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## WC Tries for a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter For the Third Time

BY KIMLAST

"We are in a waiting game now," says Joe Holt, Executive Vice President of Washington College, in response to the prospect of establishing a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) on campus.

The college, now in round two of the process to establish a chapter, recently completed its second report to the national PBK office. The report, which was over 150 pages long, included statistical information about the student body, financial aid, campus programs, technology, buildings and grounds, and athletics, among other things. Holt, along with a committee of WC administrators and faculty prepared the report, which took approximately three months to complete.

"The report required a thorough examination of our institution," explained Holt. One of the things we had to compile was information regarding graduates and their graduation rate. It sounds simple enough, but we had to break down the rate of graduation between males and females, and athletes and non-athletes. We even had to compare the graduation rates of each class by sport. At one time, we were looking at 1600 student records and 17 varsity sports."

"The statistics we compiled for this report were unlike anything the college has done before," Holt adds.

The work on the application does sound tedious; however, the final result of an established PBK chapter would be a promising addition to the college's academic offerings and reputation.

"Phi Beta Kappa is the premiere national honor society for colleges and universities," says Holt. "Washington College has many departmental honor societies, but Phi Beta Kappa is the gold standard."

"Belonging to Phi Beta Kappa means that you are on the same standard as the best students in the country," says Professor Clayton Black, Chair of the Department of History and a Phi Beta Kappa.

"I think that Washington College fits the Liberal Arts ideal of Phi Beta Kappa. The core of WC is the liberal arts. It's a shame that we haven't been able to establish a chapter yet, especially since Phi Beta Kappa is as old as we are," adds Black.

This is not the first time that WC has applied for a PBK chapter.

"The college has attempted for years," explains Professor Black. "We have applied three times since I have begun teaching here. However, this is the first time we have made it to the second round."

Since WC last applied for PBK membership, the college instituted a demanding set of distribution requirements in mathematics, science, and

foreign language, which strengthened its academic program.

The next step of the process is a visit from a committee of three PBK scholars, which is set to take place during mid-March. The representatives will speak with members of administration, including President Tipson and Dean Scholz. They will also meet with members of the faculty and student body. "During this time, the members of the visiting committee are going to get a feel of the academic program and life of Washington College. Then they will write a recommendation to the national office for or against a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at WC."

If all goes well and the visiting committee does recommend the formation of a chapter a twelve-person committee will meet in May 2005, to decide if the college is worthy of instituting a chapter. If this committee agrees then the PBK Senate, which convenes in September 2005, decides the fate of a chapter at WC. If the Senate passes a decision favorable to the college then the national meeting of PBK, in June 2006, will vote to approve or reject WC's chapter.

Once a PBK chapter is established at a college, it is there forever. In selecting colleges and universities for new chapters, Phi Beta Kappa does not have a quota. All institutions that are worthy of a charter receive one.

A Phi Beta Kappa chapter on WC's campus would not be just another addition to the numerous amount of honor societies on campus.

"Washington College would have the right to grant our best students with the most prestigious honor for undergraduates in the nation," says Holt.

"An established Phi Beta Kappa chapter on campus would mean that Washington College is a liberal arts institution of quality," says Black. "It would help strengthen our image."

On top of that, WC would have the opportunity to participate in the PBK Visiting Scholar program which brings distinguished scholars to member PBK campuses.

"The scholar program is an exciting prospect that we can give our students. Many members of the faculty are unable to perform a lot of research because they teach. As a result, students are not exposed to research. With this program, students would be exposed to some of the most praised researchers in the country, which would enhance the academic atmosphere," explains Black.

As a Phi Beta Kappa, Black says, "Being a member is a nice badge of recognition. When you are inducted, it says that you are somebody who academically achieved something."

Black is not the only Phi Beta Kappa on campus. Other PBK's include:

President Tipson, Martin Connaughton (Associate Professor of Biology), Robert Fallaw (Professor of History), Joshua Gold (Assistant Professor of German), Jeffrey Brown (Assistant Professor of Biology), Alisha Knight (Assistant Professor of English), Juan Lin (Professor of Physics), Katherine Maynard (Assistant Professor of French), Corey Olsen (Assistant Professor of English), Andrew Oros (Assistant Professor of Political Science), Ruth Shoge (Director of Miller Library), John Taylor (Professor of Political Science), Aileen Tsui (Assistant Professor of Art), and Peter Weigel (Assistant Professor of Philosophy).

The Phi Beta Kappa Society is the oldest national honor society in the country for undergraduates. Established as a secret literary and philosophical society at the College of William and Mary in 1776, it is the first Greek-letter fraternity.

Today, there are 270 collegiate chapters (chapters in Maryland include Goucher College, Loyola College of Maryland, McDaniel College, and St. Mary's College of Maryland) and over a half a million living members. Nationally, the society elects over 15,000 new members per year. Membership is granted to about one percent of college graduates.

## Professors Aware of Cheating Tactics

BY CARLI BORCIERDING

When all-nighters and day-before cramming isn't enough, students at a number of campuses across the nation have turned to cell phones to cheat.

But could it happen here? Even on a small private campus such as WC, cell phones (and other informational storage technology, for that matter) may be seen in the hands of the majority of students.

"I, personally, was not aware of the cell phone angle, but am not really surprised," said Professor Irving DeGraw (Business Management). He, and other professors questioned, were accustomed to cell phones in the classroom, but only as "annoying interruptions."

New technology has given students with cell phones the ability to store information—words, pictures, graphs, for-

mulas— and to exchange information via text messaging.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BITTELERSOCIETY.ORG  
Cell phones: not just for talking anymore.

"I never thought about this until an exam I gave this

week," said Professor Leslie Sherman (Chemistry), "I saw a student that had a cell phone on his leg. I wondered if he was expecting a call, but thought that was strange since he was going to take an exam. It briefly occurred to me that he could use it to cheat, but not being a cell phone user myself, I wasn't sure whether it was possible."

Many professors, though, like Professor Michael Harvey (chair, Dept. Business Management), "try to structure tests to minimize the utility of cheating aids like cell phones, for instance, by having students write essays."

The Honor Board is aware that cell phone cheating may become a large problem as students become more comfortable

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## Professors Aware of Cheating Tactics

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and knowledgeable of the capabilities of new technologies.

As in a case at Stanford University last year involving two students accused of text messaging during an exam, it is very hard to prove a case of cell phone cheating since records and information may be erased so easily, thereby destroying all evidence of foul play.

Honor Board Chair Chris Smith knows this is a problem and said, "The thing is, they would first have to be caught using them" with enough evidence to support accusations. With a plausible case, he said, "they would come before the Honor Board and the Board would decide on a disciplinary action. It could be anything from a formal college warning, which gets sent home to your parents, and community service, to disciplinary probation or even expulsion."

This brings up a question: is WC's Honor Code specific enough to include cell phone cheating as a violation?

DeGraw cited a few examples of this type of "academic dishonesty," as he put it: "One student found plagiarizing is now suing his school, claiming that it was the school's responsibility to keep him from fouling up (Fox News, May 2004)."

Also, "at San Diego State, 1/3 of an ethics class pirated a test key and subsequently blamed the school for not making it impossible for them to cheat (Newsweek, 1999)."

So, what about our Honor Code? As quoted from page 88 of WC's current catalog, "Any form of cheating...is a violation of the Honor Code."

"How much clearer does that really need to be?" said Professor Robert Dawson (Economics and Environmental Studies), "And if someone were to make a case that they didn't know they were cheating because the Honor Code doesn't specifically say that students are not allowed to

use their cell phones to store and retrieve information on an exam, then maybe they shouldn't be in college at all."

Needless to say, cell phone cheating IS cheating and therefore IS a violation of the Honor Code.

Smith said, "It is a huge offense and could even call for the college not allowing cell phones in academic buildings."

"Fortunately, the small size of most of our classes and the attentiveness of our faculty helps to prevent cheating," said Mark Hoelsy, Associate Dean for Academic Advising, "I also believe that the vast majority of our students abide by the Honor Code which obligates them not only to maintain academic honesty in their own actions, but also to report any instances of academic dishonesty among other students of which they become aware."

Sometimes, though, cheating occurs right under the noses of professors.

"One survey reported that 70% of high school and 50% of college students had cheated within the past 12 months (Wiener, 2000)," reported DeGraw.

Technological advances may only make it easier for students to cheat.

So, ready or not, more and more techniques will be surfacing on campuses nationwide utilizing new technology. Already this semester, as published in the Wall Street Journal on September 10, Virginia State University has had cell phone cheating in the form of picture-sending, and University of Maryland has encountered text-messaging problems.

If cramming for your next exam seems like too much work, and storing keywords in your cell phone sounds like a brilliant plan, just remember that professors are now more wary of the growing problem.

Philosophy professor J. David Newell said, "I may not be as vigilant at looking for this type of cheating, but I will be from now on!"

BY KELLYBIRINGER

The buggies and golf carts that are used by workers for buildings and grounds are almost as popular with students as those mysterious bugs that haunt dorm bathrooms, wilted lettuce in the Dining Hall, or finals.

"Yeah, they totally don't respect students" said Beth Ann Hartman. "I guess my main problem with them is that they drive so fast."

Students seem to have a growing annoyance for them. Rebecca Scarborough has past experiences with these buggies. "I'm used to dodging golf carts and Gators because my high school had them as well, and the drivers were convinced that they had the right-of-way. But even now, I'm constantly looking behind me when I hear a motor or anything. You know, just in case."

Sarah Janner is another irritated student: "Personally, I don't like being tailgated by a golfcart on my way to class, nor do I like it when they shoot past you at seventy miles per hour with two inches to spare. It's ridiculous and I think it's way rude."

SGA Speaker of the Senate, Greg Schaefer, admits that they are a problem: "I understand the need for them by maintenance, but last year I know a student was injured by one, and just the other day I was walking on campus looking down at a book, and I looked up and it was going by me like 2 feet to my left. I think there should be a little more responsibility by the drivers."

As residential assistant at WC, Carli Borcherding was required to return to campus early for RA training. Over the summer, however, she had sprained her

ankle and was on crutches. During her time on a nearly deserted campus, however, she was forced to move off of a brick walkway when a golf cart came from behind, causing her to attempt to balance herself, on crutches, in the mud. "There are always carts on the sidewalks, and they are always driving entirely too fast. I'm surprised that no

confirmed that the Maintenance department has many of these carts. "The carts are permanently designated to one individual in Buildings and Grounds. I'm not sure that's true for other departments."

Raudenbush confirmed that there are four or five other departments that use or will be using the golf carts, including Dining Services, Central Services, Office of Information Technologies, Athletics and Buildings and Grounds. They have grown "more and more popular" over the years, Raudenbush said, and explained that "some other departments are newer to the buggy world" but that Buildings and Grounds have been using them for a longer time.



PHOTO BY DAN HIMMELBERGER  
HOT ON OUR HEELS: TAILGATING CAN EVEN OCCUR ON THE CATER WALK.

one has actually gotten run over by one of them thus far. It's just lucky for the drivers" said Borcherding.

When asked about an especially problematic area on campus, students seem to be in agreement that the pedestrian-crowded Cater Walk is the worst.

"Definitely the Cater Walk," said Afton Woodward, "since they come up behind you and you can't see them. I'm afraid of getting run over. And going around corners because it's hard to see them and know which way they're going. They're just very scary."

Freshman Carimanda Baynard gave the newer student's perspective. "The amount of carts around the WC campus was a surprise to me when I came here. Sometimes I think they might run me over, but in my opinion it's good because it's making the campus more beautiful and they're doing their job."

Reid Raudenbush, Director of Physical Plant in Buildings and Grounds,

Each buggy in B & G has a number on it, and that number can be traced back to its permanently assigned driver.

When asked his thoughts on the student backlash, Raudenbush is surprised: "This is the first time I've ever had this kind of problem reported to me." He assures that he is concerned that it has become a problem on campus, but that he can only speak on his department's usage of them. "I'm willing to deal with the problem if reported... I will absolutely deal with anyone who is driving the buggies in an irresponsible way" said Raudenbush.

He also proposed the possibility of calling a meeting with his department to speak about "common courtesy."

"Pedestrians always has right of way in our view," Raudenbush assured.

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## Public Safety Report

### NOISE VIOLATION: SC 04-2725

On 9/27/04 at 11:35 PM OFFICERS RESPONDED TO CAROLINE HOUSE FOR A REPORT OF LOUD NOISE. AS THE STUDENT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY BEEN WARNED HE WAS ISSUED A CAMPUS CITATION.

### ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 04-2726 AND 04-2727

On 9/27/04 at 11:43 PM TWO STUDENTS WERE ISSUED CAMPUS CITATIONS FOR UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL WHILE IN CAROLINE HOUSE.

### BURGLARY/THEFT: SC 04-2782

On 10/1/04 at 2:25 PM A WC EMPLOYEE REPORTED THAT PERSON(S) UNKNOWN HAD ENTERED A ROOM IN GOLDSTEIN HALL AND REMOVED A COMPUTER'S HARD DRIVE.

### MDOP: SC 04-2789

On 10/1/04 at 11:51 PM OFFICER'S RESPONDED TO HARFORD HALL FOR A REPORT OF A FIRE ALARM. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT PERSON(S) UNKNOWN HAD MALICIOUSLY DISCHARGED A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

### ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 04-2805

On 10/3/04 at 12:36 AM A STUDENT WAS ISSUED A CAMPUS CITATION FOR UNDERAGE POSSESSION OF AN OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOL WHILE IN THE AREA OF KENT LOOP.

### MDOP: SC 04-2806

On 10/3/04 at 2:16 PM AN OFFICER DISCOVERED THAT PERSON(S) UNKNOWN HAD SPRAY-PAINTED GRAFFITI ON THE OUTSIDE

### EAST WALL OF THE CASEY ACADEMIC CENTER.

### MDOP: SC 04-2836

On 10/4/04 at 11:25 AM A CONTRACTOR REPORTED THAT PERSON(S) UNKNOWN HAD SPRAY-PAINTED GRAFFITI ON THE WALLS INSIDE THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING.

### ASSAULT: SC 04-2837

On 9/29/04 at 12:30 PM A STUDENT REPORTED BEING PUNCHED IN THE EYE BY A MALE NON-STUDENT IN HER ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL. THE SUBJECT WAS IDENTIFIED.

## Young Voters to Influence Election

BY CHRIS THOMPSON

"I must admit, it is starting to feel a lot like Christmas," said Freshman Lex Burns, "Election day is by far my favorite holiday."

While not all voters have such extreme enthusiasm, interest in the world of politics is rising here on campus and nationwide as November 2nd draws closer.

According to The Pew Research Center, 57% of Americans under age 30 say they are giving a significant amount of thought to the upcoming election. That compares with just 41% of young people who said they were thinking a lot about the election at this stage four years ago. Campaign posters, buttons, and reminders to register to vote seem to be increasing in number around WC on a daily basis. The organizations devoted to supporting their candidate are understandably becoming increasingly visible on campus and their activities are being well received by both the college and the surrounding community.

Students, staff members, and Chestertown resident turned out last Thursday evening, September 30, in the CAC Forum for a Debate Viewing Party, hosted by the College Democrats. Some came to support Kerry or Bush and others came in hopes of becoming more educated voters. Junior Patrick Horley explained he attended the party because "I wanted to be around people who actually care about what is happening; people who are making an attempt to be informed...I also wanted pizza."

The debate between Republican candidate George W. Bush and Democratic candidate John Kerry was televised by CNN and lasted 90 minutes.

According to College Democrat Jack Bohrer, the debate event was organized in response to the large number of students who had an interest in watching the debate or who were required to watch it for a class, as well as to encourage voters to become more aware of this campaign's major issues.

"It's important for any voter to make an educated decision, and there's no better way than to see the candidates' exchange," said Bohrer.

Based on additional studies, a relatively large proportion of young voters (42%) say the upcoming presidential debates will influence their voting decision. The primary focus of this debate was Foreign Policy and Homeland Security and WC Students of all political parties agreed that these issues are at least of some importance to them.

Burns, a Republican, believed the most relevant topic discussed in last Thursday's debate was "The ability to lead our great nation through the war on terrorism. The debate was focused on foreign policy and the most important aspect of foreign policy right now is the ability to see America through the war on terrorism." Horley, a Democrat, hopes that these issues will make a statement to voters.

Overall, the event was considered to be a huge success; members of all political parties were present and re-

mained very respectful of opposing opinions. Sarah Cornacoff, a Junior and a Democrat, said that at first "there was a bit of tension" because people would still be clapping in support of their candidate while the other candidate began to speak. Luckily, the group quickly realized this was not the best way to do things and quieted down.

All students interviewed said that it was highly likely they would watch the final two debates and/or attend additional Viewing Parties on campus, though there are none scheduled at this time. "I am definitely going to keep watching!" said Cornacoff, "I want to really understand what is going on in this election [because it] will be the only Presidential election of our college careers!"

Interested students can find out more about the Presidential Debates at [www.debates.org](http://www.debates.org).

## Deadline to Study Abroad Postponed

BY KATE SULLIVAN

You are a click away from step by step instructions for Studying Abroad, which are listed on Washington College's home page. The website includes charts and graphs illustrating the program over the past few years as well as students involvement, contributed by Kelly Keer, Administrator of International Programs.

The facts and figures are interesting, but to grasp a appreciation for the experience, it is helpful to read a personal account.

Senior Erin Honaker is on her second Study Abroad adventure. She is currently studying in Finland at the University of Oulu. Here in her own words, are some insights into Finnish culture.

"I went to an ice hockey game, which is the national sport. The Oulu team is the Karpats (roll your r's and say the a's softly and long when pronouncing.) I visited a couple museum's with my fine arts class. Oulu's not known for their art museums. It was basically one floor of local art work. Oulu's the sixth largest city in Finland, so I'm sure Helsinki's will be better."

Honaker continues, "I met my Kummii family, which is set up through the International Office at the University. I couldn't have imagined a better family. Their house is near the woods where we baked apple crisp. They grilled makkara (Finnish sausage) over a fire in the woods for dinner. We had the apple crisp along with tea. Then we went into the sauna and drank cider."

"Finland is different from the U.S. in many

ways. Finnish people are a lot more reserved than American's. But they are very friendly and helpful when approached. Many are shy about their English, but most of the younger people are able to speak it as it is mandatory to learn in school."

"Oulu is more environmentally conscious than in the U.S. Small examples are that they recycle by separating domestic trash into categories like compost, plastic, cardboard and paper, batteries, etc. You have to buy grocery bags in the store for around 12-15 cents, so people typically reuse."

"Finland is a feminist country, they were one of

American politics and to hear my opinion about Bush versus Kerry. I haven't met anyone here that likes Bush."

"The small differences are also very interesting. Most people ride bikes for transportation. Finnish take off their shoes when they enter a residence. The lettuce in salad's is chopped not torn and when going out for pizza, everyone usually orders their own. They drink a lot of coffee and like to eat makkara (sausages) cooked over a fire. They eat lots of potatoes (usually boiled). They don't say 'sorry' when they bump into someone. The phrase [en yaksii] - excuse me - is used when you need to get by someone. Many people marry in their early twenties."

"Studying abroad is a great opportunity to gain perspective on another culture and by doing so, realizing things about your own culture."

The Study Abroad application deadline for the spring semester has been extended to Monday, October 11. The South Africa Rhodes University program application deadline for the spring has been extended to Friday, October 15. For more information about the study abroad program at WC please visit <http://oida.washcoll.edu> or contact Kelly Keer at [kkeer2@washcoll.edu](mailto:kkeer2@washcoll.edu) or at (410) 778-7762.

the first countries to support Women's suffrage. They even have a woman president. It's very common for women to approach men. Some families are, of course, still traditional, but this is not as common in Finland as in the U.S. A Finnish man I met said, 'Ask any Finnish man and he will tell you that women run the country.'"

"The education is free as are many public services like healthcare because it is a social democracy. The cost of living seems to be higher because of taxes included."

"Everyone I have met wanted to talk to me about

## Voter Registration Eases Political Tension

BY JULIA FRAZIER

As the November presidential election nears, the political tension soars.

"I think the campus is a lot more tense [than last year] due to the election this year," says Kelly Birner, committee head of the voter registration department of the Democrats of Washington College.

Birner, along with another ten to fifteen students, who made up the voter registration committee, sought to harness this tension for good. Their goal was to increase the number of active voters among college students.

According to New Voters Organization, in the 2000 election only 36.1% of eligible voters between the ages of 18 and 24 exercised their right to vote. The Democratic Club of Washington College sought to change that.

Last week, the voter registration committee set up tables outside the Dining Hall and outside the Casey Academic Center with federal voters registration forms available as well as absentee ballot applications for the state of Maryland. According to Kelly, "Overall, between voter registration and absentee ballots we registered 100 new voters."

Committee participants included Sophomore Mali Royer who attended a class at the Board of Elections on helping people to vote. With the help

of Royer, the voter registration committee was able to get the proper forms and instruction on helping people to vote.

After the registration forms were filled out, the ballots were promptly mailed out, courtesy of the Democratic Club of Washington College and aided by the Kent County Democrats, so that they could meet

the rapidly approaching voter registration deadlines of each respective state. (The deadline for New Jersey and Pennsylvania's new voter registration was this past Monday, October 4th and the deadlines for Maryland and New York closely follow. The deadline for MD is October 12th and NY, October 8th.)

Absentee Ballot applications and deadlines for every state can be downloaded from [www.easytovote.com](http://www.easytovote.com).

Although the act to register votes was initiated by the WC Democrats, volunteers and committee members could not associate themselves with a political party.

According to Committee member Afton Woodward, "We weren't allowed to endorse the Democratic Party at the table while registering."

"It's more important for people to vote than who they're voting for."



## DRINKING AGE IS 18

BY LAURA PARR

...Pretty much everywhere else in the world!! And that's only one of thousands of reasons why you should go abroad next semester!!!! You still have a chance - it's not too late to get out of Chestertown in the spring and check out the truly awesome world outside of Washington College!

For anyone who knows me, you know that I talk about study abroad all the time, and how much fun I had in South Africa. Well, I never shut up about it because it was SUCH A GREAT TIME!!!!

I was able to travel every weekend, meet some of the most interesting people, get involved in some cool service activities, and go out to clubs and bars legally! If you've ever thought about going abroad, even for just a second, YOU SHOULD GO! I promise you will never regret going. You'll only regret it if you don't go. People always say, "Oh, but I wouldn't want to miss out on a whole semester." You're wrong!! You'll probably miss your friends, yes, but honestly, the things that you will have the opportunity to experience while you're abroad are so cool and so much fun, you're not missing out on a whole lot here!

The deadline for the spring semester in South

Africa has been extended to October 15, and the other programs have been extended to the 11, so this is your last chance to go somewhere really great in the spring!

Even if you're not a Political Science major or an International Studies major you can still go! You could be Art History, English, even Biology (Rhodes University has a great ichthyology department so you could pick up some cool electives)! Go home this weekend, convince your parents, maybe even convince a friend or two to go with you, and before you know it you'll be jetting off to exotic beaches, fabulous camping in great mountains, and honestly, the experience of a lifetime!

If you're not convinced yet, or if you have any questions, please let me know, I'm willing to answer any questions or just tell you about the cool experiences you can have! Also, check out the Office of International Programs website, you can apply online and find out information on all of the programs we offer here!

*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. -Mark Twain*

## THE END OF THE 20TH SUMMER

BY TOM MURRAY

Well, the summer has come to an end. It has been awhile since I clued the WC world into the ponderings and experiences of Tom Murray. The summer had some weird happenings, and some things even came full circle.

Our illustrious vice president told somebody to f-off. Wow, what a real winner! The irony behind this is Dick's wife was trying to get Eminem in trouble for dropping the F-bomb on his albums. Maybe she should pay attention to her hubby instead of everyone else. Cheney is too busy trying to control the world anyway, why would he need to worry about what America's youth hears...

Just when I thought I had seen it all, Jessica Simpson was upset and bewildered as to why the paparazzi was following her, snapping pictures, and harassing her. Does that seem odd to anyone? This is a girl who allowed MTV into her house to tape her everyday life...

Even odder than this is how Dennis Kucinich managed to get votes during the Democratic National Convention...

And Britney...poor Britney! She goes and gets married then divorced then married and God only knows what next. The neat (yeah I said neat) thing about her is the fact that she is annoyed with several magazines for the pictures they published, which she posed for, saying that they were too revealing. After Britney's first marriage and annulment, her three shrinks decided that she was too unstable to be alone. The solution: have one of her three head-shrinkers travel with her everywhere she went so she did not do anything crazy. It really paid off...

Mrs. Kerry told somebody to "shove it"...

Dubya was Dubya, enough said...

Anna Nicole Smith gained like 400 pounds awhile back, lost it all, now she is incredibly hot again.

Indeed, it was a summer filled with uniqueness (yeah I said uniqueness) because other weird stuff happened as well. I got athlete's foot up to my knees; I fell off a rock cliff in the British Virgin Islands, leading to all sorts of lacerations and bruises, the biggest of which was to my dignity.

At work one day I managed to lock myself in a 115-degree greenhouse for about

two hours. The easy part of the situation was locking my self in the darn thing; the real dilemma was escaping the death box.

Luckily for me, my favorite television show is COPS, so I just went Inner Circle on the door of the greenhouse until I managed to mangle, bash, and clobber my way through the door and into the chilly 80-degree weather that was my euphoric utopia of freedom.

These kinds of things always come in threes, so any of you that know me know what happened this past weekend...

Now for the advice and maybe the point of this article: enjoy life; you never know what is coming around the next corner. Watch your mouth (this one I cannot do, but your mouth has the amazing ability to get you into all kinds of trouble. For heavens sakes, Vote. Eat Jell-O (thanks Peter Knox). Do not think that stars have it easy, they are more miserable than you or me.

Watch at least one of every sports game that WC has to offer. Go to class; you are paying for them. Enjoy college. Forgive and Forget. Live and Learn. Love and Laugh often.

### campus voices

What is the most random thing you've ever done at WC?

COMPILED BY DAN HIMMELBERGER



**"We built a fort in our dorm"**  
Rebekah Hardy and Niki Tripp

**"Took a shot of tabasco"**  
Thomas Stromberg



**"Tried to eat five Saltines in under a minute"**  
Dan Himmelberger



## The "Fruit Peddler" is coming soon!

Please contact Eric Dalski

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### *Nourishment for the Soul...*

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## POINT/COUNTERPOINT THE FIRST ELECTION BUSH OR KERRY?

### ON SUBSTANCE, BUSH WINS

BY DAN HOLLER

You will not hear me say it very often, but DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe was right – the first between Bush and Kerry was won on style, as he predicted. Kerry surprised supporters with short answers and a glimpse of personality. Fortunately for Kerry, the President was not in top form, which made him look all the better. As is often the case with televised debates, the policy was not as important as the presentation.

Neither candidate said anything new in the debate – Bush continued to say that Iraq was the right place at the right time while Kerry continued his criticism of Bush's decision to go into Iraq and how he is handling the current insurgency. The President took a very simple approach to the debate because his policies are straightforward. Kerry, on the other hand, launched a full out assault on going to war in Iraq, despite his initial support. When the Senator did give an example of what he would do differently in Iraq, it either seemed impossible or was already on the drawing board.

Kerry made a series of arguments as to why the war in Iraq was wrong

from the beginning, mentioning everything from Osama bin Laden to saying that Bush's father didn't push deep into Iraq in 1991 because there was no clear exit strategy. It must be noted the points he brought up in the debate were not of much concern when he voted to authorize the use of force in Iraq.

John Kerry anguished over the fact that the U.S. has not been more involved with Iran, North Korea and Darfur, yet he continues to criticize any action that is outside the world consensus. Bush has worked with the international community, even creating regional talks concerning North Korea, a move vehemently opposed by Kerry who wants bi-lateral talks – the irony is astounding.

I lament that this whole article has been about Kerry, but we all know where Bush stands and while Kerry continues to define himself it is imperative that we analyze his word and policies. Remember to watch the future debates and pay attention to policy, not presentation.

### REDUNDANCY AND HYPOCRISY

BY DAVID HOSEY

If redundancy were a measure of success, then President Bush could lay claim to a debate victory with no fear of challenge. In his first face-off with challenger John Kerry, Bush resorted to endless repetitions of his favorite Kerry quote – "wrong war, wrong place, wrong time" – without ever actually addressing the challenge presented by that very quote.

Bush struggled to justify any of the decisions he has made in foreign policy during his presidency, instead relying on the absurd doctrine that having troops being involved in a conflict translates into a patriotic duty not to criticize said conflict.

This is, of course, ridiculous – wit troops in harms way and the death toll in Iraq rising, what better time to critically examine the reasons for being in Iraq to begin with and the way ahead? Bush seeks to use the situation that his own bad decision making has created to justify his continued leadership of the country.

Bush also struggled to prove that he had taken any effective steps in fighting terrorism. He defended

himself against Kerry's accusation that he is not doing enough to protect the country by saying, "Of course I'm doing everything to protect this country – that's my job!" Mr. Bush, in case you had not noticed, the issue at hand is exactly your inability to perform your job effectively. The feeble attempt to argue away such an important criticism ought to be a signal to the country that Bush has gotten himself in over his head. His inability to confront complex issues such as the causes of terrorism and the tricky reality of politics in the Middle East do not bode well for the future safety of the country.

Furthermore, these are exactly the issues that Bush promised to distance himself from during his 2000 campaign – probably because of his discomfort with such complex matters. It is interesting that Bush, who ran as compassionate on social issues and conservative on spending, has turned into the complete opposite and still bases his attacks on Kerry's "flip-flopping." Bush has honed hypocrisy and redundancy to a fine art, but he certainly hasn't gained any understanding of international politics.

## SHOWDOWN TWO: CHENEY VS EDWARDS

BT ANTHONY CAPONE

Tuesday night, for the ninety minutes of the Vice Presidential debate, Americans sat rapt in front of their televisions and realized why dueling had gone out of style: candidates trading angry rhetorical broadsides can be safer, more productive, and even more engaging.

Viewers were treated to an astoundingly bitter clash between two men of very different ideology, personality, and character using every oratorical trick in their arsenal to smear their opponent.

The two men resembled boxers unable to block, opting instead to wholly throw themselves onto the offensive and trade heavy punches. The talking points flew by: Iraq, Halliburton, France, flip flops, lesbian daughters, voting records and attendance. Audiences cringed and jaws dropped. It was the intellectual equivalent of a daytime talk show.

God help me, I was entertained. Tuesday's debate was a beautiful democratic spectacle of the oldest kind. It's easy to imagine the ancient Greeks crowded under the shadow of the Acropolis as Pericles argued that his ties to big feta had not compromised Athenian foreign policy.

For all the entertainment value we derived from the "shock and awe" tactics of Tuesday's debate, there's also a hidden value

to the damn-the-torpedoes, say-anything mentality we witnessed. As dramatic as the various pronouncements may be, once the fact-checkers set the record straight, the spin and distortions are laid bare. In reaching out to attack the opponent, each candidate reveals his character to the public.

In the light of the following morning, statements like Vice President Cheney's grim accusation that despite presiding over the Senate, he'd never met Senator Edwards seem less compelling. Blame the picture of the two of them side by side at the National Prayer Breakfast in February of 2001 for spoiling that jab.

Fortunately, as we risk being swamped by the waves of spin and questionable information, people are remembering that we don't have to take the candidates' words at face value. There's a record out there. It's a record of Cheney on *Meet the Press*, talking about purported links between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda. It's a record of Kerry and Edwards, voting in the Senate for a more responsible use of the \$87 billion for the war in Iraq. It's a record of Cheney in the House voting against Head Start, Meals on Wheels, and the Department of Education. Now more than ever, the public record gives us the opportunity to question the disconnect between hollow statements and clear actions.

Interpreting that record is up to you.

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THE COMIC STRIP



BY JACKSON FERRELL

## Student Ambassadors: Aiding Alumni Affairs

By NICOLE VATTIMO

According to Eleanor Shriver Magee, Director of the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, "The goals of the ambassador program are to attract students who are interested in interacting with alumni and parents. At many of our on and off-campus events, parents and alumni were asking if they could meet and speak with current students. Our student ambassadors will be the liaisons between current students, and alumni and parents."

"This program is an excellent way to build a resume, meet the Washington College community, make opportunities to network, and learn more about what goes on behind the scenes in the office of alumni and parent relations."

"The Student Ambassador Program," continued Magee, "is founded by the office of alumni and parent relations, and it is a new addition to the campus, this being its first year."

Magee also said, "The creation of the Student Ambassador program is funded by gifts, and the initial gift was given by Barbie Parris Lawrence. Lawrence graduated from Washington with the class of '75. She was a devoted Alumna and was involved

in the Washington, D.C. alumni chapter."

Nancy Nunn, associate director for the office of alumni and parent relations, says, "Once we review the applications and select our ambassadors, one of the first events they can look forward to attending is inauguration and fall family weekend. Our ambassadors will be present at this event to serve as representatives of the student body. Off-campus events we are looking forward to having ambassadors attend include a trip to the New York Historical Society, in November, and other regional alumni chapter events."

"In November we have an International Studies and Political Science Majors alumni meeting. This type of event provides a wonderful opportunity for student ambassadors who are majoring in those subjects to talk about internships or get advice from alumni who have experience in those fields."

Magee says students are encouraged to get involved with this program not only because of the opportunities, "but because we want students to spread the word about what the college is doing. It is a volunteer program, and each year we are accepting new members through the application process."

By ERICA SCHULTZ

As announced at last week's SGA meeting, The Roots will be performing November 6th. Starting October 11 through the 15 tickets will go on sale for students for \$15; after that tickets for the general public will go on sale for \$25.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Ryan Humphries attended the faculty meeting where faculty discussed making the Washington College campus a part of the Chestertown Historical Society. At the faculty meeting this issue was debated and then voting against, the reasoning being that making the WC campus a part of the Historical Society means that before structural changes can be made to buildings on campus it would have to go through various committees, thus halting the process of building improvement on campus.

It was also announced at the faculty meeting that the fall semester final exam schedule has exams on Saturday evening from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. This was not very popular with faculty members and it will not necessarily be implemented. They are currently looking at the exam schedule to see if any changes can be made. Humphries also reported that the State of the Majors

report will now be moved to Blackboard so students can complete the report online rather than it being on paper and having to physically turn it in to the SGA office. Humphries anticipates a smooth transition from the paper reports system to Blackboard.

According to Secretary of Public Affairs Tiffany Roos, WAC Haps will be going through renovations to make it easier to read and more accessible.

The organizations committee submitted three clubs hoping to receive recognition from the SGA as an official club. The WC Fencing Team, the Turkish Club, and Phi Alpha Theta club representatives were on hand to answer any questions. According to the club leader of the WC Fencing Club there is already much interest in starting this club sport. The Turkish Club sought recognition by the SGA and hopes to spread Turkish culture on campus. Some events they are planning are guest speakers and a possible trip to the Turkish Embassy. Phi Alpha Theta is a national historical society also seeking recognition. All of these new clubs were passed by the SGA without debate and it is anticipated that some if not all of these newly formed clubs will be requesting funding from the discretionary fund.

The platform was presented to the SGA and approved without debate. Parliamentarian Tammi Porter stressed that these were short reasonable goals that can be implemented. Senior Class President Sara Wuillermin expressed concern that the platform passed so easily without debate.

Wuillermin admitted that she had not read the legislation, which is why she abstained from voting. Since she didn't speak with other SGA members she cannot comment on their preparation she just spoke of her own and she hopes that since the SGA is a legislative body the senators are in fact reading and coming prepared to meetings. One explanation is that the platform legislation was received by senators later than other legislation is.

Speaker of the Senate Greg Schaefer addressed her concern by saying that he did in fact understand that senators may not have had the time to read it but that there are specific time lines set in the Constitution that did not allow senators to receive it earlier.

Wuillermin does not believe that the issue of preparation is something that all senators need to work on. She pointed out the "Senate was able to intelligently debate and then unanimously pass this year's Fall Budget."

### Phi Alpha Theta would like to recognize Sarah Waller as the winner of our College History Trivia for answering the most questions correctly. Congratulations Sarah!

1. Did WC students participate in the Civil War? True or False **Answer: True**
2. In 1851 there was a hanging on a farm outside Chestertown. The owner of the farm was a trustee of the college. How many people were hung? (for killing a family) **Answer: Three people were hung.**
3. What "New Deal" President visited WC for the inauguration of President Mead? **Answer: Franklin Roosevelt**
4. Wm. Smith Hall was burned down in 1916 during Cain's presidency. What year was it reopened? **Answer: 1918**
5. Which famous US President's son visited WC in 1999 to give the commencement address to fulfill her father's promise to return to campus? **Answer: JFK Jr.**
6. What was the original name of Reid Hall? **Answer: Normal Hall.**
7. What year were women first admitted to WC? **Answer: 1891**
8. True or False. Has WC ever had a football team? **Answer: True**
9. What year did WC desegregate? **Answer: 1958**
10. Which professor started the current May Day tradition? **Answer: Lamond**

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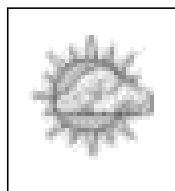
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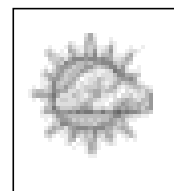
### Weekend Weather

#### Saturday



Partly cloudy; highs in the mid 70s

#### Sunday



Partly cloudy; highs in the low 70s

## Enhance Creativity With Artworks

BY LAURA HUMAN

Are you looking for a way to express your creativity? Artworks, the community art center in downtown Chestertown, is now offering a variety of fall classes. This is an exciting and cheap way to try something new like mosaics, nature photography, or pottery. No experience is necessary.

Muriel Cole, a volunteer at Artworks said, "WC students may find a number of the classes interesting. They are stress-free, small groups that offer a way to express our creativity."

Several classes will be offered that may be of interest to WC students including:

**Mosaics for Beginners:** Students will learn how to make concrete stepping stones and street address plaques with mason Tom Perkins. This class will be offered on October 23 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Basic Outdoor Photography:** Students will

spend a fall afternoon with nature photographer Gillian Smith. Class is held Saturday, October 23 from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and October 30 from 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

**Introduction to Stained Glass:** Instructor Richard Norton will teach the copper foil method of stained glass construction, and students will be able to take home a finished product. The class is held November 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and then 2 more sessions will subsequently be scheduled with the instructor.

**Beading/Necklace Crafting:** Instructor Sheila Gallego will show students how to create a spiral beaded necklace. This class is offered on October 26 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Glazed Ceramic Tableware:** Students can make a clay serving vessel, including a fish platter, bowl, or tray with potter Joan Reed. Simple slab techniques will be used and a glazing time will be determined by the

class. Class will be held October 16 from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

If you're already a talented artist, or simply interested in art, taking classes could be a good way to meet artists who would be happy to share their knowledge.

Since Artworks is a non-profit, volunteer center, the classes do cost money. Most run between \$30.00-90.00, the majority being closer to \$30.00.

A materials fee is sometimes required, but usually only ranges between \$10.00 and \$15.00.

If interested in signing up for a class, or for more information, call (410) 778-6300 or stop by the headquarters, at 306 Park Row, Chestertown, Monday through Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or Sunday 12 Noon-3 p.m. You can also email Muriel Cole for more information at mcole@dmv.com

## Visiting Poet Engages Student Writers and Faculty

BY ERICA SCHULTZ

The O'Neill Literary House and The Sophie Kerr Committee welcomed poet Elizabeth Spires Tuesday, October 5 in the Sophie Kerr room of Miller Library. This was a well-attended event, as many students and faculty, in many cases it was standing room only. Spires is an engaging poet who prefaces her poems with personal stories and reflections. The audience was involved and seemed to hang on Spires' every word. As a poet she made everyone feel comfortable and involved as she read and explained her poetry. True to the form of many successful poets Spires writes about what she knows and what affects her personally.

Many of the poems she read were centered around her family. One series was about her mother where Spires talked about a woman she knew and loved who at times seemed like a stranger. In one poem she was a child looking at her mother when they were sitting in the car; in

the poem she expresses the feeling of loving someone deeply but knowing who they entirely are, as though there is a mystery that a child cannot explain.

The bulk of Spires' poems was about her 13 year old



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daughter. In one poem, Spires writes about her daughter's Halloween costume, a fog spirit. To Spires this was a fitting title to describe her daughter's journey into adolescence. A fog spirit is "an entity that is not tangible; one can see it but cannot grasp hold of it." Spires feels that this is a way of articulating the mother-daughter relationship during adolescence.

Elizabeth Spires has had a distinguished literary career. She has published five books of poetry, *Globe, Swan's Island, Announcements, Worldling*, and *Now the Green Blade Rises*. Spires is also the author of five children's books. Her poetry has been published in the journals, *The New Yorker, American Poetry Review*, and *The New Criterion*. Spires' work can also be found in the literary anthologies *Contemporary American Poetry* and *The New Bread Loaf Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry*.

Spires is also the recipient of a Whiting Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, The Amy Lowell Traveling Poetry Scholarship and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. She has also received Witter Byner Prize for poetry from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Spires currently lives in Baltimore and is a professor at Goucher College where she holds a chair for distinguished achievement.

## Alumni Corner

BY ELEANOR SHRIVERMAGEE

This week, the Alumni Corner will profile an alumna of WC, Lorraine Kenton Polvinale, Class of 1969, and Alumni Council President.

### How did you come to choose WC?

I was looking for a small liberal arts college and a community. I graduated from a public high school with more than 600 in my senior class and came to WC with about 600 in the entire school. That was perfect for me! I wanted to know my professors and for them to know me. I felt it was my best opportunity for a good education. WC also provided me with a generous scholarship - without it I wouldn't have been able to attend college. I majored in Spanish Literature (Dr. Pabon was one of my professors!) and taught Spanish for more than 20 years before becoming an administrator.

### What are you doing now in your career?

I am the Assistant Head of School and Head of the Upper School at Garrison Forest School. My husband, Tom (also a WC graduate) and I live on campus with our kitten, Grizzly.

### What volunteer activities have you been involved in at WC since you graduated?

With my friend Priscilla Valliant Ely, I volunteered for a few years after graduation for the WC fashion show which we hosted in Baltimore as a fund raiser for the college. After that I attended reunions from time to time and I tried to support the annual fund when I could.

It wasn't until my daughter Tina attended WC that I became interested in the college again and began to volunteer more of my time. I have served on the Alumni Council which represents all alumni of WC and I am currently President of that Council. I have hosted

receptions for accepted WC students and their families. We had the chance to meet potential WC students and talk to them about our experiences at the college in hopes that they would matriculate at WC. Some of them are probably WC students now.

Recently I hosted a reception for Dr. Tipson at Garrison Forest School. It was an opportunity for him to meet the Heads of School and College Counselors at various independent schools in the Baltimore area and to share his vision for the College.

### Why do you contribute your time and money to WC?

WC was key to forming who I am today. I graduated from high school having learned a lot but I was educated at WC.

Because of my exposure to many academic fields I grew to appreciate the sciences, the humanities and the arts. I also had fun at WC. Among other things I was active in my sorority (Alpha Chi Omega), I sang in the Chorus and I was a cheerleader. I made many life long friends at WC.

Contributing time and money is the least I can do for WC; it has given me more than I can ever repay.

### Any other comments you wish to share, like a fond memory of your days as a student?

Miss Doris Bell. She was our House Mother in Reid Hall in 1965 and she was quite a character. We had to be in the dorm by 11:00 on weeknights and midnight on weekends. When we came back to the dorm we had to sign in under the watchful eye of Miss Bell! She always had something to say to each one of us - making sure that we hadn't been drinking. She also baked cookies and "mothered" us.

By the time I graduated in 1969 we no longer had House Mothers. We had keys to the dorm and no hours. I kind of liked it the old way.

## NEXT WEEK ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY, OCT 8

Fall Break; No Class

SATURDAY, OCT 9

The 17th Annual Flea Market  
College Main Entrance, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT 10

MONDAY, OCT 11

TUESDAY, OCT 12

WEDNESDAY, OCT 13

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SATURDAY, OCT 16

WC Drama Department presents  
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## VIDEO GAME REVIEW: GRADIUS V

BY JESSE WOLCOTT

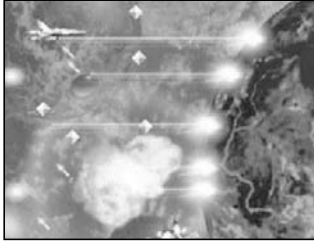
Gradius V is a game recently released that holds on to old school gameplay, while updating the graphics.

In this game you fly a plane, called the "Big Viper" in order to defeat the boss, who remains unnamed, to save the universe. The game used for review was the Japanese version, so I've used the story of Gradius 1-4, as the story remains largely unchanged. It is a side scrolling game, complete with near-impossible difficulty.

In fact, the only things that have changed are the background graphics, the look and placement of the enemies, and the difficulty. The screen scrolls along, as does your ship, and you shoot the enemies, and acquire power-ups. Simple in concept, yes.

The good points of this game are the amazing background graphics, the smooth

and familiar gameplay, and simplicity. Also, there are a plethora of upgrades available to your ship, through many different upgrade paths, which make the game more fun, as well. Altogether, there are roughly ten levels,



each with a variety of different challenges and enemies.

The negatives... As I stated above, there are ten levels. I can't finish level 1. The major con of this game is the ridiculous difficulty. Also,

this game lacks any sort of online capabilities, which has come to be rather commonplace, and in today's game market, almost expected. Even games with no redeeming online qualities should at least provide some sort of online scoreboard. Gradius 1-4 each had fantastic soundtracks, which was replaced by low volume ambient music in Gradius V. This was a disappointing as well.

Gradius V is extremely well put together, and has a lot of replay value, though the cons outweigh the pros. I would recommend picking this game up used, or trying it as a rental. For a serious game buyer, I'd say skip this one.

This game is available at all major game retailers for \$59.99, and is for Playstation 2.

## AN ABBREVIATED HISTORY OF LIFE

BY PENNY MAUSE

Have you ever wondered just how old our earth is, who rejected Albert Einstein's revolutionary ideas, or where the first sign of human origins was?

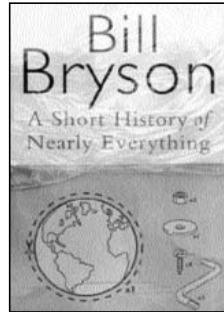
Then Bill Bryson's book, "A Short History of Nearly Everything" is the best bet. Bryson, an incredible travel writer whose bestselling works include "In a Sunburned Country" and "A Walk in the Woods", delivers a compelling account of the history of the universe and some of the most influential scientists who have dwelled in it.

Bryson begins with a view of life in the universe, including the Big Bang theory, how the cosmos formed, and the solar system in general. He spends the right amount of time talking about each subject, not focusing too long on one detail.

What is extraordinary about the Big Bang theory is that "if gravity were fractionally stronger or weaker, if the expansion had proceeded just a little more slowly or swiftly, then there might never have been stable elements to make you and me and the ground we stand on".

One of the things that Bryson could have explored more in the first section of the book is how science has impacted religion. Although that is not the main focus of the book, it would certainly not do any harm to at least put a sentence in about what faith has to do with it.

Some of the other chapters have to do with the scale of things on the earth, such as elements, geographical structures, animals and organisms in general. Some examples he gives are a little scary and humbling, such as when mathematician Charles Hutton decided to measure the mass of the earth is turned out to be 5,000 million million tons.



Not only does his book describe in layman's terms some of the most complex scientific theories, but it also provides some disgusting and strange facts, most having to do with the world of microorganisms. For example, under the chapter "The Richness of Being", Bryson compellingly informs us that "you might not slumber quite so contentedly if you were aware that your mattress is home to perhaps two million microscopic mites, which come out in the wee

hours to sup on your sebaceous oils and feast on all those lovely, crunchy flakes of skin that you shed as you doze and toss".

While not all data is quite as surprising as the preceding, Bryson certainly does a good job of informing about the more useful facts of the world, such as that lobsters can live up to seventy years if unmolested, and that "some two thousand asteroids big enough to imperil civilized existence regularly cross our orbit".

Although the main focus of the book has to do with scientific data and the richness and complexity of life, the other half of it is centered towards the contributions and personal lives of many scientists. The majority of the information about the particular scientists is not as interesting perhaps as the fact that Yellowstone is a supervolcano, or that the earth is roughly 4,550 million years old.

Though Bryson has written many highly esteemed novels and accounts on travel, I believe this may be his best work. With so much research and passion put into it, "A Short History of Nearly Everything" clearly demonstrates not only his thirst for knowledge, but also the talent and ability to share it with non-scientists and everyday people who are interested in how the world works.

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## CHESTERTOWN BAR CRAWL: FOURTH STOR, BLUE BIRD

BY LILLISCHETAG

The Blue Bird is better known to Washington College students as the "Dirty Bird." Whether it is nicknamed that because of the dirty old men that hang out there or because it is literally dirty and smoky, I do not know.

The bar has no definitive drink specials, but they do offer happy hour Monday-Friday, 4:30-6:30. They serve Yuengling, Coors Light, Fosters, Rolling Rock, Bud Light, and good old Budweiser on tap. Coors, Rolling Rock, Yuengling, and Bud are only 75 cents on tap during happy hour. Other specialized beers, such as Fosters and Killian's, are \$ 1.25 on tap. You can also take 25 cents off all bottled beer during happy hour.

This stereotypical Eastern Shore bar has three pool tables, a juke box, and a "Trophy Hunting" videogame. According to the bartender, Fridays are their busiest night.

They also serve a variety of bar food. One customer

commented, "The Blue Bird has the best cheesesteak in town and if you're here at the right time of year, they have a great crab cake sandwich." Linda, a bartender and cook, said, "right now, in the fall season, we offer a lot of homemade soups and chili."

The Blue Bird's biggest advantage over the other bars in Chestertown is location. The bar sits on Washington Avenue, which means for college students it is about five steps off campus. It is quite possibly closer to you than your classes are.

### LIVE MUSIC ATANDY'S

Friday, October 8

Jeff Black is a folk and pop singer, songwriter.

Saturday, October 9

Naked Blue offers bluesy pop-rock.

Music starts between 8:30 and 9:30 and the cover is \$5.00, both nights.

## FIND FUN AT THE WC BOATHOUSE

BY PETER KNOX

Students here at Washington College need not "befriend boys with boats," as the school website puts it, in order to take advantage of the college waterfront property.

You do not even need a swim test to simply get off campus and enjoy the park, pavilion, and docks. John Wagner, Waterfront Director, said that "there was a student who would come everyday and study on the docks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m." Students are not limited, however, to studying in the sun, fishing, or playing Frisbee in the park.

In order to take out the popular "Ocean Kayaks," of which there are eight singles and two doubles, a student must first pass the swim test. All students must have demonstrated that they can swim before using a watercraft, and this test can be taken whenever the Casey Swim Center is open; 7-9 a.m., 12-2 p.m., and 5-7 p.m. on weekdays and 1-5 p.m. on weekends.

Sophomore varsity swimmer and Swim Center Employee Mike Manen says "the test consists of eight lengths that must be completed without stopping, then treading water for five minutes, but you can rest between the laps and treading water."

After receiving a swim test certification, which re-

mains on file and valid for the rest of a student's time at WC, the student should report during the boathouse hours of 2:30-6:30 p.m. on weekdays and 12-5 p.m. on weekends for water fun.

A certified student has the option to take out an Ocean Kayak on the water. As Wagner said, it's "an easy, fun way to enjoy an hour on the river." Or, if a student has some previous sailing experience, he or she is allowed to take one of the four "420" or Capri 14 sailboats for recreational use.

If kayaking and recreational sailing are not enough for the water rat in you, the Rowing and Sailing teams offer competitive experience. Or you might be interested in the Water Skiing Club. Funded by the SGA, this student-run club welcomes beginners and experienced skiers and, as Wagner notes, "is out there everyday." Either way, if you're looking to get involved down at the waterfront there is something for you.

Wagner talked excitedly about college fund-raising for plans laid out in 2001 to build a new boathouse with a second floor for a classroom, student lounge, and balcony overlooking the waterfront. "You have to make things attractive or people won't want to use them" he said.



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## Irritating Trends that Must Cease To Exist Immediately

BY TANYA BORUKHOVA

Trends among the young bourgeoisie today are absolutely ridiculous. Although Prada shoes and Movado watches will never go out of style, most people are guilty of at least one fashion faux pas.

The WCstudent population, too, has committed some note-worthy fashion crimes. Here are the highlights, in no particular order:

The \$5 Chinatown mesh slippers with the cheesy flowers sewn onto them, conveniently created in a wide array of colors, adorn the feet of many WC female students. *Why?* Why not let the Russian grandmothers from Brooklyn who embody the word "tacky" rock the gawdy gear instead?

Wristbands are so punk rock. Unless one is fourteen years old or playing a game involving a court and a ball, the poor soul is risking looking like a complete idiot.

On a similar note, UFOs were cool in 1999; are they making a comeback? Isn't the rave scene over?

To continue the commentary on counter culture fashion, it would be recommended to discontinue the donning of Hot Topic gear. Not to sound cliché, but that is so eighth grade! The goth look scares people, and it is surprisingly easy to trip and fall in those platform Go-Go boots.

The biggest issue that WC is dealing with is the principle of raiding Grandma and Grandpa's closets. Twenty-year old gentlemen should *not* adopt the plaid chinos plus salmon polo shirt look. As a matter of fact, they should be cut off from all shades of pink until their 60th birthday.

Ladies, who look normal in pastels, are for some reason obsessed with pearls. Although this is an adorable portrayal of feminine purity with a slightly coquettish demeanor, half of the time it does not really work. Big, round pearls in the ears are



not flattering unless the subject is named Gertrude.

Another great fashion no-no pertains to certain athletes who feel that it is necessary to tuck their t-shirts into their athletic shorts. This is only acceptable during a game, when such getup is required.

Back to the prep squad, although nothing makes a person feel more at home at WC than a Ralph Lauren polo,

there is no reason to wear two of them simultaneously, especially with the collars up.

Though this great collar controversy will be discussed in greater detail in other articles (see *Collars Up, Kids!*), it might as well be pointed out that flipped up collars are an exceptionally silly way to express one's wealth or appreciation of college trends. How about sporting a Tiffany's money clip or a Dolce & Gabbana suit instead?

While on the subject of the quintessential lax player look, perhaps it might be good to mention that haircuts are a blessing. Also, Farrah Fawcett hairstyles are totally passé.

Finally, the look of the summer is definitely winding down. This means that babydoll dresses should no longer be acceptable when worn in conjunction with jeans. Not only does this look make Kate Moss appear pregnant, but dresses and jeans together should be left at the disposal of residents of New York and Los Angeles.

In conclusion, it is important to understand the transience of fashion and to learn to sift apart the bad trends from the good ones. Relying on Cosmo and Maxim all the time is foolish; so is emulating one's peers without considering the flattery factor of the look for the individual.

## Collars Up, Kids!

BY NIKKI BOONE

I remember heading to class one day during the first week of the semester and spotting a guy who I assumed had forgotten to straighten out his collar before leaving his dorm.

"Poor guy must be running late," I laughed to myself. Little did I know just how wrong I was.

I began to see more and more of these supposed forgetful blunders. It began to spread across campus like an epidemic. (And I mean "epidemic" in every possible disease connoting way.) A new fad had been born — collar popping.

Walking across campus, I constantly expect to see a young Henry Winkler, strutting around in his tight jeans, flipping his collar of his leather jacket before throwing

his thumbs in the air and letting out a casual "Aaaaay."

Only, instead of leather jackets, we now have polo shirts, most often in a God-awful shade of pink or other pastel (something else I will never understand).

Thankfully, there is hope. It seems that this new fad has been confined mostly to the metaphorical walls that are the boundaries of our campus.

Students from other colleges in the area seem to be oblivious to this trend. As one Towson student says, "Why would someone willingly walk around like that?"

Good question.

So, in conclusion, I beg you, unless you are running late, trying to keep warm, or even attempting to hide a few "love bruises" left over from the weekend, as one senior's AIM profile declares, "save your pride, un-pop your collar!"

## A Slave To Fashion

BY KATE SULLIVAN

Fashion. Seven simple letters which unite to create a very dynamic and encompassing concept. Fashion is and has always been a concern for human beings, dating back to the beginning of time. Most older fashion stems from practicality.

Some examples of this practicality are that kilts were worn in Scotland to represent family heritage. Fur coats were worn by individuals to keep warm from the wearing of animals skins. In ancient Egypt, people wore black eyeliner to deflect sunlight and shaved their heads and wore wigs because it was cleaner. In European society, people wore wigs because they did not wash their hair. Hoop skirts were worn by women because men had places with slim door frames so that women couldn't enter. Men used to cut their hair short so that they could perform better in battle. In the 1980s, men used to come home from work to social events and pop their collar because they were loosening their tie. Amish men grew beards to show their marital status.

The changing world around us, more specifically the United States, sparked changes in fashion with new and unique trends. From the 1920s and the flapper craze, to the 1980s and hairspray madness, there have always been fashion icons to make these periods dynamic; the fashion of the moment. New styles in the 14th century were set by monarchs and

prominent personages and were spread by travelers, by descriptions in letters and in costume, by the exchange of fashion dolls. The first fashion magazine is thought to have originated circa 1586 in Frankfurt, Germany; it was widely imitated, gradually superseding fashion dolls.

Fashion designers have been competing for popularity for years.

But how does one choose an outfit to wear or a style for their hair?

There are dozens of magazines, like *Cosmopolitan* and *Vogue*, dangling artificially beautiful models in the face of the consumer, in hopes to gain a buck and more fashion control. There are ads on TV and billboards as you drive to work or the grocery store. And what about the entire music industry and array of A-list movie stars? How would anyone know if they were dressing individually or by the way of society's pressure?

Starting in elementary school, a mindset plagued with peer pressure and acceptance is built for a lifetime. She has a Burberry hat, he has a Nautica shirt, she is wearing a Betsey Johnson dress, he is wearing a shirt and pants that don't match! How much does society put on appearance when assessing someone's worth? John Doe is wearing something very unfashionable, but according to whom? Is this according to you or is it according to *Vogue* or Brad Pitt or Donatella Versace?

## Must-Have Styles This Fall

BY LILLI SCHESTAG

In an effort to persuade college students to trade in their sweatpants for a new look, here are the top fall and winter must-haves.

Chestertown might be a couple hours from several cities, but somehow fashion in this small town is always a couple years behind in the trends of the moment.

Spring fashion week in New York may have just wrapped up a few weeks ago, but let's go ahead and review the essentials for this fall.

Say goodbye to your pointy shoes that make your foot look like you have one big toe. Anyone from Marc Jacobs to Burberry is sporting the round-toe pump in their fall lines.

This season, tweed has gone past the wildest expectations of Coco Chanel.

Anyone from Ralph Lauren to Old Navy is carrying tweed as the most important fall centerpiece. And don't wear your tweed jacket without a stunning brooch. They're the best ornament for fall.

Another great accessory this fall is a clutch bag. As Mugatu would say, "they are so hot right now."

Trousers this fall are baggy. Matched with the right cardigan and newsboy cap, boyish elegance reflects the perfect fall look.

For the animal lover in all of us, fur and animal prints are in for fall. But give fake fur a try, so you aren't doused with red paint while strolling down Cater Walk.

The styles this fall definitely reflect the refinement of the 1950's. Whether it is a sophisticated pencil skirt with a delicate silk blouse and fur trim coat, or a classic

trench, retro styles with "subtle sex appeal" were everywhere on the fall runways.

According to the gurus, makeup this fall is worn both muted and vamped. Try a beige shadow and a sheer, pink lip color. Louis Vuitton's look for fall includes dark, ruby lips with the subtly of a soft, natural eye.

No matter how you treat your wardrobe for fall, make it your own. Mix and match vintage with contemporary to find your own unique style.

I know it's hard to roll out of bed for class and actually think about the clothes you are putting on, but give it a try and maybe you will feel as fabulous as you look.

[Information provided by *Vogue*, *Lucky*, and the *New York Times Style Magazine*.]

## So, Like, Do Colleges Have Uniforms Now?

BY AMBIKA VISHWANATH

Before I came to America, I remember watching those extremely cheesy chick flicks where the popular girls had blond hair, and the 'cool' crowd dictated the mood of the high school. I was assured that college in America was different, that in this open society one was allowed to express his individuality. I have to admit I was relieved, for I am not the kind of person who

shops at generic stores at the mall, but rather buy my clothes in India, and for the most part wear what I like.

Sadly, I have to say that a large section of this college resembles those high school movies I watched of cliques in uniform. The other day in class I saw three girls, though very well groomed for a 10 AM class, all sporting the same outfit: tan Uggs boots, short A&F skirts, and the same corduroy jacket. Now perhaps I

missed the memo, but whatever happened to individuality? Didn't we come to college to explore ourselves and to develop our own uniqueness; not to fit into a stereotype or group?

We are all distinct individuals, which is what makes life so interesting. We have our own values and ideas and we should always feel free to express them. Our own style is a major part of what makes us who we are, and we

shouldn't ever feel as though we can't express it.

College is one of the best places to express that. Granted, some of us have crazy ways of expressing our individuality, but if you wish to walk around sporting a feather boa and sweats at 2pm in the afternoon, then hats off to you.

Once we enter the working world, society dictates a major part of what we wear and how we groom ourselves.

So why not let loose a little, here and now, in college and be who we have always wanted to be.

If you're shy and have always wanted to pop that collar, then I say go ahead and do it. If you've always wanted to wear your favorite Garfield shirt, then you should have the guts to do so! We only have one life to live, as far as I know, and we should live it as individuals!

## Want to be Whisked Away?

BY JOHANNA SCHAFFER

Has the recent political bickering between the right- and left-wing parties been getting you down? Are you tired of the hectic pace which seems to define our lives as Americans? If so, Washington College offers you a way out. Through WC's study abroad program, you have the opportunity to learn about another country, explore a foreign land, learn a new language, and grow as a person while immersing yourself in a different culture and getting college credit.

Washington College has partnerships in 22 countries, with London, Australia, and Ireland being the most popular destinations. However, students can choose from many exciting destinations on five continents.

While International Studies majors are required to spend two semesters abroad, the program is open to any students who are interested and have earned the required GPA of around 3.0. Students typically go abroad either in the spring of their sophomore year or during either semester of their junior year. Summer programs are also available.

Kelly Keer, Administrator of International Programs, stated that although there is no "typical" student who goes abroad, most have a desire to broaden their horizons and learn more about the world.

"The most rewarding part of my job is the positive feedback I get when students come back", she said. Studying abroad, she says, is challenging yet enlightening, and students "come back more experienced and self-assured".

Melissa Pasterkiewicz, who ventured to Kiplin Hall, England, last summer, described her time abroad as an "extremely rewarding experience".

Generally, studying overseas is not much more expensive than taking classes at WC. Students take classes at the universities WC has partnerships with and they count the same as if they had gotten the credits at our Chestertown campus. Extras include plane fare and sometimes living costs, although many programs include room and board at the university.

No doubt the 55 students who are currently abroad are experiencing unique challenges and excitements. How exciting would it be to hike across the hills and dales of England, visit the Louvre in Paris, sip espresso during a three-hour siesta in Rome, or scuba dive in Australia's Great Barrier Reef, all while attending classes and making progress towards your career?

"GO!" is Keer's emphatic advice to all students.

Anyone who is interested in this opportunity is encouraged to stop by her office, located at 409 Washington Avenue, next to the Literary House.

## The IS Program Takes On Inter-University Conferences

BY RACHAEL SKORINKO

Are you interested in International Studies? Do you want to meet with respected leaders and earn recognition for yourself and your school for your leadership skills? Then you should be participating in one of the many great programs offered through the International Studies department in conjunction with the Student Government Association and the International Studies Council.

Here at Washington College the International Studies program offers students an opportunity to meet with respected leaders and discuss foreign policy as well as international affairs.

Part of the International Studies department involves student "model" conferences. The three main conferences that WC students participate in are Model United Nations, Security Council Conference, and the Model Organization of African Unity. Each conference takes a small delegation of students. Each year the student delegation is assigned a specific country to research and represent. They research the country's politics, foreign policy, economy, culture, strategies, as well as their natural allies.

Using this information, they compete in debates with schools from all around the world and they then also use this information to decide how to vote on specific issues. WC students have been participating in these conferences for roughly 15 years winning honorable mention as well as many other awards. Dr. Tahir Shad, the director of international studies, admits "Given we are such a small school, we do well in Models."

The Model United Nations Conference is held at

McGill University in Montreal and is advised by Professor Andrew Oros and is funded by the Student Government Association. It is run like a session of the United Nations. World issues are discussed and debated and then voted on.

Another model conference in which students participate is the Security Council Simulation at Yale University. Students travel to Stanford, Connecticut for four days to discuss foreign policy issues in committees, which represent a specific state. It is done in terms of international law and crisis resolution. This is also overseen by Oros and organized by the International Studies Council.

The final model conference is the Model Organization of African Unity.

This conference is held at Howard University in Washington DC. It is advised by Professor Lisa Daniels and also organized by the International Studies Council.

As for the future plans of model conferences, Dr. Shad says they are hoping to participate in a World Model conference outside of the US. He hopes to be able to send a delegation of students to a conference held in Moscow, Russia as soon as next year.

For more information on these student conferences as well as the many other conferences offered by the International Studies Department, visit their website at <http://is.washcoll.edu/index.html>, contact an IS professor, or join the International Studies Council.

## Looking Towards the Future...

BY RACHEL MAURO

The International Studies program at Washington College offers students a variety of occasions to get involved in conferences or studying abroad, but what would said students do after graduation? They could become diplomats!

"International studies is multidisciplinary in its approach, encompassing the study of history, languages, culture, economics, political science and international affairs," explains the IS webpage.

"Domestic students who are attracted to the program realize the importance of understanding cultures different from their own.

"WC firmly believes that its education is enriched by the study of diverse cultures both within and beyond our nation's borders. This commitment has assumed even more urgent and relevant dimensions in the recent past."

In this "critical time for the study of world affairs", International Studies offers the chance to become engaged in several different cultures abroad, and more so through classes and internships. Think of the number of opportunities an aspiring diplomat would have at his or her disposal!

Any interested students might get in touch with Dr. Tahir Shad, Department Chair, or check out the webpage at: <http://is.washcoll.edu>

## In a World of Global Connectivity, International Studies is the Way to Go

BY GEORGE CONNELLY

The International Studies Program here at WC is growing by leaps and bounds. Currently, there are 46 declared International Studies Majors on campus and an influx of incoming freshmen and sophomores wanting to enter the area of study.

The Big Question is why? What is so unique about International Studies that gives it such a draw? One might say it is the curricu-

lum, which according to the WC website here at WC "gives students a strong foundation of theoretical knowledge as well as practical experience that prepares them for careers and advanced training in teaching, politics, business, journalism, international work, and public service."

One might also add that the possibilities go well beyond the classroom.

Students have the opportunity to further their knowledge with a wide vari-

ety of internships and extracurricular activities which include the International Studies Council, Model United Nations Programs, and the Model African Union.

Registered IS majors are also required to study abroad in order to graduate from the International Studies Program.

For further information on the IS Program I sat down with Dr. Christine Wade to get a professors' perspective. When asked what words of

wisdom she could give to students pursuing a career/education in international studies she advocated for them to "go abroad." She also said "All students should go abroad, no matter what your major. No matter how you feel, even if you are scared about going abroad, the things that are most rewarding are the things that scare you the most."

For information about the study abroad programs you can go to the colleges Current Student Webpage

and click on International Programs.

Currently the College offers 30 different study abroad programs in 25 countries across the globe.

One thing is for certain, the International Studies program here at WC is providing students with opportunities to learn about our world and to actually go out and experience it!

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## SPORTSNATIONWIDE BASEBALL BACK IN DC

BY ANDY ABBOTT

On Wednesday, September 29, Major League Baseball announced that the Montreal Expos will be relocated to Washington, D.C. Montreal has struggled with bringing fans to their ballpark for the past several years, and the decision was made to move the Expos to a city that will draw more fans into the stands. Washington, D.C. was selected over Las Vegas, Norfolk, Va., Monterrey, Mexico, Portland, Ore., and Northern Virginia.

A baseball team has not been in Washington, D.C. since the Senators left at the end of the 1971 season, when they moved to Texas. Bud Selig, Major League Baseball Commissioner, believes that the population growth in D.C. since the seventies will prevent another failed team in D.C.

The team will play for three seasons at RFK Stadium while a new ballpark is being built. The first Washington, D.C. game in over 33 years will be played against the Arizona Diamondbacks on April 15, 2005.

The Baltimore Orioles opposed the move of a team to

Washington, D.C. because of the threat of a decrease in revenue from Washington Orioles fans. Orioles' owner Peter Angelos and Major League Baseball negotiated a deal where the commissioner's office will guarantee the team's value for a period of time. The commissioner's office will also guarantee Baltimore's locally generated revenue for a period of time and assist in the creation of a regional sports network.



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MLB COMMISSIONER BUD SELIG

The process now begins to sell the Expos, and legislation is being presented to the City Council for a new ballpark. Major League Baseball originally planned to announce the new location at the end of the season.

An announcement came early because Washington needed to present legislation before Friday, October 1 in order for it to be passed by Dec. 31, when terms expire for several pro-baseball council members.

Baseball in Washington, D.C. creates a local rivalry, and many fans look forward to the inter-league series between Baltimore and Washington next season.

BY JOHN MARSHALL

The Washington College Women's Field Hockey team started the week off right with a 2-0 win over 16th-ranked host McDaniel College in Centennial Conference field hockey action. After a scoreless first half, McAteer put the Shorewomen on the board with an unassisted goal with 29:55 to play in the second half. Simons scored less than four minutes later, tallying her goal off an assist from senior attack Laura Scimeca with 26:01 remaining.

Freshman goalkeeper Erin O'Brien made eight saves for Washington to earn her first collegiate individual shutout. Nicole Cahill made nine saves for McDaniel. Sophomore defender Katie Madron, junior defender Erin Peyton, and sophomore defender Lindsey Riley each recorded a defensive save for the Shorewomen. Heather Roberts had two defensive saves for the Green Terror.

The team fell to Sixth-ranked Franklin & Marshall College 2-1, in Centennial Conference field hockey action. F&M's Maggie Onasch scored the only goal of the first half with 26:16 left in the period. The Diplomats went up 2-0 on a penalty stroke by Brittney Croll with 30:37 remaining in the second half. Senior attack Laura Scimeca got Washington on

the board with 5:15 to play in the game when she scored her eighth goal of the season off an assist from sophomore attack/midfielder.



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Sophomore Defender Katie Madron



PHOTO BY RACHAEL SKORINKO

Captain Laura Scimeca looks on from the sideline.

Michelle Altman made seven saves in goal for F&M, while freshman goalkeeper Erin O'Brien tallied 12 for Washington. Sophomore defenders Lindsey Riley and Katie Madron each recorded a

defensive save for the Shorewomen, while Erin Benjamin made a defensive save for the Diplomats.

Washington held a 19-16 advantage in shots and a 15-13 edge in penalty corners.

The Shorewomen finished the week with a huge win against Haverford in Centennial Conference field hockey action 2-0. The Shorewomen improved to 5-5 overall and 3-2 in conference play with the win, while the Fords dropped to 2-9 and 0-4. Sophomore attack Shane Moser and senior attack/midfielder Breahn McAteer each scored one goal. Moser scored her goal with 19:06 to play in the opening half, while McAteer scored hers with 30:46 remaining in the second half. Senior attack Laura Scimeca picked up an assist on each goal. Washington freshman goalkeeper Erin O'Brien made two saves en route to her second collegiate shutout. Amie Roe made nine saves for Haverford. The Shorewomen outshot the Fords, 20-3, and held an 11-6 advantage in penalty corners. The Shorewomen return to action Saturday with a 1:00 p.m. Centennial Conference home game against Swarthmore.

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## Volleyball Falls to Rival Mary Washington

BY MOLLIE BINOTTO

This past weekend the Washington College Shorewomen Volleyball team hosted the 29th annual Penny Fall Classic. This weekend turned out to be a disappointing weekend for the Shorewomen.

"Going into tournament," comments Freshman middle hitter Katherine O'Brien, "we knew we were going to up against some hard teams. And we knew we had to our best." And the Shorewomen played well throughout their first-match against St. Mary's college. Sophomore outside hitter Nanna Kozemchak served five aces and pounded down eight kills. Freshman middle hitter Katherine O'Brien, notched 10 kills and eight digs, while sophomore setter Laura Shand tallied 31 assists and seven kills."

The Shorewomen beat St. Mary's three games to one.

Their second match proved to be too much for the Shorewomen as they faced off against rival Mary Washington. This was the second meeting between these two teams and the Shorewomen took their first meeting three games to none. Unfortunately this weekend

Mary Washington had their revenge beating Washington College three games to none with scores of 30-15, 30-27 and 30-21. Mary Washington went on to play Richard Stockton College in the championship round. In that game Mary Washington lost three games to one with scores of 30-23, 30-21 and 35-33.

In the third place match Washington College faced St.



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Sophomore Nanna Kozemchak

Mary's for the second time in the tournament. This match proved to be tough for the Shorewomen as they pushed the match to five games.

Freshman Katherine O'Brien comments, "That match was tough. We beat St. Mary's twice this season and it was really

disappointing to lose such a close match to them." St. Mary's won that match three games to two.

Despite the disappointing weekend the Washington College Volleyball is still having a tremendous season; their record stands at 12-8. This weekend the Shorewomen face off against Centennial rival Gettysburg.

## Shoremen Soccer Suffers Loss to Haverford

BY MELANIE RUPPERT

Washington College Men's Soccer suffered a tough loss to Haverford College this past weekend at the Fords home field. With the 1-0 loss, the Shoremen's record dropped to 0-3 in the conference, and 3-5-1 overall, while the Fords advanced to 2-2 in the conference and 3-7 overall.

Senior WC goalkeeper Ryan Miller made five saves in the game, but Haverford's Ben Bowens sneaked one goal in by the far post off an assist from Josef Bartels. The Fords goalkeeper Alec Aramanda also made five saves. The



PHOTO BY JACKIE OLT

The Shoremen defend their goal.

advantage in both shots and corner kicks was held

by Haverford, as they had 20 shots to WC's 7, and 9 corner kicks to the Shoremen's 5.

Next up for the Shoremen is an away game against Dickinson, another conference game. The Shoremen will be home again on October 20, to face conference opponent Ursinus College at 3:30pm.



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The next home game will be held on Oct 20 vs. Ursinus.

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Men's Soccer at Wesley, 3:30 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Bryn Mawr, 7 p.m.

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SATURDAY, OCT 16

Women's Soccer vs. F&M, 1 p.m.  
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Volleyball at Ursinus, 1 p.m.  
Men's Soccer at Gettysburg, 2:30 p.m.