

WCRN back on air with new adviser

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WCRN is back on the air having been suspended by the Student Government Association (SGA) for failing to have an adviser for an extended period of time.

According to Francisco Diaz, director of Campus Activities, the club submitted a form to his office on April 17th citing history professor Dr. Terrence Finnegan as its new adviser.

In accordance with university rules, WCRN was suspended until it could find a faculty or staff member willing to act as an adviser, after broadcasting without one all academic year, according to Rashad Davis, president of the SGA.

"All recognized student organizations have to have a full time faculty or staff adviser," Diaz said.

According to Davis, the only reason that the club had been suspended was because it didn't meet the adviser requirement.

"There have been rumors that WCRN was taken off the air by a dean because of some inflammatory remarks," Davis said. "That is not the case. It (was) because of SGA rules."

Other rumors have said WCRN continued to broadcast even throughout their suspension. Diaz and Davis said this is unfounded.

"To my knowledge and to the knowledge of the office of Campus Activities and Student Leadership, WCRN was not operating during the time when they were without an adviser," Davis said. "We have no factual evidence to substantiate the claim that WCRN was broadcasting after they were instructed to cease activities. As far as the SGA is concerned, WCRN is legitimate and we have no intention of reprimanding them in any way."

WCRN received \$7,300 in funds

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Picture perfect evening



Flor and Reji Guzman cuddle up together at a quiet table at this year's Senior Cruise. See pages 8 and 9 for a photo gallery of the evening.

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Student Center renovations to increase fees, not tuition

By Armando Triana
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The estimated \$40 million cost for the renovation and expansion of Wayne Hall and the John Victor Machuga Student Center will not affect William Paterson University's tuition, but will increase the amount of next year's student center fee.

"The student center fee that full time students pay every semester is currently about \$130," said Stephen Bolyai, vice president of administration and finance.

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At an April 27 meeting, members of the university's Board of Trustees approved resolutions to move forward with the renovation and expansion project. The approval authorizes the university to borrow the funds necessary to pay for the project through bonding agencies, to seek reimbursements, recoup the money spent,

and to enter into a contract with an architectural firm.

A year and a half ago, Gruzen Samton, an architectural, planning and interior design firm, was

initially hired by the university to develop a
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2003 tuition will increase by at least 10 percent

By Jill K. Sanders
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Next year, William Paterson University's tuition will increase by at least 10 percent, if not more, according to a university official.

At the Public Tuition Meeting, held on April 30, Robert Taylor, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, announced a "double-digit percent increase" in tuition and added that the university has "set no limits on tuition" for the 2003 fiscal year.

The meeting, attended by university President Arnold Speert and other members of his administration, was open to all members of the university community who wished to comment on tuition and fees. The university is facing a budget gap of more than \$7 million due to the state's budget crisis, contractual salary increases for faculty and the costs of opening the new business college, said Speert.

Even though students were encouraged to attend, the only students who came to the meeting were from campus media outlets, including the *Pioneer Times* and the *Beacon*.

The Public Tuition Meeting is held, by law, every year, and students, parents, and all other members of the university community are encouraged to attend to express concerns about the cost of tuition.

The meeting is held to collect "input," Taylor said, to bring to the university's Board of Trustees meeting on June 22 and the Finance and Audit Committee meetings held in May and June.

"There's nothing to suggest people should not express their views,"

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