the 50 meter freestyle. Ervin, at age 19 is the first African-American swimmer to make a U.S. Olympic swim team.

In the gymnastics competition, the men finished a dismal fifth place overall while the defending Olympic champion women's team could muster no more than fourth place. This marked the first time since 1988 that the women failed to medal in Olympic competition.

The men's basketball "Dream Team" survived a scare from Lithuania in the semifinal round and went on to win its third

straight gold medal by defeating France 85-75, while the women captured their second gold medal in as many Olympics defeating Australia 76-54.

The baseball team, led by Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda shocked the baseball world by dethroning defending gold medalists Cuba 4-0. The victory gave the Americans their first ever gold medal in baseball. In softball, the U.S. squad found a way to overcome three consecutive losses in pool play to win the gold medal over Japan 4-2 while the women's soccer team had to settle for a silver medal when Norway 1-0 upset them in overtime.

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field or in the weight-lifting room.

"I want them to think of themselves as more than just a team, but as a family," said Arico, who believes this will increase the team's confidence when it comes down to performing. According to Arico, a team could just as easily be a group of people who show up for a game, play, and not even acknowledge each other when off the field. A family, on the other hand, will help each other out and will try to motivate each other to do their best.

His eyes smiled as he remembered his own football family from when he was a student at Lehigh University. Even though it was he who set the school record for the most consecutive 100-yard rushing games with six, and for the most rushing touchdowns in a game with four, Arico still says his most memorable thought are of the friendships he made.

He didn't stop breaking records after graduating in 1992 with a bachelor of arts in history. Three years ago, at the age of 27, Arico was named the head coach to Fairleigh Dickinson University's Devils. With that, he became the youngest head coach to be appointed in the country. Being the youngest, however, was more of a test than it was a triumph. He had to prove he had the right stuff.

"It's a very competitive job," says Arico. "Everyone was a dis-

believer."

Although his team at Fairleigh Dickinson was 0-10 the first season, progress did come, however slowly. The following season the Devils were 2-8 and later 5-6 making it to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs. The steady improvement showed those who doubted him that he was doing something right. He hopes to have the same outcome with the Pioneers.

"Before the game, I just tell them to stick together," said Arico. "They're real supportive of each other. It's good to see all those things."

It seems his efforts are paying off. The team hasn't had any difficulty adjusting to the different coaching staff and the interaction between Arico and his players has been a positive one. Many of them have taken a quick liking to their new coach as well as his methods.

"It's easy to get along with him. He came across as a friend," said Jamal Stokes, the defensive tackle for the Pioneers.

Arico's impressive resume and that of his coaching staffs' has also been helpful in getting the group's attention. It seems that most of the players are more inclined to listen to a voice with experience. At least some of them seem to think so.

"There's a bigger respect factor," says Stokes. "It's kind of

hard to listen to someone who looks a little older than you do," he said, referring to the previous coach.

Keeping true to his commitment for team excellence, Arico, along with his staff of coaches, set up a study period that team members with a grade point average lower than 2.5, as well as first-semester freshmen, are required to attend three times a week. No ifs, ands, or buts.

"You have to show it to them," says Abdul Mccrary, freshman wide receiver. "It's different than high school. (In high school), they'd just pass you."

"They want us to excel in our studies," concurs Nick Pressimone, fellow teammate and center for the Pioneers. "If our G.P.A. slips, they know before we do and then...Bam!"

Despite the changes, there are still those who doubt any progress has really been made. This is especially true for those who have been following the last three games. As for the players, it has gotten very discouraging.

"Everyone's disappointed with the outcome," says Arico. "We worked real hard for it, but you can't get caught up in the record. You have to focus on the positive."

That's just what he's doing. Although he won't make any promises for the future, he does expect to see improvements on a weekly basis. In the meantime,

Arico is satisfied with one of his goals getting accomplished. As of right now, a bond has developed among the players.

"We're very close. It's like a tight-knit family," said Pressimone. "One of the juniors (on the team) says this is the closest group of offensive line-men he's ever been a part of."

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Morrison does attend, in his own way.

"Sometimes when I'm there, all of a sudden I'll hear a song or see a Doors shirt."

As for their newfound fan, Kennealy-Morrison, who never remarried, attends games whenever possible. She knows who the players are, although she jokingly admits, "I still can't tell whether it's a sinker or a slider."

As her knowledge of baseball has increased over the past year, "it's become more and more personal. It's the maternal protective sort of thing," she said.

So whether Kennealy-Morrison watches the Mets from the stadium or from afar, she tries her best to work magic and raise mojo from wherever she is, although she does wonder whether everyone really understands the power of the magic they're invoking.

With the Mets having just clinched a playoff berth for the second consecutive year, the Mets and their fans hope to hear the tune of "L.A. Woman" blaring from the Diamond Vision speakers at Shea until the end of October.

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As the games moved into their second week the focus turned to the track and field competition. U.S. sprinter Michael Johnson continued his reign as America's premier track star, as he became the only man to win back-to-back gold medals in the 200-meter sprint. Johnson said after the games that he would not seek a third gold.

Looming in the shadows of a powerful performance in these Olympics was a controversy surrounding C.J. Hunter, Jones' husband, and the National Governing Bodies of American Sports. Hunter, a former shot put champion who was sidelined two weeks before the start of the Olympics after surgery, reportedly tested positive four times this year for use of a banned substance.

The tests, coupled with a former medical chief's allegations in a signed affidavit that 197 positive drug tests went unreported by the USOC (United States Olympic Committee), leaves the USOC's entire drug testing system under immense scrutiny.

Other notable American medallists include Greco-Roman wres-

tler Rulon Gardner who defeated Russia's Aleksandre Karelin in the super heavyweight division. The loss was the first for Karelin in 13 years.

Texan Laura Wilkinson also scored an upset win over the Chinese athletes when she won gold in the women's 10-meter platform diving event.

Despite a dominating performance by the United States and a good production of the Olympic games as a whole, the Sydney Olympics became the second lowest rated summer Olympic event since 1964 when the games were held in Japan. ESPN.com reported that the ratings were 35 percent lower than the 1996 Atlanta games and 21 percent lower than in 1988-the last time the games were broadcast this late in the year.

All told, the U.S. captured 97 total medals, nine short of their mark in 1996 at Atlanta. Russia finished with 88 medals while China finished in third with 59.

For a complete wrap up and official results log onto the Summer Olympics website at www.olympics.com.

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Around Campus...

Absentee Ballot Ensures Your Voice is Heard

By Andrea Lopez
Staff Reporter

Unable to get home to vote on Election Day? You still can make your vote count by using an absentee ballot.

Any registered voter who will be away from home on election day, has a physical disability that prevents him or her from voting at a polling place or cannot vote at polls due to religious beliefs, is eligible for an absentee ballot.

Voters can obtain an absentee ballot by going to the county clerk's office in person, calling the clerk's office or requesting one by mail. When requesting a ballot in

writing make sure to include your name and address as you are registered, your ward and precinct (if you know them) and the address where you wish to have the ballot sent and then sign the letter.

For those voters who can't request an absentee ballot, a family member can apply for it on their behalf.

All county clerk's office must receive the application no later than Oct. 31. Absentee ballots must be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office before the close of the polls on Election Day.

Remember that the Election Day is November 7th, so you still have time.

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(609) 625-4011
Bergen
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(973) 285-6120
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Salem
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Voter Registration Information
<http://www.lwvnj.org/guide/register.html>

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[America On Line] account and fill out my profile. If he was already on, and I was around and didn't have work to do, I'd go on, too. That was maybe once a week for me, though."

But that short amount of time was enough for Jack to become caught in an uncomfortable situation. Fifteen minutes after he had been on the college chat for the first time, a girl calling herself "Christine" logged on and began talking to him.

"It was like a friend-to-friend type of thing. We talked about school and where we lived, but I didn't tell her exactly where I was. Only that I lived in New Jersey. We had things in common like running track. That sparked conversation, but things stayed real friendly and casual."

Thinking that he had made a cyber pen pal, Jack eventually logged off for the night and went back to his normal routine of classes and working out, looking forward to speaking with his new friend again. His next encounter with Christine, however, would happen sooner than he expected. Two days after he had first chatted with her, Jack was surprised when he received a phone call from Christine at his dorm.

"I knew I hadn't given her my number. And she said she lived in California, so it's not like she could come to my college and ask

somebody about me or something. I asked her about it, and she told me that she'd gotten it off my AOL profile. I didn't even know she could look at it using the chat, but she said it was really easy to do. She just clicked on my handle [the name someone uses in a chat room], and that was it."

Although Jack was a little startled by what had happened, his first phone conversation with Christine stayed as casual and friendly as their chat room "talks" had been, and he gradually felt more comfortable about the incident. For a couple of months, the two continued talking to each other either by phone or by computer about once a week without any further surprises. Then one day, as Jack was returning from the track, he picked up his mail and found a letter from California waiting for him. The same AOL profile that had given Christine his phone number also contained his mailing address. Suddenly, Jack was receiving "bundles" of letters from Christine who was now claiming that they two of them had been carrying on a love affair for months and described in erotic details their supposed phone sex and cybering trysts.

"I didn't know what to think. It was really weird. I tried confronting her about it, but she

would shy away, and then more letters would come."

Despite all the problems that Christine caused him, Jack is still an active Internet user today and continues to use e-mail and AOL Instant Messenger to talk with Angela, his fiancée. Jack has

never returned to the college chat where he met Christine. He has most of his AOL profile and recommends for others to do the same.

"You can't be too careful. You can put in fake information or none at all."

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takeover of the district in August 1991. According to the New Jersey Department of Education, (<http://www.state.nj.us/education/>), state operation is reserved for those districts that cannot meet standards and do not demonstrate a willingness to improve their performance.

However, since the state takeover, Paterson public schools have made a comeback. The New Jersey Department of Education reports that the district has met 78 percent of the indicators necessary for certification, compared with 45 percent before the takeover.

Facilities were upgraded, new teachers hired, and most importantly, students became a priority where they were once ignored.

As Rogers prepared for his visits to Rosa Parks, as part of his student-teaching experience, he was not sure what to

expect. Perhaps the students wouldn't be happy to see him. Or maybe these students would receive him warmly, be interested and involved in the class lessons.

He couldn't be certain—he decided he would simply have to wait and see.

And see he did. Students in his class were more than interested in the material presented to them. They raised their hands, asked questions and expressed enthusiasm for school. Their approach to learning left a real impression on Rogers.

Before my classroom observation, I worried about the reception I would get from students; I feared negative reactions to a student teacher," he said. "Now I'm much more optimistic of students—they truly have a willingness to learn if given the opportunity."

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"Fire safety has been elevated throughout the state," said Petrullo. The new alarms seem to be working, members of the Residence Life staff have not found any students remaining in their rooms during the fire alarms.

"There is an alarm in every room, it is just way too loud to stay inside," said Collins, a senior psychology major who lives in the apartments. a resident in Pioneer Hall. Janet Matthews, resident director of Pioneer and Heritage Halls, believes some people think the system is too sensitive, but she is very pleased with the new equipment.

"It is well deserved with the upgrade of the facilities; it is a complement that increases safety," said Matthews.

The next project on campus is to educate the students about fire safety.

"Now that we have the necessary equipment, my next project is to make the campus more aware of fire safety," said Petrullo. "It's going to take more than sprinklers to save lives if a fire ever occurs."

Matthews believes that there needs to be an ongoing education campaign about fire safety. The campus held a three-hour seminar for freshman students and their parents on September 3 but had a poor turnout.

"I probably wouldn't attend any seminars just because my schedule is packed already," said Collins. "They should come up with another way to make us think about fire safety."

Residence Life plans to install fire evacuation drill information on the back of every door. There will also be a "Fire Training Evacuation" seminar for staff on December 14 in the student center. Petrullo says that residents should take five minutes and think about what they would do in the case of a fire.

"Think about it," said Petrullo. "It is what is going to save your life."

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courses, the various majors offered, faculty, and graduate programs. An evaluation of the student success across campus also was reviewed. Included was the academic support provided by the university, the Student Development Center, Admissions and Career Services.

"This is very important for William Paterson University, for a host of reasons," said Fountoukidis, "one mainly being that you (the student) will not be considered for a job unless you are from an accredited school."

Fountoukidis and Dr. Stephen Hahn head the Middle States Steering Committee.

"We are trying to find ways to get student feedback," explained Fountoukidis.

Last fall, several student focus groups were created to solicit opinions concerning the well being of the university. Fountoukidis encourages students to "get involved" by visiting the university's accreditation webpage and putting up ideas or comments in the Discussion Forum.

A Middle States Commission team will be visiting the university during April.

After reviewing various data from the university, and watching WPU in action, the commission representatives will make a decision relative to WPU's reaccreditation.

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chooseorlose.com)

Bush- "I'm pro life." (20/20, 7/28/00, chooseorlose.com)

Capital Punishment:

Gore- Supports it, though also believes in the use of DNA testing to avoid putting innocent people on death row. (voter.com)

Bush- Supports it. Texas leads the country with most executions. (6/21/00, abcnews.go.com)

Gun control:

Gore- "I was one of the co-sponsors of the Brady law which has prevented countless tragedies by preventing felons and fugitives and stalkers from getting handguns. And I think we need to restore the three-day waiting period under that Brady law." (Meet the Press, 7/16/00, chooseorlose.com)

Bush- "I'm favoring-as a matter of fact, not only in favor of gun legislation, like instant background, but I said that if you're worried about gun safety here are free trigger locks in the state of Texas." (Larry King Live, 7/20/00, chooseorlose.com)

Education:

Gore- Wants to spend over \$115 billion over a ten-year period on improving schools. He supports school vouchers within public schools only. (8/24/00, more.abcnews.com)

Bush- Believes in state created standardized testing for children and annual state test's for schools. Children of schools that fail to meet the minimum standard would be given vouchers to attend private schools through federal aid. (8/24/00, more.abcnews.com)

Economy:

Gore- "I will balance the budget or better every year, make targeted investments in education and technology, pursue free and fair trade to

sell our products to the world, and continue reinventing and streamlining government." (algore.com)

Bush- Looks to continue to build upon the economy by encouraging internet commerce, more employment and education reform. (voter.com)

Immigration:

Gore- Supports immigration but wants to see more American citizens get college degrees so companies won't have to hire non-citizens first. (NAACP Speech, 7/12/00, chooseorlose.com)

Bush- Currently opposes an open border system with Mexico but believes immigration is essential for reuniting families. (This Week, 7/16/00, chooseorlose.com)

Social Security/Medicare:

Gore- "I am against raising the retirement age and cutting benefits to the seniors who deserve the help that Social Security and Medicare provide. I am opposed to privatizing Social Security and diverting the money into the stock market." (NAACP Speech, 7/12/00, chooseorlose.com)

Bush- "Younger workers will be given the option of managing some of their money so that whatever's left in the Social Security trust, is attributable to them, plus moneys in the private sector accrued by...investing in safe investments." (7/29/00, abcnews.go.com)

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November 9

Deborah Lipstadt, who in April won a libel trial in London against a Holocaust denier, is scheduled to speak on campus Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in Science Hall 200B.

Lipstadt, a professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, will speak on "Denying the Holocaust." She will also address the issue of denial on American college campuses and why such denial continues in American higher education. There will be a question and answer

period following her presentation.

For more information contact Dr. Peter J. Stein at x-3429 (SteinP@wpunj.edu) or Dr. Miryam Wahman at x-3456 (wahmanm@wpunj.edu).

November 12

The Communication Deptment is sponsoring a trip for theatre classes to the award-winning Broadway musical "Aida." The story of a Nubian princess who falls in love with her captor; music and lyrics by Elton John and Tim Rice. After the show, students will get a chance to speak with the cast about the musical and their performances. Anyone interested in joining them can contact Dr. Stroppe at x3342, or e-mail her at stroppele@wpunj.edu. Tickets are \$40. The deadline is October 18.

Campus Ministry

October 21

Walk for Hunger

The 21st annual TAP Thanksgiving Awareness Program will take place as part of the Thanksgiving awareness Collection. Participants should meet in front of the Victor A. Muchaga Student Center at 12:30 p.m.

October 22

Family weekend will be celebrated at the 10:45a.m. Mass for the families of WPUNJ students. Following mass members of Hillel, Christian fellowship, and Catholic Campus Ministry will speak to the parents about their organizations at the Interfaith Council presentation at the Bishop Frank J. Rodimer Catholic Ministry Center.

Celebration of Diversity in the Catholic Church
The campus ministry will continue to celebrate diversity in the Catholic Church with Latino Night. Bilingual readings, prayers and songs will be included in the 7:30p.m. Mass at the chapel in the Bishop Frank J. Rodimer Catholic Ministry Center. Food and refreshments will be served.

October 25-27

The Triduum to St. Jude, a three day novena honoring one of the patrons of the chapel of the Bishop Frank J. Rodimer Catholic Ministry Center, will begin on October 25, with 12:30 p.m. Mass and will continue to be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. Mass on Oct. 26 and Oct. 27.