By Faith Paulick

"The inspiration of Martin Luther King, Jr., Artistically Expressed" kicked off black history month events at WC through recalling legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. through music, art, and dance. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service is only one of the several events being held at WC in celebration of Black History Month.

Sophomore Matt Wakelee, SGA Secretary of Diversity Affairs, says, "The student leaders on campus have worked hard to plan and coordinate so many events on campus this month.

"It would be great to have the students express an interest in the heritage and history of African Americans."

Diversity Advisor Nina Wilson says "this year, we have created a memorial to Dr. King that showcases the talents of members of our College and of our surrounding community. Artists from all over Kent County, such as John Masi, James Williams and Allen Johnson, Jr. showcased artistic pieces celebrating the life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as the history of African American culture.

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Snow-Removal: A Hit or Miss on Campus?

By Kelly Bringer

When the most recent snow storm hit Chestertown, WC's Buildings and Grounds department was ready with new motorists.

The snow began on a Saturday morning, and continued heavily throughout the day.

Bill Raudenbush, Director of Physical Plant for Buildings and Grounds, explained that the day of the week makes a great difference in snow removal methods.

"Each snow is different. The setting is different, the way we approach it, the day of the week." The methods taken, he explained, were targeted towards two main areas. One was to have two trucks plowing roads to keep them open. "That's just in our first priorities," Raudenbush explained.

The second was to have another part of the crew shoveling main roads around Hodson Hall, Miller Library, and residence halls. Because it was the weekend, Raudenbush said that much of it was not academic buildings.

Sunday brought more clean-up efforts as well as heightened problems. High winds caused outside conditions to be dangerous and seem to drift. "I don't think it was as bad as it could have been," Raudenbush said.

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Later, Gillin said in an interview, that, "With the current situation, [the college] must rearrange the program before it becomes too restrictive." Currently, only seventeen students have the option to complete portfolios and that number is considered an overload for the active but seemingly understaffed Creative Writing department.

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Currently, the members of the Writers' Union are working on a petition to counter the decision, as well as petitioning to encourage the English department and administration to hire more professors to satisfy the academic demand of the students.

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Black History Month

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WC alum Tamika Sudler had the audience out of their seats during her music and dance performance.

Dean Hoelsy, Junior John Bobo and Sophomore Matt Wakeslee shared several of Dr. King’s speeches and writings, while the Washington College Gospel Choir set the mood for a culturally diverse atmosphere.

Senior Brian Norris shared a solo during the WC Gospel Choir performance, while the choir as a whole displayed their interest in the history of African American music.

With such an important part of America history being displayed all over campus, students on campus such as Junior Gizmo Veldon hope that “people will get involved in appreciating diversity.” Wakeslee agrees. “I definitely want to see more and more students come out for the events this month.”

WC will also host musical performances by Natty Nation from Madison, Wisconsin, on February 4 from 9:30-11:30 pm. Created in 1996, this unique group is appreciated for the ability to intertwine lyrics, heavy rock, dancehall, and dub into traditional roots reggae style. The message of this group is peace and unity, two aspects of Black History Month.

Another part of WC’s Black History Month celebration will include “James Baldwin: Down From the Mountain,” a one-man play written, produced and performed by Tony Award nominee Calvin Levels.

The performance, scheduled for February 6 at 4:00 pm in Tawes Theatre, highlights the life of the African American writer, playwright, essayist, and civil rights activist James Baldwin.

“The initial clean-up was okay, but it seems as if they didn’t realize the importance of the follow-up and things being done.” Jake Kahan, a WC sophomore, was relieved by the snow clean-up was much better this year than last year.

“Definitely want to see more snow clean-up effort in the future.”

Another WC alum, Thomas Stromberg, a WC senior brings up an interesting idea, saying that he heard a friend say that it would be a good idea for Buildings and Grounds to invest in shovels that students could use, to help the clean-up effort.

“I’m sure people would want to help, at least around their dorms,” said Stromberg.

“...But there was not as much snow or cold.” Kahan pointed out.

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Raudenbush explained that the clean-up effort is a constant process. “Every morning at 7:30 am there are workers out checking areas. This is the kind of business where you’ll have people out at all hours. Nine times out of ten, comments are about places we’ve missed. We realize it’s hard to take time out and say thank you.”

Snow-Removal

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Public Safety Report

January 6 - January 30, 2005

BURGLARY/THEFT: SC 05-0019
On 1/6/05 at 0:00 AM a student reported person(s) unknown had entered his room in Anne Arundel and removed his Playstation 2 and value at $200.00.

MDOP: SC 05-0026
On 1/6/05 at 9:25 PM while on campus, an officer discovered that person(s) unknown had broken a 1st floor southeast window of Somerset Hall. A check of the building for other damage and any suspects met with negative results.

THEFT: SC 00-0009
On 1/20/05 at 10:43 AM a student reported person(s) unknown had taken her green “Diamond” mountain bike from the stairwell of Prince George’s House.

RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT: SC 05-0091
On 1/20/05 at 12:10 PM a WC employee reported a vehicle was operating a vehicle in the Freeman Parking Lot and pulling another student behind it on a skateboard. Both students were identified and the report was forwarded to Student Affairs for review.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A COLLEGE OFFICIAL: SC 00-0101
On 1/21/05 at 10:20 AM an officer asked a student for his college ID while in the area of WM Smith Hall. The student refused and yelled obscenities at the officer. He later filled a police report and issued a citation for Failure to Comply with a College Official.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 05-0112
On 1/21/05 at 7:19 PM a student was issued a campus citation for underage possession of alcohol while walking in the area of Kent Loop.

NOISE VIOLATION: SC 05-0117
On 1/22/05 at 1:05 AM a student was issued a campus citation for playing loud music in his room at Cecil House. The student had previously been warned.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 05-0118
On 1/22/05 at 1:00 AM a student was issued a campus citation for underage possession of an open container of alcohol while inside Talbot House.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A COLLEGE OFFICIAL: SC 05-0120
On 1/22/05 at 1:49 AM an officer responded for a third time to a student’s room in Cecil House for a noise violation. As the student had previously been issued a campus citation for a noise violation, he was issued a subsequent citation for Failure to Comply with a College Official. The student was issued a noise citation for violation of the college Official Proprietary Entrance Door: SC 05-0145.

On 1/24/05 at 11:45 AM a student was issued a campus citation and fined for profiting from the student for personal use.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE OF PROPERTY: SC 05-0168
On 1/25/05 at 2:56 PM a WC employee reported that person(s) unknown had broken a window at 309 Washington Avenue. No suspects have been identified.

THEFT: SC 00-0177
On 1/25/05 at 11:00 AM a student reported the theft of his cell phone from his room in ducrehouse. The phone is valued at $300.00.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 05-0250
On 1/28/05 at 11:15 PM the guest of a student was issued a campus citation for underage possession of an open container of alcohol while inside Kent House.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 05-0251
On 1/28/05 at 11:15 PM a student was issued a campus citation for underage possession of an open container of alcohol while inside Kent House.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 05-0253
On 1/29/05 at 1:02 AM a student was issued a campus citation for underage possession of an open container of alcohol while inside Kent House.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 05-0255
On 1/29/05 at 1:59 AM a student was issued a campus citation for violating quiet hours in ducrehouse.

NOISE VIOLATION: SC 05-0254
On 1/29/05 at 1:12 AM a student was issued a campus citation for violating quiet hours in ducrehouse.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION: SC 05-0255
On 1/29/05 at 1:59 AM a student was issued a campus citation for violating quiet hours in ducrehouse.

NOISE VIOLATION: SC 05-0256
On 1/29/05 at 1:59 AM a student was issued a campus citation for violating quiet hours in ducrehouse.

VANDALISM: SC 05-0257
On 1/29/05 at 2:16 AM a student reported that person(s) unknown had written profanity on the front doors of the dorm.

TRESPASSING: SC 05-0259
On 1/29/05 at 02:31 AM a former student was removed from campus for trespassing in Kent House. Charges are pending.
New ROV Gives WC Archeology Students “Hands-On” Experience

BY NICOLE WITTMN

A new underwater remotely-controlled robot will allow students and professors in WC’s Archeology department to explore sites, including oyster beds and even shipwrecks, beneath the waters of the Chester River.

With the addition of the Titan SII ROV, donated this year by Morris Ransone, president of International Industries, Inc., the Washington College Archeology department recently purchased online via the Washington College website at http://www.birthdayball.washcoll.edu/…

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Website Offers Online “Professor Shopping”

By KELLY VERBENGER

Course evaluations that are filled out at the end of the semester are not the only way to grade professors anymore.

Rateyourprofessors.com which was founded in 1999 by a group of students, is the largest database of student ratings of professors.

The website is anonymous and free to use.

Washington College has a large listing, with 125 professors available for students to rate, read certain reviews, or just browse.

The grading scale is based on three factors: clarity, helpfulness and easiness, with additional room for written comments.

There is also a feature to rate a ‘teacher’s hotness,’ which accomplishment being denoted by a little red hot pepper next to their name.

For example, some WC professors that have received extremely high overall ratings include Dr. Melissa Deckman (4.9/5), Political Science, Dr. Martin Connaughton (4.7/5), Science, and Dr. Donald McColl (4.9/5), Art, all of which are also receivers of the ‘hot’ pepper.

But can this phenomenon have an influence on classes taken by students?

“It’s made me more knowledgeable of certain quirks of certain professors,” WC sophomore Rebecca Scarborough comments “it’s very entertaining.”

Afton Woodward, a WC junior, admits to reading more than posting.

“I usually go [to the website] before my first class to see what other people think of that professor. Also, some professors teach different classes, and one may be bad at one class but teach an awesome CNW. When asked if the website had an effect on what students do not personally visit the site, but know of it by word-of-mouth.

“I’ve heard about it. I’ve never rated anyone. I’ve heard about professors getting consistently bad ratings,” Thomas Stromberg, a WC senior, says.

“It’s polarized, though – either very good or bad ratings. The only one [poorly rated professor] I’ve ever heard of I had to take anyway because of a requirement. And I lived.”

Many professors didn’t seem to be interested in rateyourprofessors.com.

“My husband looks at it, but I’ve never seen it. It’s never been rated, which denotes a high rating,” says Dr. Carol Wilson, a WC history professor.

“I know colleagues who check it up on it, for curiosity,” Wilson has a happy face, which denotes a high rating.

Professor Robert Day, of the English department, has admitted to never having heard of it.

“I’ve never seen it. The reason I don’t like to see movies about myself or read about myself is because it makes me vainer. I’m dubious about Narcissus.”

Professor Day has one of the highest ratings possibly, ranking a 4.8 out of 5.

“Narcissus.”

Other students do not

Hynson Lounge (upstairs)

If you want to join a sorority, you MUST attend Panhel!

When: Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m.

Why: Come meet the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha

How: You must bring $3 and have a 2.00 GPA in order to sign the rush list.

Any questions? email jnehr2@washcoll.edu

Four new dorm representatives were added to the senate. Kate Bernardi, representing Minta Martin, Timmy Atkinson, representing Somerset, Rachel Levengood, representing Wicomico, and Caitlin Orsini, representing the Cottages. There are still several positions open for dorm senators.

Birthday Ball Chair Justin Levine visited the senate meeting answering several questions about changes and structure of the event. His input stated that tickets will be sold only until February 11th at this time. Students are needed at this time to sell tickets, as well as the week before Birthday Ball for set up, and immediately after for clean up. Also, a press release is being prepared for distribution which will answer questions about how to better this year’s ball. Levine also clarified that the ambiguity of the theme “Legends and Superstitions” is an intended ambiguity. Levine told the senate that with this theme students can wonder about the surprises at the ball.

Levine looks forward to throwing a ball “unlike any other Birthday Ball before.”

Vice-President of Academic Affairs Ryan Humphries is accepting interest and questions regarding the new positions open for committees in the relations between faculty and students. Positions are open in the Curriculum Committee, specifically for Humanities majors. Positions are also open in the Off Campus committee, specifically for seniors who live and/or have studied off campus. Positions are open on the Student life and Board of Student Life committees.

Vice President of Financial Affairs Laura Parry presented the Spring 2005 SGA budget to the Senate. Questions were presented from the senate and answered by the SGA Budget committee. Once all questions were satisfied the Senate unanimously passed the budget with no changes made.

The Secretary of Service Learning position was filled by applicants Whitney Ritchie and Brooke Burkett. They reported that the Chester River Association (CRA) is looking for volunteers to sign and collect petitions on February 19th and 20th, as well as March 4th and 12th.

Honour Board Chair Chris Smith reported that he met with one of one of our new faculty members from the English Department Dr. Olsen. In this meeting Chris Smith and Dr. Olsen clearly defined what plagiarism is in accordance to the Washington College Honor Code. With this information the Honor Board can be prepared for cases regarding plagiarism if they are presented.

Sophomore Class President Chris Tinsman reported that there is an all-Sophomore Class meeting Monday February 7th in the Student Center at 9pm. All sophomores are encouraged to attend.

President Mike Shaffer reported that with his coordination with Director of Student Development Programs Sarah Feyerherm six new focus groups on social life are to be created. These social groups include freshmen, Greeks, athletes, student leaders, minority international students, and seniors. With the study of these groups President Shaffer hopes to explore student interests and needs on campus within their specific subcultures. With this study the SGA can find out what the good and bad aspects of social life are and contrasts differences in social interests on campus.

Pegasus Yearbook Editor Faith Paullick reported that although yearbooks did run out early this year the Pegasus Staff is doing everything in their power to obtain enough books for all upper classmen. Faith Paullick encourages students to watch their weblink inbox for more information.

------------------SPRING RUSH 2005------------------

If you want to join a sorority, you MUST attend Panhel!

When: Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m.

Where: Hynson Lounge (upstairs)

Why: Come meet the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha

How: You must bring $3 and have a 2.00 GPA in order to sign the rush list.

Any questions? email jnehr2@washcoll.edu
The estimation of attendance in O'Connor’s on Thursday was around 150 people. What did they come here to see? Some freak show perhaps. And that’s what they got.

A show that rivaled that of bearded ladies and snake charmers. Sounds that tickled any ear of music were found that night. But the audience was not immediate. It was a low murmur of voices chatting away in the corners of the bleachers. beer and chain-smoking cigarettes.

The band played in the entrance of the bar with no more than thirty people in attendance padding about, Pancho, Paolo, bass, and an acoustic six string. The air was thin and people could breathe easily. The band was giving it all they had like a child begging for attention and receiving none. They were receiving minor applause and a few whistles from people they knew.

But then Chester River Runoff did something drastic. I noticed at the floor and saw the setlist. A string of unknown songs and then the next in line...Little Wing. I was horrified. If the crowd heard what they were attempting to do there was going to be chaos. A bluegrass band can’t do Jimi Hendrix! That is a smash in the promise of good music but only received a wink from Samuel Guthridge on banjo, a nod from Ian Trusheim playing bass, and a

The song was played and there was immediate acceptance. I myself had to sit down and finish my Turkey to calm my nerves. It was sensational! A banjo taking place of the guitar? I was quieted by shock.

There weren’t any chairs being flung, or people stabbing each other with beer bottles. People were dancing! To bluegrass nonetheless! And much to my astonishment people came pouring in from the outdoors demanding nothing other than for the band to “Keep Going!” Keep going, and so they did… With any array of original material such as “Peepholes”. “Midnight Road”, “Excuse Me While I Slip Into My Invisible Pants” and “$3 Pickup”, they played well into the night. Beer was passing hands, the crowd was singing, and dancing was being had among strangers… I wanted to step outside and have a cigarette but I was having too much fun.

When the music stopped I shuffled over to the band and shot questions at them...nothing was remembered except Ian’s stellar quote, “Only good music can make the people dance.”

The song was played and there was immediate...
Will the Super Bowl Tear WC Apart?

BY ALBIN KOWLEWSKI

It’s that time of year again folks, when commer-
cials are no longer commerci-
cials, but rather a program in

Will the Super Bowl Tear WC Apart?

CONTRIBUTED BY NICO ARMSTRONG

What’s your favorite thing to
do in the snow?

Compiled by Dan Himmelberger

“What don’t I like to
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Senior Andrew Waters

“What’s your favorite thing to
do in the snow?”

“What play with my dog.”
Senior Mike Hardesty

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Insurgents Cannot Stem the Tide of History

BY DAN HOLLER

Most people milling around campus Saturday night were relatively unaware that history was being made.

The third election within the past six months was taking place in the Middle East, marking the third within the past half year.

Iraq, however, was very different from Afghanistan and Palestine, as a successful election in Iraq would legitimize the Bush Doctrine of spreading democracy around the world.

Pundits took the opportunity to predict everything from turnout and casualties to the Bush legacy.

Democrats and insurgents took the opportunity to posture and prepare for a failed election.

Iraqis took the opportunity to vote and show that a failed election was possible.

Many of the country's leading Democrats may have wished that they had slept through Iraq's election, waking up to find it was only a dream.

Iraq has shown that the promise of democracy cannot only topple a brutal dictator and render insurgents' threats mute, but also send doves scrambling for their next set of talking points.

Monday, Democrats began to recite those talking points by pondering an exit strategy for the President.

Senator Minority leader Harry Reid said that we need to find 'a way to remove ourselves from Iraq with dignity.'

Fortunately, a leading member of my party does not equate a shameful abandonment of Iraq with dignity. The administration, on the other hand, has a dignified exit strategy: help the Iraqis establish a thriving democracy, defeat an insurgency that hates democracy and train the Iraqi army.

We are well on our way.

Statement from the Student Life Committee of the Faculty

At Washington College we celebrate both individuality and a strong sense of shared community values. Students at Washington College make a commitment to the healthy exchange of ideas and acknowledge that living in a community requires tolerance, compromise, and sensitivity to others. In order to create a community where civility is valued, all members are expected to treat all other individuals with respect, dignity and understanding.

We, the members of the Student Life Committee of the Faculty, are committed to promoting a safe and healthy living and learning environment.

We invite each of you to join us as we continue to improve our community.

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Karl Kehm
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Bryan Matthews
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Director of Athletics

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Michael S. McLendon
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Student Representative

A la Carte News from WC Dining Services

CONTRIBUTED BY LISA K. TRAVIS
WCDS DINING ROOM MANAGER

Welcome back to all of the WCDS (Washington College Dining Services) student customers, faculty and staff.

This is the first of a weekly column featuring upcoming WCDS special events, exciting new menu selections, signiﬁcant renovations as well as basic dining hall and nutritional information. We hope you enjoy the column and find it useful.

Upcoming WCDS Special Events:

February 7: Pancake Tuesday
February 11: WCDS & Lankford Sysco Big Food Show
February 14: Valentine's Day-Decorated Cookies & Cakes
February 16: Birthday Ball Celebration Dinner

What's New?

"Hurrah for Tray Rails!" Yes, it's true! WCDS will be installing tray rails for the beverage lines! This much-needed amendment to the fall renovations will be installed in the next few weeks. We trust you will be as pleased as we are!

You won't miss the new Cereal Bar as you walk into the dining hall. The permanent cereal breakfast bar (with hot and cold food service) will be installed over Spring Break.

By moving the cereals to the line area we have made space for our new Panini Sandwich Grills, which will be located in the dining room on the right hand counter, next to the toaster. The addition of "specialty breads" such as focaccia will enhance the individual creation of each sandwich. The Panini Grills will offer even more menu selections for our customers.

Making your own open-face hot deli sandwich is a current trend on many campuses and in new commercial "hot spot" restaurants, such as: "Quiznos".

In keeping with the hottest trends, we now offer our customers the opportunity to "Make Your Own Hot Hoagie".

It is simple and quick. Just pick up one of the pizza screens available on the deli line; prepare your sandwich on the bread that you want with the ingredients piled high. Hand the screen to the pizza cook; they put your sandwich through the pizza oven and in 4 minutes your personal hot hoagie is ready to eat!

Did You Know?

WCDS offers "Bag Lunches" for students that cannot make it to the dining hall for specific meals due to internships or academic scheduling.

Continuous Service is now available on the weekends too! The doors open at 10:30 AM and do not close until 6:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday.

WCDS offers "to go" boxes for customers to "carry out" their meal when they're on the run. WCDS customers may either "eat in" or "carry out" but they may not do both.

The WCDS Staff, both full and part time, participated in training over the holiday break emphasizing positive change and quality customer service.

We have added an evening full-time Main Dining Room Attendant position and another full-time Cook to our staff to provide consistent quality service.

We look forward to seeing each of you and wish you a successful semester.
February Marks Celebration of African American History

BY NIKKI BOONE

It's February and we all know what that means: buildings are decorated with paper hearts in all shades of red, and everyone is wondering if the groundhog will bring more cold weather or introduce the coming of spring. But those aren't the only events celebrating this month. February is also a month that, since 1926, has been dedicated to Black History, and the Washington College community has several fun and interesting events scheduled to celebrate, including a Memorial Celebration for Martin Luther King, Jr., which took place on January 31 in the Norman James Theater.

"Civil rights" for African Americans can be traced back as far as 1863 when the first recorded attempt of a slave rebellion took place in Virginia. As far back as 1668, only 69 years after the first 20 African American slaves arrived in Jamestown, there were people who were questioning the morality of slavery. (The Quakers of Germantown, Pennsylvania passed the first antislavery act in American history in September of 1688.)

Black History dates back to August 20, 1819 when the first boat load of only 20 African American slaves arrived in Jamestown. Eventually, individuals and then entire states began to call into question the morality of slavery. In 1857 the infamous Dred Scott case declared that blacks were not American citizens and determined that Congress had no right to restrict slavery on federal lands. By 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation declared that all slaves in the rebellion states were to be freed and within another two years, the Thirteenth Amendment, which outlawed slavery, was added to the Constitution. But the suffering of African Americans in the US didn't stop there.

Although blacks were officially American citizens by way of the Fourteenth Amendment in 1868 and allowed to vote by 1870 with the addition of the Fifteenth Amendment, the policy of "separate but equal" was gaining popularity by 1896 when the Supreme Court showed support for this idea with the ruling in Plessy v. Ferguson. This policy left African Americans in inferior schools and public transportation, among other things.

Luckily, by 1954 this idea was thrown out, at least in matters of education, when in Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court declared that school segregation was unconstitutional. From this point on, Martin Luther King Jr. and his followers, as well as individuals such as Rosa Parks and Malcolm X, led blacks to overcome all the oppression that society could throw at them.

One Man’s Tragic Story in A Killing in Choctaw

BY RACHEL MAURO

Lenny Bruce, an American stand-up comic from the 1950s and 1960s once said, "Comedy is tragedy plus time." Thursday, January 26 surely proved that to all who came to Tawes Theatre at 7 pm to watch Carl Ray, an African American comedian, perform his one man play depicting his witnessing the death of his father in "A Killing in Choctaw.

During the two hours of merely listening to one man narrate a multi-character story while bouncing back and forth on stage, the audience was subjected to fits of laughter, complete silence, and painful moaning. Ray spanned from the actual months in Choctaw, Alabama where his father was killed and the murderer set free after being found guilty in a trial, to a recounting of years where he slowly came to terms with the heinous crime. Afterwards, he patiently and intuitively answered all questions the audience posed to him. Tawes theatre was more than three fourths filled. Perhaps one of the most incredible things about the whole show was how Ray managed to make the story funny. He described how he used to jibe his father’s killer in his head, and put on comedy shows to dispel the debilitating antagonism he lived through during college. When he was finally able to forgive his father’s killer, long after he was shot and killed by his own father-in-law, Ray said, "It was as if I had been instantly moved from one planet to another planet."

Later, during the question-and-answer session when one man asked if Ray could distinguish between his father’s killer and all white men, Ray said that he always could. "You always think it’s the attacker you hate," he said, shaking his head and pounding on his chest. "Nah. It’s you, right here."

Although Ray pedals his story around what he calls the “college circuit,” he rarely travels to the south of America, except to perform in Florida. According to the New York Times, “Theaters in Choctaw County probably won’t be too eager to show it though,” said Tommy Campbell, the editor and publisher of The Choctaw Sun, who knows both the Carlisle and Ray families. “This is not the South of the 1960’s anymore,” he said. Residents “would just like to let it alone,” he said.

But other than that, Ray says the play has always met with success. Recently, Ray helped in making a film documentary of his story, directed by Chike Nwefilih. Although the audience seemed reticent to end the question-and-answer session, the last man Ray called on did quite a good job of convincing the audience that God has given you a purpose. I thank you for sharing that purpose with us.” Ray received a standing ovation.

New Talent on Display at Freshman Reading

First-year writers announce their arrival with participation in 15 year-long WC tradition

By Bobby Bangert

On Tuesday, January 25, the porch of the Lit. House was packed for what Professor Wagner calls her “favorite event of the year.” A group of anxious young writers were gathered in the corner, excited and nervous about their emergence as part of the writing community at WC. This is the Freshman Reading.

The reading was started over 15 years ago and is still a thriving tradition today. Every year, participants in the fall Freshman Creative Writing course are given the opportunity to share their work with their fellow students and the faculty here at WC, in effect announcing their arrival on the scene.

The idea behind it, says Professor Wagner, is that after a semester of creative writing, the students now have a body of work that they can share, by which they can be known by their fellow writers.

One of the goals of the reading is to create a connection between the faculty and established members of the college writing community and the new writers who are anxious to become a part of it. “The new writers are excited!” says Professor Wagner. “The first year students are eager to get involved with the Writer’s Union and the writing community.” The Freshman Reading gives them the opportunity to do just that through sharing poetry and prose selections.

But was all of this a success? Did the Freshman Reading accomplish what it is supposed to? “Absolutely,” Professor Wagner declares. Even she feels more connected with students from other creative writing classes, and the readers, were introduced to other students interested in writing, and faculty who are essential to the writing program here. By all accounts it was a debut worth witnessing, and the support felt by the writers was tremendous.

“It was nice to see such a turn out at the reading. It helps to know that people are looking forward to the great works of future poets/writers,” says Marielle Latrick.

Selection

By Jess Dayton

A flag cracks in the wind on the roof of Buckingham Palace indicating the presence of the Queen. The tree at the water’s edge bows in her honor, its limbs sweep across the surface, as ripples sift like sand of a desert storm.

Navigation

By Lindsay Lusby

As we drive further away, I see the lights of town paint their rust on the sky, and my reflection on the car window is like the face of a ghost between me and the night.

While I keep steering us westward, blue Appalachian silhouette following close behind, you are sleeping beside me wearing my sunglasses because you love the way they remind you of the Outer Banks, tinting everything yellow like summer afternoons on the pier, bare feet dangling from the sandy planks, walking on water.

Now we are landlocked and nowhere near daylight, but I just keep driving as you keep dreaming about running away to California like all the other little boys with nothing here worth keeping.

NEXT WEEK ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY, FEB 4

WC Concert Series presents Chiara String Quartet with Simone Dinnerstein
Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB 5

C.V. Starr Center presents Peter Woods: The Gulf Stream
CAC Forum, 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB 6

MONDAY, FEB 7

Sophie Kerr Committee presents James Baldwin: Down From the Mountaintop
Tawes Theatre, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB 8

Sophie Kerr Committee presents Poet Ann Neelon
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB 10

Sophie Kerr Committee presents
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB 11

Last day to change a course to pass/fail

SATURDAY, FEB 12

NEXT WEEK ON CAMPUS

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Musings on Malcolm X

By Faith Paulick

...Early in life, I had learned that if you want something, you had better make some noise.

The byronic words of Malcolm X, civil rights activist, will never be forgotten. Not because Malcolm was eloquent in speech. Not because his sweet words of wisdom drove thousands of African Americans to the streets they once held on today. No, Malcolm X will always be remembered for his absolute refusal to submit to white supremacists and racists all America.

Malcolm Little, later to be the notorious civil rights activist Malcolm X, was born into a family of revolution in Omaha, Nebraska May 19, 1925.

Malcolm’s Father Earl Little set the stage for the future Malcolm X, with his active role in Black civil rights. Earl Little aroused numerous death threats from white supremacist organizations such as the Black Legion.

Earl Little caused so much rawness in the civil rights arena that Malcolm’s family was forced to move from their home twice. In 1929 their house was even burned to the ground. Two years later Earl Little’s mutilated body was found dead. After the death of Earl Little, his wife Louise was committed to a mental institution, forcing Malcolm and his siblings to be placed in various foster homes.

Malcolm X ended up in Harlem, where he began a commitment to changes in America early in his life. Malcolm was a bright student, but his racist teachers turned him away from a diploma. After dropping out of high school, Malcolm became involved in narcotics, prostitution, and gambling.

In 1946 he was sentenced for burglary. While in jail, Malcolm converted to the Nation of Islam, a Black Muslim group which practiced self-liberation of black people.

In 1964, Malcolm X parted from the Nation of Islam, deciding to form his own civil rights organization... Malcolm X preached that with a successful revolution, force had to be called on.

Malcolm once quoted “You don’t have a peaceful revolution. You don’t have a turn-the-other-cheek revolution. There’s no such thing as a nonviolent revolution. Revolution knows no compromise. Revolution over turns and destroys everything that gets in its way.”

Malcolm X not only preached these ideas, but thoroughly practiced them, putting not only the Nation of Islam but even the FBI and other branches of the US government.

Malcolm was marked for assassination by the FBI, an officer was given orders to plant a bomb in Malcolm’s car. Malcolm’s assassins, Talmadge Hayer, Norman Butler and Has Johnson were convicted of first-degree murder in March 1966. These men were all associates of the Nation of Islam.

Malcolm X demanded civil rights, even if by force. His impact on America was so strong that fifteen hundred people attended Malcolm’s funeral in Harlem. Like Malcolm X once said “human rights are something you were born with. Human rights are your God-given rights. Human rights are the rights that are recognized by all nations of this earth.”
SPORTSNATIONWIDE
A VIEW FROM THE SANDS:
The Superbowl
BY WILL GROFFIC

The most uncertain side of the Super Bowl is if the Eagles D can be successful against a veteran and well coached Patriots D. It holds a lot of questions marks, and with the two week full before the game, those question marks have been exhausted ad nauseam.

This whole issue was the snow falling and the paths us students have created. You knew the T.O. issue was going to come up so we sat idly and watched the first barrage. He said OF COURSE he’s playing and his doctor didn’t clear him.

The paths through the snow to class are created. We let the media Roe us along. Then as we’re walking to class a day or two later, we realize these paths through the snow have turned to ice. It’s worse to walk on these paths of feet-made death ice then the regular snow. It just got annoying, and you knew it would.

Will he play??? Like asking if sand is the logical dissolver of snow (buildings and ground say), “What else? SALT???” I don’t think it makes sense, the media is going to keep asking, and our buildings and grounds is going to keep pouring sand on snow.

Will it be a morale boost to see him suit up and play a couple downs? (If you want the Willis Reed theory, LeBron showed it last week by coming back in the 4th quarter after hurting his ankle, not a tear that’ll take 8-10 weeks rehab when it’ll only be 6 and _ weeks.)

I think the Eagles would be boosted more by catching a couple of passes with the healthy receivers they have. Here, we get Freddie Mitchell, who scores 1 touch- down every 6 games this season (3 in all) and loves a tastefully done Moshow, jok- ingly trash talking Rodney Harrison (Patriots Safety). You might remember Rodney Harrison from last weekend’s game against Pittsburgh. He had that 87 yard INT that changed a Steelers 2nd quar- ter drive to a Patriot touch- down, hitting Big Ben with the snooze button.

In essence, it was a fresh- man missing that first full day of classes and realizing he can get away with it. That is until the epiphany (usually at the end of the semester) that one is graded in college, and attendance counts toward that final grade. Not that I’ve felt that way. Just heard stories, but I digress.

That means you get Todd “Blinded by the Light” Pinkston, Brian Westbrook, and LJ Smith (sadly Chad Lewis wasn’t a great game against the Falcons, but won’t be able to play). Espn.com’s matchup scenarios predict a lot of Patriot mixed blitzing because, as they see it, “nei- ther Mitchell or Todd Pinkston poses a serious threat at receiver”.

Mitchell is a great re-ceiver but coming from the backfield you have 4 quality linemen sying every your every move. “LJ Smith is their best pass-catching tight end, but he matches up against (Rodney) Harrison, perhaps the league’s best strong safety”. That means it all rests on McNabb’s shoulders to rush for first downs and open up the field (to make a linebacker commit to springing on McNabb).

For those that think I don’t know Eagles D is amaz- ing, I know, So is New England’s, New England held the most potent offense, the Colts, to 3 points. If there is ever a more questionable part of the Super Bowl this week- end, it’s (if Eagles can score with their offense. New England showed against the #1 ranked Steelers D that they can score efficiently.

In my youth and non-ex- pertise, I have to pick the New England Patriots winning. It becomes the difference between sand or salt on snow. One can help but question and curse for not being at full health (well that’s only for Eagles and the unfortunate T.O. in- jury).

Unfortunately, overall Dickerson was able to out- shoot the Shorewomen from the field 41% to 29%. WC did, however, out re- bound the Red Devils 46- 37.

Notably, WC freshman forward Kim Proctor scored a team-high six points in the defeat, also grabbing a game-beat boards for the Shorewomen. Additionally, freshman guard Irene Pastorino tal- lied five points and three steals.

As a result of Saturday’s match-up Dickerson improved 16-1 overall and 11-1 in Centennial Conference play, while the Shorewomen dropped 5-6 conference record.

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Women’s Basketball
Drops to Dickinson

BY ASHLEY SMITH

The WC Women’s Basketball team fell 30-56 to visiting Dickinson College in a Centennial Conference match-up last Saturday, January 29, 2005 in the Cain Athletic Center.

The Shorewomen came out strong in the first half, but were simply unable to overtake the Red Devils. Led by Alyssy Teatom, who racked up a game-high of 12 points and two blocks, Dickinson dominated much of the game.

Jennifer Reitmeyer, who added 10 points on five-for-seven shooting and grabbed six rebounds, and Carly Onkotz, who brought in eight points, also played an integral role in the vic- tory for the Red Devils.

WC Baseball Team Presents
“A Fireside Chat with Oriole and Yankee Great Paul Blair”
Saturday, February 5 in Norman James Theater
- 1 - 2:30 p.m.: Blair goes one-on-one with Ed Randall, host of “Talkin’ Baseball” with Q & A to follow
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.: Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction; proceeds benefit the team’s annual Florida spring break trip
--Tickets $15 for adults, $8 for children 15 and under; WC students and faculty $10
--Tickets will also be available at the door
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Men's and Women's Swimming Both Fall to Dickinson

BY MELANIE RUFFERT

The Washington College men's and women's swim teams lost to the Dickinson Red Devils when they traveled to Carlisle, PA this past weekend. The men lost 132-67, and now carry a 4-4 overall record, (1-3 in the Centennial Conference.) The women are 6-3 overall, 2-3 in the conference, and lost the meet 120-85.

For the men's team, three swimmers each achieved second place finishes.

Senior Ken Jensen was second in the 200 butterfly at 2:11.38, while freshman Eddie Raleigh placed second with a time of 1:53.71 in the 200 freestyle. Second place in the 200 backstroke was taken by freshman Alex Auger, and seniors Samantha Shaffer and Ana Prado formed the winning relay team.

Furthermore, Shaffer and Shoemaker grabbed second place finishes each. Shaffer swam a 2:53.22 in the 200 breaststroke and Shoemaker swam the 200 backstroke at 2:16.80.

Freshman Nicole Ludwig placed second in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:19.46, while sophomore Erin Jones earned second place in the 500 freestyle with a WC season-best time of 5:28.60. The WC swim teams will race next against McDaniel College on Saturday at 1pm for their last home meet of the season.

For the Shorewomen, sophomore Ally Simons won three individual events, including the 500 freestyle, in which she swam a WC season-best time of 5:21.60. The 200 freestyle and the 200 butterfly were also taken by Simons, at 2:03.39 and 2:11.72 respectively.

WC also swam to victory in the 400 medley relay at the time of 4:11.52. Sophomores Liz Ludwig and Caitlin Simons achieved second place finishes in both events.

Shoremen Basketball Adds One More to Winning Streak

BY JOHN MARSHALL

The echoes of the Cain Crazies could be heard everywhere in the gymnasium this past Saturday as the men's basketball team kept their winning streak alive with a 84-73 victory over visiting Dickinson College.

With the win, the Shoremen (6-10, 5-6 Centennial) moved into a three-way tie for sixth place in the Centennial with the Red Devils (8-10, 5-6) and Muhlenberg College.

The Shoremen grabbed the lead for good on a Webb lay-up that made it 19-18 with 12:33 left in the first half. Washington took a 37-30 advantage into half time and led by as many as 13 points in the second half, before the Red Devils battled back, cutting the lead to one on a lay-up by Travis Duff with 2:23 to play that made it 73-72.

A pair of Webb free throws with 1:29 remaining pushed the lead to 75-72, but Dickinson cut it back down to two as senior guard John “China” Alexander dished out a game-high six assists.

Brad Litchfield led the Red Devils with 26 points. Litchfield was nine-of-10 at the free-throw line. Matt Keys was the only other Dickinson player to reach double digits in scoring, finishing with 16 points.

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