Avoid Credit Card Debt

BY RACHEL LEVENGOOD

During their college years, many students experience the first chance to make significant financial decisions on their own. Getting a credit card may enhance money management skills. Credit cards have the potential to build a healthy foundation for life long financial well-being.

However, in most cases, college students are given credit cards and have no idea how to properly manage their money.

The Washington Post recently released an article stating the average college student has about $3,000 dollars of credit card debt. Credit card companies may target students since they make up a large part of the spending population. It is not uncommon for students to have one or more credit cards, with an average balance of $1,000. Many companies try to target students with free items for signing up, only to have students quickly regretting the instant decision for free stuff.

Students often feel that they aren't spending real money when they charge on cards or student loan funds, and this feeling is also seen through the use of college IDs.

One female junior who was previously in debt says, "Here at Washington College we use our student IDs just like you would a credit card. Many people don't really care because it's their parents' money, not theirs. I think a lot of people don't worry with credit cards either because our parents usually bail us out."

However, when the bills arrive in the mail that ease quickly turns into difficulty, as one may easily find themselves in a hole larger than they expected.

The problem usually starts in high school where a person picks up unhealthy spending habits since most banks have a minimum age limit on credit cards until an individual is seventeen years of age.

After that the individual is quickly thrown into the college environment without ever really gaining much experience of how to handle credit cards. It is hard to break these habits once they are acquired, especially when they are surrounded by the need for instant gratification instead of waiting and saving.

Dr. Michael P. Harvey, a professor in the Department of Business Management says, "WC students today have to learn how to survive college without accumulating a mountain of credit-card debt. My advice is to avoid credit cards until you have a job and are responsible for your own debts. If you're thinking about law or graduate school after college, it's especially important to keep your overall debt level low."

It is important that if you obtain a credit card, you handle it responsibly. After graduation a student will need a job, a car, and a new home. To do all of these things you will need a good credit history.

Many employers will run a credit check on new employees. Employers want to hire honest employees, and paying bills on time is one factor that indicates honesty.

It is also important for students not to take their credit card everywhere they go so that its use will be kept to a minimum. Credit cards should be used sparingly.

"I try not to use it as a substitute for cash," says sophomore Brandon Horbal.

"I mostly use it for gas or other situations where it's more convenient to use a credit card like making online purchases. I usually have the means to pay for things. Otherwise, it's just more convenient to use the card to pay for certain things. Having credit cards doesn't mean you can just go spend money you don't have."

If you want to go on a vacation, save up the money or borrow it from your parents. If you need new clothes, save up the money, and buy them when you have cash. If you own only one credit card at a time, rather than say two or three, you will have a tendency to purchase a lot less. If you purchase up to the limit on your credit card, discipline yourself to pay it off, or at least pay down the balance, until you use it again. But, whatever you do, do not get another credit card so you will not have the tendency to acquire more debt.

The credit card companies can charge a penalty fee if you are late with a payment and another penalty fee if you go over your limit. College credit card late fees can run 3-4 times higher than those for working adults. Lastly, if it is very helpful if one has their parents involved within the credit card managing process.

Why is Our Campus so Ugly?

Overturnd trash cans adorn the lack of shrubbery around the Western Shore dorms.

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George Washington has seen many changes since the foundation of this school when the college's building campus was considered large and modern and there were no complaints about where to park your horse. Now, with the construction of the new science building and the ever expanding campus, what would George think about the college's transformations?

Adam Goodheart, the Program Manager at the Center for the American Experience, said, "Besides being a druggist about the Buildings and Grounds club cars buzzing around, I think George would be a potted with the construction of the new science building because it blocks the beautiful view down the campus green; George Washington ran a very important in landscape architecture. However, I think he would be impressed with the school's growth and that of the town."

Even through one generation the campus has changed drastically. Joe Holt, Executive Vice President of the College, said, "My recollection of WC stretches back to August 1979 when I entered as a freshman. The campus was very different from what I can see from my office window today. There were two streets that divided the campus. The first was College Avenue and the other was a fire lane that ran from Reid Hall, Linda Hill dorms, and connected with College Avenue at the front of Gibson Performing Arts Center. There was nothing north of the baseball field, no Casey Academic Center, Decker Hall, Daly Hall, or Goldstein Hall. No Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center or Casey Swim Center. No Lit House, Foster House, White Cottage, Service House, Brown Cottage, or Nuhsbaum House. The College did not own the Custom House downtown, nor was there the Lelia Hynson Pavilion. I relate this to help students visualize the transformation that has occurred in the span of 20 years since I graduated in May 1983."

Students who idly watch the campus reflect on them, and many have opinions on the matter of campus beauty. Rowan Lay, a senior, said, "Although the Buildings and Grounds staff does what it can to upkeep the school, there are definitely some noteworthy spots on campus that have been recently neglected. For instance, there is a huge cement hole that lays between the quadrant parking lot and the Example Hall. Until a week ago the hole was a lawsuit waiting to happen; now an orange cone temporarily marks the spot. This is just one example of the ignored problems scattered across campus. It is also impossible not to notice the gross amount of trash next to Tabbot. A futon, a broken lazy boy chair, and a printer lodged in a recycling bin are just some of the random items next to trash bags. These items have remained, untouched, week after week. The pile accumulates new additions but the mess is never cleaned. I bet that sight seriously impresses prospective students as they take campus tours.

Kate Ulrich, a senior and campus tour guide, said, "Generally prospective students are really impressed with the campus's appearance, but they definitely acknowledge the unk-kept areas too. Students always ask about the new science building. Although it is a wonderful addition, there are definitely other build-ings that need more work. For instance, the library, when it was leaking all over the books last year."

The library has gone through major renovations, including a new roof, new carpet, and new colorful furnishings. Some members of the campus have their own opinions about what im-provements should be made to beautify the grounds. Reid Raudenbush, Head of Buildings and Grounds, said, "I personally think that something should be added to the areas around Martha Washington Square, the Casey Academic Center, and the main entrance to campus. These high visibility areas should be more colorful."

Bruce Alexander, the Assistant to the President, said, "Personally I would like to see much more flowing plants on campus, but the college needs to balance many competing interests with limited funds. Another pet peeve of mine is the lack of any kind of plantings near new college buildings such as Goldstein Hall, Daly, and the Western Shore Dorms. It's as if these buildings fell out of the sky and landed on campus. Planting shrubs and plants adjacent to these buildings will soften their appearance and make the campus much more attrac-tive.

"Another concern of mine is the proliferation of trash on campus. They often take shortcuts across the grass and over time these areas become just trash lanes. I see the need for these carts but they should be required to utilize the campus roads, not sidewalks or the grass. I have been an employee at Washington College for nine years and before that a stu-dent here for four years and I have seen a steady decline in the number of plants and shrubs. Also, the Kent Circle area is an eyesore. The grass area in front of Kent should be replaced or something else done to improve its appearance," said Alexander.

Reid Raudenbush, said, "There has been an agreement that there should be more planted beds on cam-pus. The college is going to hire a landscape architect to make suggestions, but first we need the funds. It would probably be a decision made to put into landscaping. The student govern-ment advocates for many changes that could be made. Ultimately it is up to the administration to listen to the students or ig-nore them. I think in this case all parties agree that campus beautification is a major priority."

"It is clear what adjustments have been made, but where do we go from here?" Raudenbush said, "Within the next couple of weeks, we will start the full landscaping around the new freshman parking lot."

Recently, there was also a new drainage system installed near the Western Shore Dorms. Raudenbush, added, "The new science building in front of Montgomery would be underworld every time it rained. The college hired a contractor to come in and make for better drainage. They put sod down over the drain and seeded the rest. It's just too ex-pensive to sod everywhere.

In the future, "The new science building will have grass, oak trees, and a brick sidewalk around it. To tell you the truth, it's going to take at least a year for it to blend with the rest of the campus. Mainly, because there will be a 14 month renovation of the Denning/Decker house after the main structure is complete. The construction trailers will remain long after the science building is complete. And there is always the problem of sustaining the campus after adjustments are made. For instance, there was the huge drought after the construction of the western shore dorms and caused a lot of unforeseen circumstances with the landscaping," says Raudenbush.

Although the staff is small, Raudenbush, said, "The school will sometimes hire a team of eighteen people to cut the grass during the summer and fall. They can finish the job in one day, which is a big difference from my staff of six people, who have other responsibili-ties on top of cutting the lawn."

In the winter months, students are frequently required to mow the lawn. "The college is constantly being evaluated by the college's quick fixes for ice issues," said Raudenbush. "I am optimistic, with a remedy for this grievance. We voted on this year, which is a salt base. Salts is not good for grass and concrete and in the past the salt was thrown in increase traction, but we know it's a mess."

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Circumstances are not always in the favor of those working hard to beautify the campus. Raudenbush, said, “Last year we spent one day with volunteers mulching and such around one of the dorms and all of a sudden a beer bottle came flying out one of the windows.”

It remains a constant problem on campus, but Raudenbush claimed, “We also have a sweeper for the cigarette buds and broken glass.”

Raudenbush went on to say, “There were also some graffiti incidents a couple weeks ago. The locations were outside the CAC and at the construction site. It was probably the same person because it was the same blue paint and the same profanity. It’s gone now, we power washed it.”

Raudenbush, added, “The staff does what it can, but logically it’s impossible. The campus is a big place and we have so many different projects that there just isn’t enough time.”

On a positive note, Alexander said, “During the past three years I have helped to organize a Waits College sponsored annual event called ‘Casey Time,’ which recruits students to participate in the campus beautification efforts. During past years we have worked in the area of Martha Washington Square, Cain Athletic Center and the Miller Library Terrace. Last spring, about 100 students cleaned the Quad area, planted rose bushes at the base of the signs at the main entrance to campus, and planted Crepe Myrtle trees near the Kibler Parking Lot. Typically, the next evening, someone yanked a tree from the ground, destroying its roots. A few days later, someone walked over and killed all the miniature Crepe Myrtle’s planted near the Quad. Needless to say, I was incensed!”

“Casey Time is in addition to the continuing work of the Buildings and Grounds Department to beautify our campus. Also, twice each year, the President’s Office plants flowers around the campus with volunteer staff help,” says Alexander.

“With the new academic year, student volunteers, but the help is seldom given, because students pay so much to go here, they feel they have a right to treat the campus however they want because they paid for it.”

“Meaning, for those people who do not destroy the campus it is an unfortunate situation because they must deal with the mess that others create.”

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The Daily Show’s Jon Stewart: Not to be Taken Lightly

BY ANTHONY CAPONE

Almost nightly, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart mocks the quirks of the American news media for the entertainment of its audience. Contemplating his clever jabs at the media, it’s natural to wonder whether his derision is genuine or just a theatrical display. Stewart’s appearance on CNN for last Saturday’s Crossfire gave a clear answer. He’s not just playing to the crowd. In the scripted universe of political debate shows, a certain amount of restraint is expected from the participants, so when Stewart launched into an earnest tirade against the journalistic dishonesty of punditry he created a surprising spectacle that left the hosts sputtering and the audience laughing. Though he was funny, he didn’t mince words. Twice, he referred to Tucker Carlson and Paul Begala, the hosts, as “par-isan hacks.” Speaking quietly and insistently, he told them that they’d failed their responsibility as journalists to provide constructive public discourse, asserting that Crossfire and similar shows had been reduced to theatrical clashes between scripted and dishonest arguments. Carlson and Begala struggled to regain the upper hand of the show, and repeatedly tried to deflect Stewart. “I thought you were going to be funny,” came on, be funny,” Carlson interrupted at one point. “No, I’m not going to be your monkey,” Stewart shot back. The hosts scrambled to defend themselves and undermine Stewart’s arguments as the discussion progressed.

Carlson seized on Stewart’s interview of John Kerry to accuse him of being a political punchline. Stewart, evidently prepared, shrugged off the attack. “It’s interesting to hear you talk about my responsibility... I didn’t realize - and maybe this explains quite a bit - that the news organizations look to Comedy Central for their cues on integrity.” When Carlson doggedly pressed the point, Stewart shot back. “You’re on CNN! The show that leads in to us is puppets making crank phone calls!” What’s wrong with you?” Running on precise logic and wry humor, Stewart collectively raked the hosts and the news media over the coals. His points rang true. Debates shows like “Crossfire” are painfully unwatchable, full of unrebutted claims, obnoxious interruptions, and feigned outrage. The pointed questions of “Crossfire” are pointless, sensationalizing the most irrelevant aspects of politics and echoing the party lines without serious question.

As host of The Daily Show, Stewart holds a unique position, seemingly a part of the media circus yet holding himself above it. Evidently Carlson and Begala felt Stewart was an insider, ready to share cute and essentially meaningless dialogue. Instead, Stewart provided a remarkably frank and wholly unexpected indictment of the role of the news media in politics.

Who would you vote for besides Bush or Kerry?

“Hitler.”
Justin Thomas, senior

“Mickey Mouse.”
Kristin Koenig, senior

“Senior Niki Tripp.”
Jon Stewart (Not really.)

“Johnny Toll.”
James Vohles, junior

contributed by Rhyan Krist (class of 2004)

We deserve a professional Department of Public Safety that respects the rights of students. With what our tuition is, we have the right to demand a courteous and professional security force.

When the school took the role of employing uniformed and commissioned police, it took upon it the responsibility to use that power appropriately.

Sadly however, we are not getting what we deserve. Unpermitted “key-ins” to student rooms, frivolous citations, and tactics reminiscent of “Cops” have become the rule of the day at Washington College.

“Routine” patrols include swarming into common rooms and questioning the people who are there. What’s next, breaking up ten people for watching the ALCS together? Maybe I should be written a citation for watching baseball without permission.

Funny, and I thought the whole point of a common room was for people to sit together? Then again, the point of having Public Safety is to keep people safe, not to have uniformed agents of the school turning civil liberties into a punching bag.

Should we consider an alternative for what we are paying for?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Nourishment for the Soul...

Catholic Mass is held every Sunday at 5:30pm in the Norman James Theatre in Smith Hall.

Be nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Nourishment for the Body...

Soda and pizza are served immediately after Mass- stay and socialize with fellow students.

Can’t attend the 5:30pm Sunday on-campuss Mass? Mass is also held at Sacred Heart Parish Saturday evening at 5:30pm and Sunday morning at 8:30 and 11:30am.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?
POINT/COUNTERPOINT THE DEATH PENALTY

DEATH PENALTY: JUVENILE OR NOT

BY DAN HOLLER

America is one of a dwindling number of countries (78) that allow the use of the death penalty in criminal cases and one of only eight countries to allow for the execution of juveniles. In 1989, the Supreme Court ruled that juvenile executions did not violate the “cruel and unusual punishment” clause of the 8th Amendment in Stanford v. Kentucky. While the majority of Americans continue to support the death penalty, not all of those approve of the punishment for juveniles.

The Supreme Court of Missouri has brought the issue to the forefront yet again, as it has gone against the Stanford decision and converted Christopher Simmons’ death sentence to life in prison – last week the Supreme Court of the United States heard oral arguments in the case. While the Supreme Court will debate the constitutionality of the sentence, the actions that brought the sentence are crucial.

At the age of 17, Simmons convinced a couple friends that they should murder someone, and they did. Along with a friend, Simmons broke into Shirley Crook’s home at random. After restraining her, Simmons took Crook to a nearby railroad bridge and threw her into the river below.

Many people say that juveniles are not mature enough to understand the severity of their actions, yet that was not the case with Simmons. He took the time to plan a murder with his friends, and to convince them, since they were minors, that they could get away with murder. Who knows why Simmons and his friends liked the idea of randomly taking an innocent person’s life, but there was clear intent and calculation.

Eighteen is a standard of maturity, but murder’s consequence is not the same as voting or serving in the armed forces. A standard age is used for the masses because it is impossible to evaluate the maturity level of millions of people; however, in murder cases, it is possible to calculate an individual’s mental capacity. An artificial age limit should not trump the crime that was committed, especially in Simmons’ case.

Let us pretend, however, that our criminal justice system is perfect, that every person who is executed committed the crime that they are accused of, and that there is no racial biasing in sentencing. The fact remains that, in a society where we must deal with juveniles who are committing murder, the last idea that we need to be validating is that killing those who have wronged us is an appropriate way of dealing with pain.

The combination of environmental factors and destructive choices that lead any person, juvenile or not, to commit murder is different in each case and may never be fully understood. Yet to tell the grieving families of a murder victim that the death of the murderer ought to make them feel better about their tragic loss is to accept the idea that violent choices are acceptable means of tackling problems.

The death penalty should be removed from our punitive system—not just for juveniles, not just for those with mental disabilities, but in its totality. This does not justify murder, it does not accept crime. It is a strike against the use of death to make up for another death, which is a false and, in the end, personally damaging way of approaching the world.

BAD FOR ADULTS, WORSE FOR MINORS

BY DAVID ROSEY

I must beg the readers forgiveness for my slightly off topic response to the question of the juvenile death penalty, but I am not particularly interested in arguing for limiting a system that I feel ought to be abolished in its entirety. The death penalty is unjustifiable.

My opinion is as simple as that. The problems with it are so all-encompassing that it is hard to know where to begin. There is the lack of any statistical proof that the death penalty serves as a deterrent to crime. There is the ratio of African-Americans and Hispanics on death row to whites, much higher than the comparable ratio of violent offenders. There are the numerous cases of people exonerated from death row based on lack of verifiable evidence, miserable conduct of defense lawyers including at least one case of a lawyer allegedly falling asleep at the trial, or recently discovered genetic evidence.

In order to support the death penalty, you must be willing to argue that the risk of killing a person for a crime they did not commit is worth killing someone for a crime that they did commit.

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Homecoming Still Set for Fall

By ERIK SCHULZ

At this week’s SGA meeting President Mike Shaffer and Amanda Barnes, Vice President of Student Services and Campus Properties, addressed a stolen banner on campus. They stressed that this is not an issue to be taken lightly as it is dangerous and has caused many people to be injured. Barnes also spoke about the fire alarm being set off at 3 in the morning in Caroline. Apparently someone discharged a fire extinguisher causing the fire alarm to be pulled. Barnes stressed that this is not only a nuisance but dangerous as well.

Two more clubs asked for funding from the discretionary fund. The Table Tennis Club asked for $75 for a registration fee and the Freshman Class asked for $300 for a holiday fundraising party. Both clubs were allocated, those funds and the discretionary fund now stand at $1,676.

Shaffer announced that President Baird Tipson has looked over the platform that was approved by the Senate. The last issue not to be dealt with, such as the debt of Birthday Ball not being finalized, is whether the platform is approved by the Registrar’s Office. As for funding, a small group addressed the issue last year and has prepared a draft of their proposed new policy that will be sent to the Senate. The last issue regarding study abroad was not being offered to all the countries that students want to visit in their program. Students sometimes have to withdraw from Washington College and go through another institution, study abroad program. As a result, students are at risk of losing previously awarded scholarships if they have withdrawn.

The SGA sees this as a deterrent for students to study abroad and has had this matter investigated. Tipson assured the SGA that the draft policy to study abroad is addressing this concern.

The platform also asked that the scheduling of classes be improved upon. Classes required for a major are often scheduled at the same time or are only offered once a year or every few years. Tipson says that the new Registrar will look into this and make a careful study of this issue.

Other issues included dining hall concerns, campus grounds improvements and dormitory improvements. Tipson suggests going to Barnes with problems and grounds and maintenance issues. For dining hall concerns he suggests talking to Darrell Jester and that the administration is looking into dorm improvements.

The outstanding issue was legislation stating that Homecoming should be moved to the spring to coincide with the lacrosse season.

Since Washington College does not have a football team and Homecoming events in the past have not been well attended in the past it should be moved to the spring in order to increase its popularity. Some senators were opposed to this, not only because it may be a matter of tradition, Homecoming being a fall event, but they felt that the events were simply not well publicized enough and not enough work is being put in to guarantee the success of it.

Senator James Vorhies expressed concern that if Homecoming was moved to the spring there will not be any fall events on campus. Birthday Ball is the main spring event and there is some concern that there will be nothing happening in the fall and the possibility of the SGA overextending itself by putting two spring events.

The legislation did not pass due to time constraints. According to the Constitution legislation, that students who receive 48 hours prior notice need a 3/4 vote in order to pass. Legislation presented with less than 48 hours notice or, if presented at the meeting, it requires a 4/5 vote in order to pass.

This legislation did not receive the 4/5 vote and therefore did not pass. Senators who opposed to the legislation were urged to work on Homecoming in order to make it more popular.

Service Council Donates to AIDS Cause

By LAURA MESSERLY

When asked to name a Washington College organization the Service Council is probably not one that first comes to mind. Although many of the activities sponsored by the organization benefit the campus and the community, the event they most recently took part in supported a much larger cause.

The AIDS Walk, held each year in Philadelphia, has always been a rewarding experience for the Service Council. In past years, students from the council have enjoyed participating in the event and contributing to the cause.

This year, the Service Council supported the event by collecting $125 and donating it to the AIDS Walk Foundation.

"There are different sponsors that donated money," explained Julie Smith, co-chair of the Service Council. "Friends and families were big supporters. Also, there was a fraternity that decided to participate.

The donation made by the council was joined by thousands of others that were raised by those who participated in the walk. Sunday October 17.

What started in 1987 as a walk-a-thon to raise public awareness has now grown to become an extensive all day event. Beginning at eight o’clock in the morning with the reading of names, the day of the AIDS Walk went on to include a 12K run, a 10K walk and a one mile stroll. Throughout the event musicians took the stage and provided the participants with live entertainment.

Participants could either register as an individual or as a group of five or more. They were asked to get pledges from sponsors but had no required amount they had to donate. Even though there is no minimum donation necessary to participate, there doesn’t seem to be a problem with encouraging participants to get sponsors. The funds raised from this year’s event reached a spectacular sum of $84,787.71. The money will be used to support local organizations that provide services to those with HIV and are committed to educating the community about aids prevention.

The AIDS Walk is just one of the many events supported by the Service Council. Even though many students haven’t heard of this organization, anyone who participated in freshman orientation has taken part in one of their events.

"Into the Streets helps to unite the freshman class together through service," explained Smith.

It is the service council that is in charge of organizing this activity where the new freshman go out into the surrounding area and perform various community service activities.

Some of their other activities include: promoting recycling, the Empty Bowls Project and a Blood Drive held in the spring.

Also, during spring break, the Service Council is participating in Habitat for Humanity with Darrell Smith.

The next activity on the Service Council agenda is Annual Hunger and Homelessness Week, which will be held in the beginning of November.

"During this week students are able to experience the lives of a poor person and reflect on how many people live in poverty around the world," said Smith.

The Student Council provides many opportunities to both the local community and the larger community that surrounds us.

"We are always looking for more people to be involved in this club and bring new ideas," encouraged Smith.

Anyone interested in participating in the council or any of their activities can look for the e-mail sent out by the organization or visit the Service Center website at http://career.washcoll.edu/cal/campus.html.
This Weekend......Experienced Eyes Exhibit

BY LILLI SCHESTAG

Painting, photography, prints and sculpture now fill the Tawes Gallery in the Gibson Performing Arts Center. The current show is titled "Experienced Eyes: Recent Work of Washington College Department of Art Faculty and Alumni." Recent alumni displaying works are Chelsea Cates, Christina Grandberg, Sam Guthridge, Greta Joe, Kevin Kelmartin, and Bridget McKevitt, Marilee Schumann from the class of 1971 is also displaying her work. Faculty members contributing work include Jennifer O'Neill, Miles Varner, and Scott Woolever. Woolever, an art lecturer, said, "It's funny that you want to quote me because my art is composed of quotes."

You'll notice that I am influenced by events in my life and words are a method of reflection. All my works involve words in some way.

WOOLEVER IS A NATIONALLY-RENOURED PAINTER AND LANDSCAPE ARTIST AND IS CURRENTLY AN ART ARTIST AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

Woolever said, "I think this exhibit marks a milestone in the college's history; it is certainly representative of the Art Department's growth. I think it's come together beautifully and I hope people make an effort to stop by and see it."

The show went up this past Wednesday and will remain in Tawes until November 8. It is open daily from noon to 4pm.

Supporting the Washington College Art Department and visiting Experienced Eyes. This may be a busy weekend, filled with President Tipson's inauguration, family weekend, and fireworks, but Experienced Eyes isn't just another event. This is the one event on campus that will be filled with friends, family, and creativity.

Alumni Corner

CONTRIBUTED BY ELEANOR SHERIDAN-SMAGGER

Freshmen! Want to humiliate those uppity seniors? Sophomores! Want to prove that you're the cream of the campus? JUNIORS! Want to set the standard for excellence? SENIORS! Want to leave a lasting impression on the underclassmen? Alumni faculty and staff! Want to show what a WC education really means? Non-alumni faculty and staff! Want to show off your strength? They can compete in the SECOND ANNUAL PUMPKIN TOSS!

Sponsored by the Alumni House, the event will be held on Thursday, October 28 from noon to 2 p.m. on the campus green. The rules are as follows: Each class will be entitled to ten tosses. The class that throws the longest toss will win the trophy. The first ten people in each class that sign up at the alumni house will be your class competitors. Come cheer on your class as they compete for the coveted title of "Best in Tosse!"

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Latin American Women Highlighted in Tres Vidas

BY ERICA SCHULTZ

Latin American women were celebrated last Monday evening when the musical core ensemble Tres Vidas performed in Tawes Theatre. The trio is based on the theme of solidarity among Latin American women: Frida Kahlo, the renowned Mexican painter, Salvadoran peasant and activist Rufina Amaya, and Argentine poet Alfonso Storni. The performance was written by Jennifer O'Neill, a Chilean scholar and award-winner who is a professor of Spanish Literature at Wellesley College. Recently, O'Neill was named a Fellow of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University.

Tres Vidas is currently touring throughout the United States. The music included arrangements of popular and folk music from Latin America, with music by tango master Astor Piazzolla and new music by composers from Mexico, Argentina, and Cuba. Transcripts of Astor Piazzolla's works as well as new music written for the Core Ensemble by Osvaldo Golijov, Orlando Garcia, Pablo Ortiz, and Michael DeMurga. Georgina Corbo played the three actresses with images from Frida Kahlo's life, excerpts from Alfonso Storni's poetry, and passages from Rufina Amaya's testimony about the Spanish Civil War in El Salvador. This event was sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages, Literature, and Culture. The event was spearheaded by Professor George Shivers, Spanish professor and chair of the Department of Foreign Languages. Shivers first became aware of Tres Vidas in the fall of 2002 when he received a mass e-mail. Shivers worked on getting funding for the event and the Kent County Arts Council helped to bring the program to Washington College. The event was open to everyone; local high schools and colleges in the area were informed that Tres Vidas would be performed and were encouraged to attend.

Shivers felt that this was a beneficial and culturally enriching experience to students. Those interested or studying history, Hispanic Studies, music, and drama would especially benefit from Tres Vidas which highlighted all of these aspects. Shivers emphasized that this was a positive reception and getting Tres Vidas to Washington College "was well worth the effort."
**CHESTERTOWN BAR CRAWL: A HAZE?**

By LILI SCHMIDT

After visiting each bar in Chestertown, it is impossible not to notice that the town does not recognize any of the non-smoking policies that appear in most restaurants and bars in the rest of Maryland. The Blue Bird and Newt's are by far the smokiest bars in Chestertown. For a non-smoker, breathing in these bars is worse than being forced to smoke a cigarette.

On a busy night, Andy's can certainly compete for the smokiest bar, but at least they enforce that their lounge be a non-smoking area. Not to mention that the smoke doesn't blow into the lounge from the rest of the bar, but they make the effort to appease everyone.

O'Connors also offers one night a week that is deemed smoke free. The owners of O'Connors said, "Thursday night is smoke free, while the kitchen is open. We know that a lot of people don't come in because of smoke and this is a way to please more people. If it works out then we might start having more smoke free nights." This certainly makes a big difference for a non-smoker.

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**Championed**

By WILL GROFIC

If you asked me last year to pick between the two biggest basketball video games, NBA Live 2004 or ESPN Basketball 2K4, ESPN would have been the quick answer, followed by a stare at the audacity of the question.

Last year, ESPN beat out NBA Live in every aspect: game play, graphics, and longevity. Longevity pertaining to how long one could play the game without getting bored (if you're paying 40 plus dollars for anything, it better capture one's interest for a while).

The franchise mode in ESPN 2K4 far surpassed the limits that were set by NBA Live. On draft day, and the scouting before it, ESPN were set by NBA Live's engine and body in good condition. Anything, it better capping bored (if you're paying the game without getting bored). Last year, ESPN's engine and body in good condition.

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The gameplay was a lot more fluid than Live's. Just all around a better game.

This year, a new champ is crowned. Where last year ESPN was a step ahead of Live in all facets, ESPN seems to have taken two steps back, while Live took two steps forward.

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**NBA LIVE OR ESPN BASKETBALL? WHAT TO PICK IN 2005**

By WILL GROFIC

Live's gameplay is more fluid, loss clunky, and not as sporadic. Whereas Live dealt with and improved their flaws, ESPN took things that weren't flaws and made them flaws.

The first rule of video games is to never dramatically change the configuration. A perfect example of this is Madden. Over at EA where Live and Madden are made, they know this.

ESPN, being only 20 dollars, seems to have just thrown together a distant cousin of last year's amazing game, just to see if people would notice and we wouldn't care because of the cheaper (by 20 dollars) game than Live.

Well, I noticed. And it's a shame. Live has also added an All-Star Weekend, which is fantastically addictive (GREAT for us college kids). The 3-point shot attempts are realistive, as are each of the great 3-pointers' shots.

Reggie Miller's freak shot is preserved; Pat Garrity and Larry Bird have a strikingly similar shot.

The best of it all is... DUNK CONTEST! Who is 6'0 and alway wanted to control Rudi Webb in the dunk contest? Who wanted to be Jordan and jump from the foul line? Who wanted to be Anya and Dominque and do his Tomahawk! Great configurations are there, too. This is the shining star of the game.

Great for if you have friends, and even better if you don't.

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The Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man: A Fluffy Nemesis?

By Tanya Borukhova

On June 8, 1984, for the tenth anniversary of the ghostbusters movie, the famous Marshmallow Man was again on screen. The Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man, though only playing a very short and minor role, simply served as a very interesting and unique change in final battle scenes.

He is composed of the loveable American treat, marshmallows, but in the form of a large, angry character comparable to King Kong. I tried to think of the most harmless thing.

Something I loved from my childhood. Something that could never, ever possibly destroy us," said Ghostbuster Ray. According to Internet Movie Database, there are some interesting facts about the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man. For instance, the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man was originally supposed to come up out of the water right next to the Statue of Liberty, to show a contrast of size, but the scene was too hard to shoot.

Marshmallow fluff, despite its sky-high caloric count, is one of the coolest food inventions ever.

The stuff was invented in 1933 and was so popular that the Fluffettes were heard on a weekly show on Yankee radio. "Now it is a cult favorite, alongside with spam and sugar daddies. Whether its purpose is to entertain the expanded minds of tetrahydrocannabinol consumers or to give kindergarten an alternative to PbA for lunch, marshmallow fluff has numerous uses."

What can you put marshmallow fluff on? First of all, the classic combination is a peanut butter and fluff sandwich. An error, especially in the delivery of lines, as by an actor or announcer.

The eggs frying themselves earlier in the movie, are sitting next to a package of "Stay-Puft" marshmallows. There is also a large advertisement for "Stay-Puft" marshmallows (complete with the Marshmallow Man) visible on the side of a building.

The "marshmallow" goo was actually shaving cream, and more than fifty gallons were dumped on Walter Peck (Environmental Protection Agency Administrator), almost knocking him to the ground. The Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man suits the eggs frying themselves earlier in the movie.

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French Club Presents A Culture Night

BY STEPHANIE GARINER

If you thought French food was just wine and cheese, think again. On October 16th, the French Club hosted a night of French cuisine in the basement of East Hall. Cooking began at twelve noon and did not stop until the hot potatoes and desserts were pulled out of the oven at around six p.m., a comedy about a French grad student who studies abroad in Spain for a year and how his friendships with his flatmates in Barcelona change his outlook on life. After the film, it was time to clean up. Twelve members of the club, plus Professor Katherine Maynard, the faculty advisor, were each able to take leftovers back to their rooms or apartments.

Everyone had a wonderful time cooking new recipes and trying new tastes. Do you want to know about the next event the French Club hosts? The French Club will be hosting a meeting on November 2 at 8:30 pm in East Hall basement: come and join in the fun.

Salloch Prize Recognizes Excellence in Foreign Language Study

BY RACHEL MAURO

Washington College offers awards for achievement in athletics. They also offer awards for achievements in literature and science, music and dance. But what about achievements in the studying of a foreign language and culture? Are these students awarded?

The Salloch Prize is named after Henry Salloch who was a long time friend of the Department of Foreign Languages. His wife, Dr. Erika Salloch, and Professor Emerita of German make this prize possible through their generosity.

The award was first given in 1988 to two students, Sean Moore Iretton and Aina Ingrid Carlsson. More recently in 2004 it was awarded to Florin Ivan.

The Salloch Prize is a cash award along with a certificate that is awarded to one or more students each year as a way to recognize academic achievement and personal commitment to the study and understanding of other cultures.

In order to be considered for this honor, you have to apply through the Foreign Language Department.

Professor Shivers Influences Hispanic Immigration on the Eastern Shore

BY KATE SULLIVAN

Dr. George Shivers, the Foreign Languages, Literature and Cultures department chair, has been at Washington College since the fall of 1989. Recently interested in Hispanic immigration on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware, he has conducted research, including interviewing immigrants and taking oral histories.

He now shares with us his findings thus far:

“My interest in Hispanic immigration on the Eastern Shore was a natural outgrowth of my broader interest in and love for Spanish American culture. It was also motivated by my increasing awareness of the problems facing immigrants in the local area. I found that I was frequently surprised, because I speak Spanish, to act as an interpreter for local agencies, such as Social Services, the Health Department, the police, the courts. “Became increasingly interested in learning more about this population which by the 1990’s was clearly increasing exponentially on the lower Peninsula and to a lesser but evident extent here in Kent County. I decided to devote my sabbatical semester in 2000 to pursue that interest by living and working in the Salisbury area. I wanted to do my work there because the effects of Hispanic immigration were much more evident.”

“During that period of several months I began to work with a gradually widening circle of immigrants. By the end of my sabbatical I had interviewed about 45-50 immigrants. I also found myself providing much needed services, even teaching an ESOL class for immigrants in a local church, and providing transportation and interpreting services when needed. This helped me build a rapport with my circle of interviewees.”

“Most were young men between 18 and 35, some single, some married with families in Mexico, all were from Mexico, with the exception of one couple from Chile. I met a few women and family groupings as well. Clearly, the largest group were migrants. I also found myself interviewing about 45-50 individuals. I interviewed about 45-50 immigrants. I also found myself providing much needed services, even teaching an ESOL class for immigrants in a local church, and providing transportation and interpreting services when needed. This helped me build a rapport with my circle of interviewees.”

“I presented the results of my work at a symposium on immigration held at Salisbury University in 2001. I also collaborated with two colleagues, Dr. Timothy Dunn, Sociology professor at Salisbury University and Dr. Ana Maria Aragonés, a professor at the Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City and a specialist in international immigration. I am the third author along with Dr. Dunn and Dr. Aragonés on a book chapter that will be published next spring. The chapter is based on our research and deals with immigration issues here on Delmarva.”

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Red Sox Depending on Curt Schilling

BY ANDY ABBOTT

After watching the New York Yankees embarrass the Boston Red Sox in game three of the American League Championship Series, returning pitcher Curt Schilling felt the Red Sox were not up to their usual standard. "The Red Sox are not the team that everyone expects them to be," said Schilling. "This is a team that won fifty games, but they lost only twenty-six in the second half? I think the team that quickly eliminated the Anaheim Angels from the playoffs in three games?"

After recovering from their disgusting nineteen to eighteen loss and watching games four and five, I finally recognized that the Atlanta Braves in game six after winning the first three games, and in 1999, the Braves finished off the New York Mets in the same scenario.

In order for the Red Sox to win game six, they need Curt Schilling to last more than three innings and give up as few runs as possible. The Red Sox and Yankee pitching staffs are exhausted after pitching twelve innings in game four and fourteen innings in game five. Schilling pitches effectively in front of the New York crowd, and if the Red Sox can figure out Yankee starter Jon Lieber, there will be a game seven.

BY JOHN MARSHALL

The Washington College Field Hockey team did not go far this past week losing two close road games.

The first loss occurred against the number-one ranked Salisbury Sea Gulls.

Top-ranked Salisbury University, the defending NCAA Division III Champions, improved to 14-0 this season with a 3-1 win over visiting Washington College in a non-conference field hockey game. The Sea Gulls got two goals from Messi Cameron in the win. Washington (6-6) held Salisbury off the scoreboard in the first half despite the Sea Gulls’ 13-1 advantage in shots and a 14-1 advantage in penalty corner periods in the period. Salisbury finally solved Washington’s defense with 29:25 to play in the second half when Webster scored off a assist from Erin Budd.

Megan Powell made the score 2-0 when she lifted a rebound shot high into the goal. Webster scored her second goal on a penalty stroke with 9:47 left. Freshman attack/midfielder Rachel Miller scored the Shorewomen’s goal with 2:45 remaining when she blasted in a shot off an assist from Scimeca. The assist gave Scimeca 119 points in her career, tying the school record established by Christyl Arrabal.

The Washington College Field Hockey team has three defensive saves to boost their team-leading total this season to eight. Sophomore defender Katie Madron recorded two defensive saves, while senior defender Tarra Boulden and Scimeca had one each. The Sea Gulls held a 30-6 advantage in shots and a 29-3 advantage in penalty corner periods in the game.

In the second game, the number sixteen-ranked Gettysburg Bullets managed to hold off the surging Shorewomen offense with a score of 1-0.

Sports

New WC Club Takes to the Ice

BY ASHLEY SMITH

Last September, when sophomore CJ Rutkowski, came to Washington College as a freshman, he was excited to participate in the ice hockey program that he thought existed on campus.

What he quickly found out, however, was that the program was no longer active. After doing a bit of digging, Rutkowski discovered that the student previously responsible for maintaining the Ice Hockey Club on campus had graduated, and none of the members were familiar with what to do to keep it running. He found out that some- time in the last two years the team was basically put on hold. Rutkowski was not familiar with what to do to keep the team going.

The last time the club had disbanded, and that ice hockey was no longer recognized by the campus.

Rutkowski decided that he would start the club in September of last year, but due to the American Collegiate Hockey Association’s (Club Hockey’s Governing Body) deadlines, I didn’t have enough time,” Rutkowski said of his first attempts to form the organization.

He didn’t let that block in the road stop him, though. Rutkowski pressed on, getting advice from faculty and taking the necessary steps to reach his goal. Former wellness director, Ian Bunch, was very helpful in guiding Rutkowski in the right direction.

The club needed to be recognized by the SGA in order to get the ball rolling. Once it had been, Rutkowski then needed to see if there was any interest in playing hockey by the students.

When he realized that there was interest, he started searching for a rink on the Eastern Shore that would give him ice time to play.

He found the Pond Ice Arena in Newark, Delaware, and once he confirmed that he and his teammates would have a place to play, he set out on his most dubious task: getting the team recognized by the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

Gaining recognition as a new team was the hardest and most time consuming task, Rutkowski said. Eventually the team was recognized by the ACHA, and the next step was joining and registering a specific league. The Mason Dixon Collegiate Hockey Association was the league that WC Ice Hockey aimed to be a part of.

“Our team needed to get voted into the MDCHA this year at the league meeting at George Washington University, which I had to attend. We voted in at that league meeting, and from there all of our games were able to be scheduled,” Rutkowski said.

A final, and difficult challenge that the club faced was the issue of funding.

“Until last year, I was my biggest concern, because of the expense of the sport mainly due to ice rental,” Rutkowski said. “However, with the help of the SGA and our sponsors, we have been able to make the club dues more manageable for the players to pay.”

After one year of seemingly uphill battles, with help, Rutkowski was able to establish the WC Ice Hockey Club on campus. Currently, the team has a roster of about 13 players and also has enlisted the assistance of a coach and team manager. The team practices every Tuesday night from 11:30 pm until 1:00 am at the Pond Ice Arena in Newark Delaware. Their season runs from October until February, and they currently have games scheduled against Johns Hopkins University, Mt. St. Mary’s College, Catholic University, Dickinson College, Salisbury University, Gettysburg College, Loyola University, and George Washington University, and American University.

The Ice Hockey Club will play nine home games at Pond Ice Arena in Newark over the course of their season. The season opener will be on Friday, October 29 versus Salisbury University, and WC students are encouraged to attend and support the dedicated group of individuals who have put so much effort into maintaining their passion for the sport.

“Coming from New Jersey where high school and travel hockey is very competitive and popular, I was shocked to see both the lack of rinks of the Eastern Shore and the lack of interest in the sport,” Rutkowski concluded. “I think having a team here at Washington College well represents the school within the hockey community and among other colleges and universities in the area.”

WC Club Ice Hockey is open to all students. For more information or directions to the Pond Ice Hockey rink visit the club’s website at http://students.washcoll.edu/ClubPages/hockey.html or contact CJ Rutkowski at crutkowski2@washcoll.edu
Want to Bid on Some Rare Sports Items?
Come to the Tennis Courts at 10 a.m. this Saturday and you can!

BY MEGAN BLOCK

The Men’s and Women’s Tennis team will be holding their second annual Co-am Doubles Tennis Tournament next Saturday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Shottland Tennis Center. This event is a fundraiser to help support the tennis teams. The day includes a free lunch, tennis exhibition, silent auction, door prizes, raffles, and much more!

Some very rare items will be included in the silent auction. Signed items include a jersey from Cal Ripkin, a baseball from Cal, a baseball signed by Kirby Puckett, a football signed by thirteen Ravens players, and a basketball signed by Gary Williams (UMD head coach).

Bidding is NOT limited only to the ones playing in the tournament. Don’t miss this event! Come out and support WC Tennis!

For more information, please call Coach Constantine at 410-778-7259 or e-mail at tennis_coach@washcoll.edu.

Shoremen Soccer: Losing Streak Continues

BY MELANIE RUPPERT

The Gettysburg Bullets shot down the Shoremen’s hopes of ending their losing streak in the Centennial Conference as they defeated WC 2-1 this past weekend at Gettysburg’s home turf. The Shoremen dropped to 3-8-1 overall, and 0-5 in the conference as the Bullets improved to 7-5-1 and 4-1-1 respectively.

The Bullets took the lead late in the first half when Matt Varner scored on a header. Chris Borcik soon made the score 2-0 when he was assisted by Brad Tabor with 55:55 remaining. WC head coach Lin Outten commented, “Gettysburg came at us pretty hard from the start of the game, and after holding them off with some tough defensive play we gave up two similar type goals after loose ball scrambles in front of our goal.” The Bullets held the advantage in both shots and corner kicks, as Gettysburg had 25 shots to WC’s 8, and 12 corner kicks to the Shoremen’s two.

The Shoremen picked it up in the second half of the game as sophomore forward/midfielder Jonnie Jenkins placed a shot in the net from ten yards out. The Shoremen goalkeepers all demonstrated their best effort; senior Ryan Miller and sophomore Sean Ferri each made two saves while freshman Mike Gillis made one. Coach Otten said of the game, “The final 30 minutes we played much better and attacked much faster. Jenkins scored a great goal from outside the penalty area and we nearly tied the game on a couple of other chances. This was another one goal game, as most of the games in our conference seem to be.”

The Shoremen’s next home game is on October 23 against Franklin & Marshall at 1:00 p.m.