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## Roses are red, violets are blue, Here's a bunch of gift ideas for you



By Joannie Nunez  
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It's that time of the year again. That's right. The one day

you're expected to show your love for your significant other through

heart-felt gifts covered in goofy wrapping paper filled with pink hearts.

This, of course, is usually followed with a little card with what seems to be some short guy running around in his underwear. You got it! Valentine's Day. The one holiday

you spend more time picking out a present than any other.

Shopping for that special someone doesn't have to be difficult. Better yet, there's still a

"That was the first time he told me that he loved me,"

♥ said Guldry, 20. ♥

lot of gift ideas that don't necessarily require you to dip your fingers into the family trust funds.

Besides, at this point, anything'll top last year's plastic

rose episode.

If your partner is the romantic type, then your task may be a lot simpler than you think. On a sheet of stationary write a love letter. There is one catch for all you computer fans: It should be hand-written.

If you can write a poem, then by all means do. However, that doesn't mean you just got clearance to write one of those roses are red, violets are blue little ditties. Be original. If you can recite it in front of a group of people, even better. Take your special someone to his or her

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favorite night club and ask the DJ to give you some air time, or better yet, check if there's an open mic night at your local pub.

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## Students help clean Jersey waterways

By Melissa-Ann Crawford  
Staff Writer

When Kathleen Jeffers first caught sight of the Passaic River in Paterson the view turned her stomach.

"The sight was just sickening. I could not believe all that garbage was allowed to lie there for so long, or that no one else had tried to do anything about it," said Jeffers, president of the Chapter 15 New Jersey Community Water Watch at William Paterson University.

"It had not rained in several days, the water was really low, and hardly moving. All I could see in either direction

was trash," she recalled. "There were dozens of tires, a lawn-mower, small appliances, liquor bottles, miscellaneous car parts, and at least one mattress. There was also a large sewage pipe leading right into the river."

Eighty-five percent of New Jersey's rivers, streams, and lakes are unsafe to swim, fish in, or drink from. Water Watch, which began in 1994, has worked toward fining illegal polluters, and cleaning out the waterways. With the help of Americorps members, student interns, volunteers, and community members, the waterways

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Photo courtesy Passaic Valley Sawage Commission

Brett Davis, Amin Espinal, and John Marc - left to right, help clean up the Great Falls in Paterson.

## Professors, journalists discuss 2000 election and crisis in American democracy

By Mark Fonseca Rendeiro  
Staff Writer

The biggest loser in the 2000 presidential election was not Al Gore, Florida voters, or the Green party. The biggest defeat went to democracy, according to a group of political scientists and journalists at a recent round table discussion hosted by the Political Science Department.

The speakers addressed

what they considered a crisis in American democracy — the fall election where votes went uncounted

and judges determined the outcome. They also discussed the policies of

the new administration and their effects home and abroad.

"A regime born of disenfranchisement is illegitimate!"

said Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights.

"The Supreme Court gave us this government, you never had a chance to vote for those judges,"

said Frances Fox Piven

what he said were illegal restrictions including a lack of translators as guaranteed by the Voting Rights Act, incorrectly barred as

He spoke of the people nationwide who were prevented from voting by

ex-convicts (in many states ex-convicts lose the vote even after completing their sentence), and dysfunctional voting machines.

"It is unreasonable to say get over it!" Daniels said, in reference to President George W. Bush's supporters who say the nation should forget and move on. He called for an expansion of democracy, to include the "largest party" in the United States, referring to the more

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## New sports information director seeks national attention for WPU athletes

By Andrew Lijoi  
Staff Writer

Within days of becoming William Paterson University's sports information director, Thomas Borowski met face to face with Jeff Pearlman, the man who broke the infamous John Rocker story for Sports Illustrated a year ago.

Pearlman was on campus to write a feature story about Horace Jenkins, WPU's basketball star, that will appear in one of the magazine's February issues.

Part of Borowski's job is to attract press for the university's athletes, something that has kept him busy since arriving here early last month.

"It's up to me to make some things happen," said Borowski, "I have to be a marketing agent to make our teams and players visible."

In addition to dealing with media outlets, the sports information director must work with logging and organizing statistics for comparison with other schools in the conference as well as the NCAA.

While he attended college at the

New Jersey Institute of Technology, Borowski worked as sports information director and served as an assistant coach for the women's and men's soccer teams. After, he worked in the Communications Department with the Metro Stars, the New Jersey based MLS team.

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--- Thomas Borowski,  
Sports Information Director

Since childhood Borowski has been surrounded and occupied by sports in some way, including a stint as a minor league soccer player. During the New York City High School All Star soccer game in 1995 he scored two goals in the final two-and-a-half minutes of the game and received MVP honors. The media attention he received made Borowski realize that what he wanted was a career in sports.

"I knew at that point that I wanted to work in sports one way or another, it's a fun thing to be around," said Borowski.

During his time at WPU he hopes to bring to light that William Paterson athletics are nationally competitive, and play like Division I teams in a Division III conference.

"It's exciting," he said, "and I just hope I can contribute."

## Get in spring-break shape at Rec Ctr.

By Patti Di Marzo  
Staff Writer

With New Year's resolutions fresh in our minds and spring break approaching, there is no better time to get in shape than now. William Paterson University offers a multitude of options for the fitness savvy ranging from high-energy aerobic classes like cardio kickboxing to the meditative martial art Tai Chi Chuan.

Karen Hilberg, associate director of recreational services at WPU, leads the Nice & Easy Aerobics class which focuses on achieving proper body movement, posture, and alignment. Hilberg includes strength training, stretching, and walking in a freestyle manner. Although her class is low impact, Hilberg notes, "Students can workout at any level they are comfortable with."

WPU sophomore Larisa Agranovich teaches Cardio Kickboxing, Full Body Workout, Awesome Abs, and Butts & Guts. Cardio Kickboxing incorporates step aerobics with kickboxing moves to create a hard workout that

raises the heart rate. Her Full Body Workout class combines her latest finds with strength training. Awesome Abs and Butts & Guts focus on toning specific problem areas.

Biology professor Dr. Sharon Hanks teaches Tai Chi Chuan, a Chinese martial art that can be used as exercise, meditation, or even self-defense. Tai Chi is a combination of slow movements that flow together with complete devotion of the mind.

In addition to the aerobic classes at WPU, the Rec Center also has loads of workout equipment. In the cardio room there are wall-to-wall machines including treadmills, stationary bikes, Stairmasters, and elliptical machines which are like Stairmasters, but

your legs move in more of a circular motion rather than up and down.

There is also a weight room containing free weights and Nautilus equipment. If that is not enough to get your body into spring break shape, there are also ab rollers, jump ropes, body bars, exer-tubes, and punching bags.

**Awsome Abs,  
Butts & Gutts  
At The  
Rec Center**

## Life Ever After

### New Jersey Family Care

By Robin Kavanagh-Charman  
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Car accidents. Broken bones. Chronic illness. These words strike fear in people's hearts for many reasons. This is especially true for students without adequate health insurance. An inability to pay for the medical bills should not be one of the reasons illness and accidents become a scary prospect. And if you're a New Jersey resident, it doesn't have to.

New Jersey is one of the many states that participate in a federally funded health care system that provides low-cost, and often no-cost health insurance to singles, families, and couples with no children. New Jersey Family Care, formerly New Jersey Kid Care, is specifically intended for those who cannot afford to pay the high cost of private health insurance, but nonetheless deserve it. It is open to anyone who qualifies, including students and their families.

According to material on the New Jersey Family Care web site, this program is much less expensive than private health insurance, but offers the same care. In fact, depending on which county you are from, you can choose coverage from one of six major HMO.

Covered benefits include, preventative health care, office visits to your physician, hospital services (both inpatient and outpatient), lab tests, emergency services, dental visits, eye exams, and much more.

Eligibility is decided upon review of a simple application, which can be downloaded off New Jersey Family Care's web site. Qualification status depends on family size and monthly income.

If you would like more information or would like to apply for New Jersey Family Care, visit their web site at [www.njfamilycare.org](http://www.njfamilycare.org). It is very comprehensive and has detailed information about qualifications and coverage with each participating HMO.

You can also reach a consultant to answer individualized questions at 1-800-701-0710. They have translators for 140 languages.

Whether you think you qualify or not, I urge anyone who does not have health insurance to check out the New Jersey Family Care program. It can't hurt. What can hurt is having to pay an enormous hospital bill after an unfortunate accident. The accident may not be preventable, but the bill could be.

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# Entertainment



## Eminem angers some listeners, others defend his artistic merit

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Way before anyone knew Eminem would receive any Grammy nominations for his latest album, *The Marshall Mathers LP*, he already made his feelings known about the award. In his song, "The Real Slim Shady" he raps, "You think I give a damn about a Grammy? Half of you critics can't even stomach me, let alone stan me."

These days, it's not so much the critics who are set against Eminem (whose real name is Marshall Mathers) and his four nominations, which includes the honorable Album of the Year, but some of the general public, namely women and members of the gay and lesbian community are shaking their heads with disapproval.

What angers representatives from the National Organization for Women and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation the most, is that the Grammy Awards would even recognize an artist who raps about women as sluts and gays as fags.

GLAAD's website states that "Eminem's lyrics do more than glorify violence against lesbians, gay men, transgender people and women — they also give permission for young people to abuse and harass people who are 'different'..."

Michael Greene, CEO and president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the group that organizes the Grammy Awards, has personally called the album "repugnant", but still defends the nominations because of the album's artistic merit.

One particular song that NOW and GLAAD finds offensive is "Kill You", where Eminem raps violently to his mother ("Slut! You think I won't choke no whore/Till her vocal cords don't work in her throat no more" and then later "You faggots keep egging me on/Till I have you at knife point then you beg me to stop").

However, in Eminem's latest single, "Stan", the rapper reveals that people shouldn't take what he raps about in his music so seriously. When he writes back to an obsessed fan who has killed his girlfriend

he advises, "You got some issues, Stan, I think you need some counselin'.../ I really think you and your girlfriend need each other/Or maybe you just need to treat her better."

Throughout all of the controversy, the 28-year-old Detroit resident has kept quiet over the matter, allowing other artists to voice their views. Rapper, Dr. Dre has publicly supported Eminem and his music ever since getting him signed to Interscope Records, while Adam Yauch, of the rap group the Beastie Boys, agrees with groups like NOW who find Eminem's work harmful and degrading.

Incidentally, it's that same freedom of speech attitude that groups like NOW value, which allows Eminem to say what he wants and not care. Meanwhile he has said repeatedly that controversy surrounding him only results in greater album sales.

While Eminem might not even be going to this year's Grammy Awards, after all, he won two last year and didn't even bother showing up, GLAAD still plans on protesting at the Feb. 21st event.

## Video review: Watch "Replacements" for sports and laughs

By Bethany Smalling  
Staff Writer

OK...so your semester is going to be one of the worst of your college career.

You are swamped with papers, readings for that horrible history class you've dreaded since you came to Willies seem endless, you don't have any friends in your Art History class, and one top of all the school work, your car just broke down.

Did you forget about the snow outside the window that has been there for over a month? So, to unwind, why don't you head out to your local video store and rent a movie to get your mind off of your chaotic life.

According to Blockbuster's official website, ([www.blockbuster.com](http://www.blockbuster.com)), the top five movie rentals are as follows:

5. The Replacements
4. The Cell
3. Perfect Storm
2. Gone in 60 Seconds
1. Scary Movie

Out of this list my top movie rental

picks are "The Replacements" and "Gone in 60 Seconds." I enjoyed all of the movies on this list. However, if you want to see a light-hearted movie "The Replacements" is the movie of choice for you.

"The Replacements" is directed by Howard Deutch and Tak Fujimoto and was inspired by the 1987 National Football League strike. The plot is easy to follow; Gene Hackman plays Jimmy McGinty, the hired coach for the Washington Sentinels that is supposed to finish off their season with new players while the strike is underway.

Shane Falco, (Keanu Reeves), a washed-out former college quarterback, heads the team of misbegotten athletes. The team must win three out of four games in order to be considered for the playoffs.

The team includes some unusual players, such as a Japanese-American sumo wrestler, a preacher, and a prisoner. As if that doesn't make the storyline humorous, the cheerleading squad, led by Annabel (Brooke Langton), the love interest of Falco, hires strippers to fill the squad positions!

This is definitely a movie to watch if you enjoy sports and want to laugh the night away.

Another great movie to rent this semester is "Gone in 60 Seconds," starring Nicolas Cage. Cage plays Randall "Memphis" Raines, a former car thief. He is forced to go back into the business when his younger brother Kip (Giovanni Ribisi), is unable to steal 50 expensive cars for a car smuggler (Christopher Eccleston).

Memphis must complete this operation in a 24-hour period, so he finds his former car-stealing partners to help him in his task at hand. If he fails, his brother dies. His team includes Otto (Robert Duvall), a Memphis' mentor, and an old flame, who is played by Angelina Jolie.

This movie is action-packed, and should be seen by anyone who enjoys cars, especially the classics. Directed by Dominic Sena, the movie is based on the 1974 cult movie classic by the same title.

So instead of stressing this semester about your classes, take the time and relax with a good movie.

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That's just what Shamara Guidry's boyfriend did.

"That was the first time he told me that he loved me," said Guidry, 20. "I was shocked, but it was really, really sweet."

You could also try what Jessica Rivera did, a computer science major.

After purchasing a few supplies, she created a scrapbook filled with memorable moments of her and her boyfriend's experiences together (i.e. the card he gave her on

her birthday, the ticket stubs from the theater they went to...).

If you're not afraid of the microphone and have some talent for music, create a song for just the two of you. You could play it to him or her on your choice of instrument or you could sing it to them. If you're going to do this, please put some oomph into it! This could be a real tear-jerker, and you'll want to take advantage of that.

Kimblee Jonas, a junior, can testify to that after attending her cousin's wedding. "When she was coming down the

isle, instead of playing "Here Comes the Bride," he sang a song he wrote to her. Everyone in the church was crying," said Jonas.

For a more intimate setting, arrange a picnic. The great thing about them is that they don't have to be in the park. Again, have some fun with it.

"This guy took me on a scavenger hunt with clues and it led up to him and dinner," said Sandra Leach, 20, a sophomore. "That's how he asked me out. Obviously, I said yes."



# Commentary: This is what Democracy looks like in 2001

By Mark Fonseca Rendeiro

Staff writer

As I pushed my way through the crowd I was overwhelmed by everything around me: The hand written signs, the police on horseback, the different ages of all the people.

In the distance among the thousands of people, I could see National Organization for Women (NOW) members join the crowd, fired up after the long bus ride from whichever state the came. In the center of this crowd it was easy to recognize the members of the new Black Panthers, descendants and admirers of the original group who had demanded change decades ago.

Everywhere you looked there were anti-president

"dubya" signs, carried by young and old alike with different colored skins and speaking different languages but all voicing the same theme. And of course, right in front of me, on the other side of the steel barricade - almost 100 blue helmeted police officers, staring at the crowd as if they were waiting for an invitation to join.

This was Inauguration Day 2001, the first I ever attended. What I discovered when I reached Washington D.C. that morning was that I wasn't the only citizen angered by the recent presidential "selection", I had friends - more than 20,000 who decided to show up on that particular day. I'm convinced that millions of others chose to stay warm and indoors - cursing at their television sets. What's more, my thousands of friends

and I were actually in the majority along the inaugural parade route, outnumbering the fancy dressing, cowboy hat wearing fans of the man they call president.

Our demands were far from simple, the causes - numerous: free all political prisoners; stop irresponsible globalization, anti-racism, anti-poverty, etc. But there was that one underlying theme, those lines we all shouted together: "Not our president!" "What do we want? - Democracy, When do we want it? - Now," or the very popular "Selected - not elected!"

Several Texans, wearing their custom boots and their cowboy hats, remarked with angry southern accents: Why are these people here? Can't they just get over it?

To those questions, I respond with the words of the good Rev. Al Sharpton: "We won't - get over it -, we won't just forget about it. Because we have fought too hard, too many lives were lost, too many nights spent in cold jail cells, too many homes burnt down, too many careers destroyed to get that right to vote.

So to students, professionals, and workers all across the nation who have not forgotten the sacrifices, who recognize when they've been wronged - You are not alone. You are part of a nationwide social movement, that was born-again the moment those in power decided to keep thousands of us from voting, the moment a group of judges who we did not choose, told us who our next president would be.

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than 50 percent who do not vote.

During the final 30 minutes students asked questions, including what would happen to Iraqi-American relations under the Bush administration, the future of third parties in upcoming elections, and what effects the administration would have on Roe Vs. Wade.

"The Supreme Court gave us this government, you never had a chance to vote for those judges," said Frances Fox Piven, professor of political science at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. "Who won the election? Big business, HMO's, Pharmaceutical Companies, oil companies..."

Prof. Wartyna Davis of

the Political Science Department believes that Florida Gov. Jeb Bush was responsible for what she called the deliberate and systematic disenfranchisement of black and minority voters.

"Jeb Bush knew he had to disenfranchise the black and minority voters in Florida, his policies had turned them completely against him," said Davis, a Florida resident before coming to New Jersey. She said the company Bush hired to draft convict lists wrongly listed many minority voters as convicts thus barring them from voting.

"This election and the new administration is proof to us that the U.S. is in fact, an oligarchy," said Charles Laurence of the Daily Telegraph (UK), referring to the British opinion of Bush's cabinet appointments: a

small group of veterans of the George H. W. Bush, Reagan, and Ford administrations. An oligarchy is rule by a few, especially for corrupt purposes.

The second half of the round table discussed the policies of the new Bush administration and its effects on the international community.

Prof. Martin Weinstein of

the Political Science Department discussed the Bush administration's policies towards Latin America, as well as military foreign policy.

"If national security is a stake, you're going to see an overwhelming use of force," Weinstein, in reference to Secretary of State Colin Powell's trademark military strategy.

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are slowly but surely becoming cleaner.

Water Watch, which is funded by donations, goes to local waterways and riverbanks to remove garbage and collect water samples that are then sent to the Department of Environmental Protection for testing.

The group depends on volunteers and donations such as those from the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission, which supplies the trucks, dumpsters, gloves, and bags used in the cleanups, and the trash removal. William Paterson's Chemistry Department sometimes donates the chemical kits used in water testing.

New Jersey Community Water Watch is another one of the community service projects

that Americorps supports. Although they do not directly support them financially, they do provide each campus with an organizer, such as Sounders. These organizers have a lot of skills, connections, and time to do things that may not ordinarily get done.

Water Watch also does surveys of the vegetation and wide life around the riverbanks. The committee also holds presentations describing their cause and recruits new volunteers.

Last semester the WPU group visited junior high schools in Paterson and some of the students turned up at the next cleanup. The group hopes to get more volunteers on campus through word of mouth, posters and class representatives going class-to-class describing the group, and their causes.

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