Poor Attendance at “Save the Ball” Meeting

Do WC Students Care About the Future of Birthday Ball?

BY BRIDGET ROMANO

Only seven students participated in a recent discussion with administration and staff held to give students a voice in changes that will be made to the format of WC’s Birthday Ball. The meeting was open to all members of the college community.

The discussion was part of the Save the Ball Task Force, an initiative backed by both the SGA and the Administration. The task force was designed to allow for student feedback in deciding the fate of Birthday Ball.

Among the seven student participants, including four members of the SGA, two students and an Elm reporter, ten staff members were also in attendance.

Dean of Students, Brian Matthews, lead the discussion while other staff members contributed, including Bob Hoey, director of Student Activities, and Jerry Roderick, Director of Public Safety.

Susan Park, Director of Residential Life and Student Activities, also contributed to the discussion, as well as Mark Connors, WC’s financial analyst, Whalann Clark of Buildings and Grounds, and Eleanor Shriver Magee, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations.

The current SGA president, Grace Schaefer, was appointed by the lack of student turnout.

“I was expecting, hoping for more of a turnout from students. I feel that it is important to have input from every corner. We really can’t make any changes unless we are representing everyone,” said Schaefer.

The purpose of the Save a Save the Dance Task Force arose after various problems were connected with the past Birthday Ball. Alcohol poisoning, physical assaults, underage drinking, and aggressive behavior are some of the dangers that the students felt could be worked on by students and administration alike.

The Save the Ball Task Force was initiated to combat such concerns while also working to keep the Birthday Ball on the social calendar of WC.

Administration feels that if measures can be made to ensure the safety of students, while also eliminating liability for the college, an end must be put to the tradition of Birthday Ball.

Dean Matthews, who is optimistic that “risk management” and the Birthday Ball will coexist in the future, hopes that more students become involved so the Birthday Ball tradition can be “saved.”

“When the meeting, students had the best ideas. I thought it was a very helpful conversation, and the students educated [members of WC staff] on a variety of amendments to the current format of the Ball. Making the Ball a ‘dry’ event did not result in a loss of support from both students and staff,” said Matthews.

Suggestions included moving the event to an earlier time, in the effort to combat binge and “pre-game” drinking activities some students participate in before arriving at the dance. Some attendees at the meeting felt that student activity changes that involve dangerous drinking before the event were more of a problem than students continuing to drink at the actual event. Such behavior is being credited as a major factor that contributes to dangerous behavior, as students being found around campus unconscious or cases of alcohol poisoning would suggest.

“Of the things that scares me the most is finding students passed out,” said Matthews at the meeting.

Added Matthews at a recent interview. “Students were the best reference when it came to the college culture of ‘pre-gaming.’ Students felt that pre-gaming was more dangerous than ‘post-gaming’ because with pre-gaming students are racing the clock.”

At the meeting, students and staff appeared to agree that binge drinking was responsible for much of the dangerous behavior that occurs at the event. Student representatives suggested that students drinking after the event were not realizing themselves in as much danger as those who binge drink before Birthday Ball.

Students and staff also agreed that with moving the event to an earlier time, such as 6-10pm, dinner or hors d’oeuvres should be served. Such changes were thought to reinstate a “classier” atmosphere to the ball. An earlier event would also help to cut back on the

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Rove Lecture Draws Mixed Reactions from WC Students

BY CHRIST THOMPSON

Amid rumors of demonstrations and disruptions, Washington College welcomed Presidential Advisor Karl Rove to campus this past Monday evening as part of the Harwood Lecture Series.

The evening began with a cocktail reception in honor of the Deputy Chief of Staff, followed by his speech entitled “The Polarized Press: Media and Politics in the Age of Bush” at 6:30pm. When the lecture began at 7:30pm, the room was only a few seats shy of capacity. Students, community residents, members of the press, college faculty, and local politicians were in attendance.

What attendees now felt about Rove’s lecture? As the Deputy Chief of Staff, Rove was highly respected, but many were unsure of his political views, and his performance at the National Press Club seemed to be reserved, a self-controlled man who chose his words carefully.

Some students attended the lecture to gain insight into the political science and international studies departments as well as those involved with campus political groups, had the opportunity to meet Rove personally at the reception preceding the lecture. Reactions to meeting him ranged from “he was extremely pleasant” to “he seemed to be reserved, a self-controlled man who chose his words carefully.”

A number of students, primarily majors from the Political Science and International Studies departments as well as those involved with campus political groups, had the opportunity to meet Rove personally at the reception preceding the lecture. Reactions to meeting him ranged from “he was extremely pleasant” to “he seemed to be reserved, a self-controlled man who chose his words carefully.”

Some students attended the lecture as a requirement for a class but most claimed to have come as a result of personal interest: “I attended because I was interested in hearing one of the most influential voices in our country speak,” said freshman Kevin McGarry.

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Tipson explains Tuition Increase

By Faith Paulick

President Baird Tipson addressed the majority of the students and house parents at Washington College at this week's SGA meeting.

Tipson addressed the tuition and room increase for the amount of $2440.00 total per student. Tipson said, "One area this money is going toward is salary increase for faculty and staff. We are using $850,000.00 of the money toward this alone. We have no new tenure-track faculty positions opening, only salary increases."

Tipson added, "A lot of the money from the increase in tuition is to operate the John Toll Science Center, about $875,000.00. Students did not pay for the cost of the building, however the tuition increase is to pay for the cost of the building, the rent of the building, the utilities and other miscellaneous costs."

Tipson also clarified that the cost of the new Kibler Lacrosse Field has not been funded by the increase in tuition. About half of the cost of the field was private donations and the other half was leftover funds from the Science Center that we did not need."

Tipson broke down other costs on campus. "We have about $300,000.00 in debt and the utility and petroleum cost has risen by 20%, so this is $60,000.00. Costs to operate our buildings are consistently rising."

Tipson also stated that we are not getting what departments receive funding. He says money is not heavily distributed to the administration of WC. He said, "Administration is usually bashed for spending too much money. The problem is the distribution of funds administration is only receiving about 4 percent."

Tipson addressed future goals for the college's growth. He said, "Future goals we have and projects we are looking at is Tawees Theater and music areas on campus."

Tipson agreed that although funds will be well distributed, it is still a burden to students and parents to pay for higher education. He said, "I am not going to pretend that a $2440.00 increase is not a lot of money to many students.

Tipson assured students that a tuition increase is the only way at this time to receive the funds we need. He said, "The main thing we can do to relieve students is rely less on tuition, but the only way this can happen is if we receive a huge gift from someone."

Tipson also added that compared to other competing schools like Dickinson, Hood, McDaniel, etc., students at Washington College receive a very good amount of financial aid packages including federal need-based aid and scholarships. He said, "We carefully evaluate the financial circumstances of our students so that WC does not become a college for the rich."

Tipson also compared the recent tuition increases to other competing schools. The results showed that WC was the third ranked in tuition increase meaning only two other competing schools had increased tuition at a lesser amount than WC.

Senator Leslie Meredith said, "I understand that students receive scholarships for WC, but as tuition increases, scholarships do not [increase]."

Tipson replied, "This is true, however when students accept the financial aid package, they know that scholarship is a set amount of money, even if there is an increase in cost."

While addressing housing, Tipson also gave students positive assurance. He said, "We have not accepted more students than before, we have just become more popular than before so we have a few larger class sizes. When this happened we quickly scrounged around for rooms for these students and were forced to use the lounges to house students. Lounges will not be included in the room draw this year, so we will only be using them if we run out of room for incoming students. It is possible we may need to use them depending on how many current students go off campus, and how many students decide to move in that have already accepted.

Tipson also adds that upperclassmen remaining on campus have more housing options such as Kent Crossing apartments, and other houses such as the Spanish House, White Cottage, etc. He says, "We are offering ten students housing at Kent Crossing a room to give another option."

Tipson honestly revealed that financially raising tuition is the easiest option, though not necessarily what administration wishes to do. He said, "From a strictly financial point of view, the more money we take from the students the better. I hate to be so blunt."

Tipson said, "I wish I could say I have a money tree in the back yard, help yourself to what you need."
Rove Reactions

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In his lecture, Karl Rove discussed how the press performs in an age of political polarization. He took a moment to quibble with the event’s assigned title, claiming that it implied that the Bush administration was responsible for the polarization of the media, an implication which Rove believes to be false.

Instead, he blamed the schism in the media on the technological advancements in communication channels, the growing demand for content, and the oppositional attitudes of the press. Mr. Rove claimed that since every individual has “markings on their slate”, it is the responsibility of the reporters to recognize their own biases and work to correct them.

In his talk, Rove cited numerous instances in which the press misrepresented governmental issues, his primary example being the coverage of the “No Child Left Behind” Act. The media repeatedly reported the legislation to be “stuck” or “stalled” in the various branches of the administration when in fact the Bill moved through the House and the Senate at an above average speed with a majority of politicians in support of it. Rove also accused the media of spending too much time on polls, which serve only to generate drama and are “at best a fuzzy snapshot” of public opinion.

Rove concluded his speech by reiterating that journalism is more important than ever. He challenged the media to establish a standard of high accuracy, fair-mindedness and tough-mindedness, and curiosity.

Rove cracked a smile as he stated: “If more people in government knew about the press, and more people in the press knew about the government, the world would be a much better place... at least for those who work in the government and the press.”

There was a general consensus however, that it was unfortunate that not everyone who wished to question Rove was able to do so due to time constraints. “I was literally a person away from being able to ask my question,” said junior Chas Libretto, “I was despondent for a while over not being able to ask it.”

Many in attendance commented on the palpable tension in the air resulting from the presence of Mr. Rove on the WC campus.

Before Mr. Rove began speaking, President Tipson took the stage and reminded the audience that Washington College cherishes civility and that respectable behavior was expected.

While there was no evidence of protest at the actual event, later in the evening persons unknown used chalk to write remarks on the Carter Walk regarding Rove and his lecture topic.

Holker remarked, “People need to realize that these types of "protests" are trivial. The WC community would be better served if these individuals tried to have a positive impact by holding a forum or writing an article, rather than appealing to uninformed emotions.”

Publications Fundraiser Cookout

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Saturday, April 23
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Burgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers
all proceeds benefit your student publications
The Elm, Collegian, and Pegasus
Editor's Note: This article was published in The Daily Princetonian of Princeton University. It offers another student perspective on identity theft.

STAFF EDITORIAL
The Daily Princetonian
(PRINCETON) (U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. - The Recording Industry Association of America filed lawsuits against 25 Princeton University community members last Wednesday, claiming these individuals were illegally sharing music online. For those involved, and for the community as a whole, the suits served as a reminder that our online actions are not undertaken anonymously.

While online anonymity on-line is neither possible nor likely desirable, the University is currently making too much personal information about each of its students available through the web. Specifically, the university should stop making student addresses and phone numbers available to those searching from off-campus locations and it should stop linking students’ Internet Protocol addresses with names that include their netids.

In January 2001, the Office of the Registrar signed off on a new policy that would allow access to full directory entries from off-campus locations. The change came in response to requests received by OIT and others to make such information available, since previously only email addresses were available to off-campus searchers. However, this policy making it possible for telemarketers to bring up a list of 100 student names, addresses and telephone numbers simply by searching for “John.”

The university is also currently linking every student’s computer to his or her name in an unnecessarily public way. Every device on the Internet is identified by a unique Internet Protocol address, or IP. A service known as DNS associates names to these IP addresses, letting us type www.google.com into our web browser rather than 64.233.161.99. Another service, known as reverse DNS, goes the other way, mapping IP addresses to names. The owner of any particular IP address gets to decide what name is associated with a particular number.

Currently, OIT is associating every student’s IP address with their netid. A reverse DNS lookup performed on the IP address of any student computer plugged into the campus network will return an entry of the form nfield.student.princeton.edu.

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Students asked if WC could just accept less students? Tipson replied, “If we cut class sizes dramatically, our faculty will be unprepared for the numbers of students we have. I think we have a good 12:1 student to faculty ratio now, and I would like to keep it that way. To dramatically cut class sizes would only cause problems.”

“When there are only a few students in a class, it is much easier to keep track of who comes to class and who doesn’t. The class lead takes responsibility for making the Hills Dorms extra desirable to students by keeping them clean and well maintained.”

Tipson plans to move in the direction of creating new options for students staying on campus. He said, “Building another residence hall is built.”

However, for the vast majority of students, the current system offers no benefit and creates the potential for significant harm.

The Internet should not be an anonymous place -- for legal and regulatory purposes, service providers can and should keep some information about their users. However, when ever possible, the university should act to make as little of our personal information available to the world as possible. They should modify their current policy to reflect that philosophy.

How Safe is thefacebook.com?

BY JUSTINE HENDRICKS

Facebook? Is it safe to post your classes, your dormitory address or your cell phone number on Facebook? Id theft can be a big problem. We are instructed to be especially careful not to disclose personal information online. However, exists because people put their information on the site for others to see. With the risk of identity theft and stalking, how safe is this?

The FAQ section of Facebook.com says that privacy settings can be changed to give the users the degree of security they want. The site allows students to have different settings for contact information, personal information, courses and friends. It also gives users the option of allowing “only people within certain divisions or certain schools” to view your profile. When students register and pick a password, the site advises them to pick a password different from that of their school email account for security purposes. The Facebook.com points out that all pictures and information on the site are voluntarily submitted.

Roderick Roderick, Director of Public Safety, cau tion for those who choose to post their information. “I would just be very cautious about what kind of informa tion you put on there,” he said. “If you feel the need to do it, be conservative about what you release.”

Facebook provides some built-in security by only allowing people from your campus or friends from other schools whom you have accepted as friends to view your profile. If people post more personal information, they may make it possible for telemarketers to bring up a list of 100 student names, addresses and telephone numbers simply by searching for “John.”

There are, of course, situations in which a student would want their IP address associated with their netid. For example, a student running his own web server might find such an association useful.

Sophomore Katie Hurley feels that people who do not have too much information, Facebook is relatively safe because “you can control who sees it and who doesn’t.”

Many students like Facebook because it allows them to match fellow students’ names and faces. In the past, the college released a printed photo directory, similar to many high school yearbooks. Roderick said that it might be advantageous to restart publishing this type of directory, which would serve a similar purpose as Facebook but would control the distribution of personal information even more.

Tipson points out that identity theft is not something most students are worried about, but that it might become an issue for them at some point. “Later on, you might not want that information out there, but it is already out there,” he warned, adding that once information is on the Internet, individuals have no control over it.

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Did You Know...
“No Big Deal “ with Mike McGrath

The Dangers of Sober Partying

BY MIKE McGRATH

O’Doul’s is a non-alcoholic beer that doesn’t move off the shelves too easily. My sixers are usually dusty and warm.

At the Galena Mobil Mart I had to ask the guy behind the counter and then he was gone in the back for a long time and when he returned the box he was carrying was old and sagged under the weight of its contents.

The counterwoman at C-Town Liquors reports that she sees only one or two people come in and get O’Doul’s per week. And she laughed at the question.

It’s understandable, as O’Doul’s appeal is limited. With an alcohol content of 0.5 percent, it lacks a punch, isn’t tender. The upside is less apparent but does exist. There is a slight placebo effect. You don’t feel drunk in the slightest, but you do slide into a familiar place—a cold bottle in your hand, a beverage that isn’t sweet, the rapport between you and the bartender. Nobody steals your beer when you go to a party. You can operate machinery with impunity. You can think circles around everyone surrounding you. The mornings are easier to handle.

This past weekend, there was a small gathering of notables of campus in honor of someone’s friends who were leaving for Charlottesville because apparently they were tired of having fun and being surrounded by babies all the time.

The action was centered around a bonfire. I was on my second O’Doul’s.

The fire died down and the host threw something on it that made the flames leap up and out. A lot of the hair on the right side of my head caught fire for an instant before I could hit it hard enough to put it out.

I walked around the rest of the party with a quarter inch of gray ash hanging off half my hair.

I kicked it back to the fridge, threw my last bottle into the recycling bin and grabbed another O’Doul’s.

The smell of my head was pretty horrific and every time I wash my hair it comes back. The host apologized on Monday. I still look pretty good.
Letter to the Editor: In Response to Rove’s Lecture, Press is “Definitely Not Liberal”

CONTRIBUTED BY ELLEN WEDUM

Wedum holds a doctorate in Physical Chemistry from Purdue University. She is a widow, retired, and is collecting Social Security benefits. She lives in New Mexico.

I read in the Washington Post (on-line) today that Mr. Karl Rove spoke on the Washington College campus about “The Media.”

According to the Washington Post (4-20-2005, page A04), Rove’s attitude is that the press is “less liberal than it is opportunistic.”

The press is definitely not liberal. I think of it as the “corporate enslaved media” and look for my news online.

Our American press may report that Bush made speeches about Social Security, but they do not analyze his speeches and point out the lies and deceptions (such as his talking about a “return” of 1.8% on your Social Security “investment.”)

Social Security is a guarantee, not an investment scheme. I studied this issue for three months and have written a commentary about it that I cannot get published. Perhaps it is because I call the president a coward, a deadbeat and liar.

That’s really being a “thorn of those in power,” as Rove says.

The press does not report that Bush was jeered by Italians when he attended the Pope’s funeral (made the headlines in the Canadian Toronto Star).

They do not report that Condoleezza Rice has refused to appear before a Senate-House joint hearing on Sudan and the crisis in Darfur.

I was a Democratic candidate for Congress in Indiana in 1992 and I know how difficult it is to get press coverage of serious issues. "I was a Democratic candidate for Congress in Indiana in 1992 and I know how difficult it is to get press coverage of serious issues."

But now the press is overworked, underpaid, and running scared from their corporate owners."

Lack of Substance in both Political Dialogue and Media Coverage

BY DAN HOLLER

Where has the all the substantive debate in American politics gone?

The sensationalist media, as Karl Rove implied Monday, is doing a great disservice to the American people by covering the political game instead of political facts. It is not only the media that has deserted this elementary analysis, but also politicians and citizens.

Here on campus and in Washington, arguments are emotional, rather than rational and factual. Those individuals who scribbled on the Cather Walk Monday failed to add anything of substance to the political debate. The College community does not benefit from this emotional “protest” as it would with an actual forum to discuss the facts.

Although our nation’s leaders on Capitol Hill do not, to my knowledge, scribble on the stairs of the Capitol in chalk, they have a habit of making grand statements with little substance. Although some are guiltier than others, it happens on both sides of the aisle, with every ideology.

Of all the issues swirling around our nation’s capitol, the lack of substance in both dialogue and media coverage is painfully obvious with Bush’s plan to reform the Social Security system. The opposition has two main arguments against the plan, neither of which offer a sound solution besides raising the payroll tax, the Left’s standard solution.

First is that a personal account system will be exceedingly expensive, which is a fair point of contention for the short term. However, it is just a talking point to avoid discussion on what can be done to solve the long-term problems with Social Security’s solvency. Their second argument is that Medicare must be reformed before Social Security, even though it will be more difficult to reform than the retirement safety net. They do not have an answer nor do they intend to reform a federal entitlement plan that is directly tied to state spending.

It is just yet another convenient distraction from the Bush agenda. Political debate and coverage has become a battle of emotions, rather than rational.

Until we are able to reverse that trend, nothing of substance will come from our own personal discussions or from our lawmakers on the Hill.

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.

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

TRY THE CNN INTERNATIONAL PAGE, AND FOR WHAT THE AMERICAN MEDIA IS AND IS NOT COVERING, SIGN UP WITH THE RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK (EMAIL US@RAPIDRESPONSENETWORK.ORG).
RIAA vs. President Bush

By Jesse Wolcott

Many of you have been cut off from the school’s network, being accused of stealing music, movies, or anything else via popular Peer-to-Peer programs like Soulseek and Ares. The ethics of stealing intellectual property are a huge gray area, and we, the youth of America, are forced to look

Target, Best Buy, and FYE.

But I digress.

On April 18, George W. Bush’s staff put music on his iPod. In an interview with the RIAA at Cornell University, the public relations officials of the RIAA asked “When are you going to sue the President?” According to RIAA, this constitutes an illegal activity. No real answer was given, to

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Jawbreaker: A Band You Don’t Listen to But Should

By Brian Taylor

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I'm Addicted to Magazines

BY REILLY JORET

Every couple of weeks or so, a new stack of magazines arrives in the common room via my friend’s parents. These magazines are a grab bag of trash — pop culture, fashion, television, and popular trash, intellectual trash and chic, fashion trash. These are publications I’ve spent my entire life looking at on the stands near the checkout lines of grocery stores, never doing more than reading the covers and wondering who reads this garbage. Well, it’s time that I finally admit that I’m one of those people. Yes, I am addicted to trashy magazines.

I know it’s wrong, so no emails please. Let me explain. I’m drawn to this refuse, but I don’t know why. Let me explain. I used to read posters on the wall for so long before you need to do something. Then one day, I saw a copy of People lying on the floor and my curiosity got the best of me. I started reading, you know, just looking at the pictures, reading the captions; but soon it turned into reading the articles, needing to find out about the stars.

Now, I’m a junkie...not in the William Burroughs heroin sense, more in the pop culture sense. I look forward to the arrival of these magazines; I spend all day reading the new ones. Then the covers and the ‘special woman’ he still needs.

I don’t understand the fascination with their triumphs. I’ve learned more about Brad and Jen, and Charlie and Denise than I ever thought I cared to know. But it’s not just People. I love to read all of them: In touch, Entertainment Weekly, Us Weekly. Glorious! I don’t know what part of me these magazines feed, but apparently, my appetite is insatiable.

I constantly want to know how Julia lost the baby weight and why Bono can’t fight in the Oscars. Drug addiction rumors and sex scandals are both good, but best and worst dressed lists are even better — fashion faux pas are now my life.

I suppose I can complain, though. There are worse addictions. So what if I’ve come like so many others in this country? Maybe now I’ll have something to talk to people about at social occasions. And besides, watching famous people suffer is one of the best self-esteem boosters out there.

New This Week In Entertainment

By Penny Mause

DVD’s

Coming on April 26th is “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events”, with Jim Carrey and Meryl Streep as strange characters in the adaptation of the classic book by Daniel Handler (Lemony Snicket). This movie delivers a very odd plot line based around three children who experience a horrible tragedy and then end up running from their evil uncle. A sure hit for anyone who desires a much different children’s story for all ages. Also being released this week are: “Survivor: Australian Outback - Complete Season”, “ER: Complete Third Season”, “Blade Trinity” with Wesley Snipes, and “The Doris Day Collection”.

Movies

Anticipated releases this weekend are the movies “Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room”, “The Game of Their Lives”, “The Interpreter”, “A Lot Like Love”, and “King’s Ransom”. The “Interpreter” promises to be a hit, with star Nicole Kidman as a woman who overhears something that she shouldn’t have in the first place, and is then chased down by people who want to silence her.

Music

There are some wonderful new releases this week including Bruce Springsteen’s Devils & Dust, Joni Mitchell’s CD for a Prairie Girl, Ben Folds’ Songs For Silverman, Bobby Darin’s Live From Las Vegas and Jo Dee Messina’s “Delicious Surprise.”

Chester 5 Showtimes

(April 25-28)

Kung Fu Hustle (R) 7:35
Upside of Anger (R) 7:25
The Amityville Horror (R) 7:30
Sahara (PG-13) 7:20
Beauty Shop (PG-13) 7:15
Karl Rove on the Polarized "First Draft of History"

By BOBBY BANGERT

On Monday night WC hosted a talk by Karl Rove, Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to President Bush. Rove, one of Time Magazine’s 100 most influential people of 2005, gave a lecture entitiled Polarized Press: Media and Politics in the Age of Bush. The lecture was a part of the Harwood Lecture Series in American Journalism.

Rove began by addressing the connections between the Bush administration and our community. In 2004, Bush carried Kent County (a fact that garnered much applause from the audience, composed overwhelmingly by older residents of Chestertown), but Rove asserted that he did not come to WC just because he was on friendly turf.

Rove discussed the massive changes that have taken place in the media and have impacted politics. The particular impact that Rove came to discuss was that of polarization, the fact that many people see certain media outlets, like Fox News and the Washington Times, as having a bias similar to that of the "red states," as CNN and the New York Times that of the "blue states," and others like Fox News and the Washington Times that have a bias like that of the "blue states."

Rove claimed that no journalist can escape being biased. There are innumerable ways in which the subjectivity of a journalist comes through, such as what stories a reporter tells, how the reporter tells it, and so on.

The duty of the press, Rove said, is to recognize these biases and admit to them. Years ago, there were only a few publications that reported the news, and barely a handful of television and radio stations in addition. The contrast between the press of a few decades ago and today, with the Internet, 24/7 Cable News, and AM Radio, is huge.

Rove even addressed The Daily Show with Jon Stewart as a means by which some people get their news.

The result of what Rove called the "explosion in channels of communication" has created a demand for more news, and a competition between news outlets to have stories first, without always taking the time to know the facts.

The rise of this "cult of the new," according to Rove, can be seen in the recent CBS scandal. According to Rove, there is a lot of pressure on news organizations to compete with each other and have new stories first in order to give themselves an edge. Rove referred to this philosophy as "better to be first than to be right."

This competition also creates an adversarial relationship between the press and government.

To make his point, Rove quoted John F. Kennedy, "If more politicians knew about politics, the world would be a better place in which to live."

According to Rove, Kennedy’s quote applies to the relationship between the press and politicians in that the government has very little idea of the pressure the media is under to come up with new and original stories before their competition. In turn, the media does not understand the pressure and challenges of the politicians. This lack of understanding worsens the problem of sensationalism and polarization in the media.

Rove discussed Bush’s No Child Left Behind program, stating that "blue states" over-dramatized the reality of the program’s passage into law. Rove claimed that too much focus is placed on "the horse race" of politics.

"The work journalists do is more important now than ever," said Rove, because they are "writing the first draft of history."

Senior Caitlin Patton’s Lecture Recital “Beautiful”

Senior Caitlin Patton is double majoring in Music and Humanities with minors in English and Creative Writing. She has focused on the drama of the English Renaissance and its interplay between music and literature.

Patton started the violin at her sophomore year at Washington College. She began playing the violin five years ago. She has performed on the violin in the Dover Symphony and in the Greater Philadelphia Honors Orchestra Festival. Patton also plays viola in the Washington College String Ensemble.

By RACHEL LEVENGOOD

As part of the Washington College Student Arts Festival, violinist Caitlin Patton presented her senior lecture recital. Music, Women, and the Dynamics of Female Performance in Renaissance England this past Sunday in Noman James Theatre.

Patton’s lecture recital focused on the controversy of women being allowed to perform musically in the English Renaissance. Patton argued against the Renaissance views of music as the art of seduction and that if women performed they would display lewd and wanton behavior.

Patton used arguments from the writings of Thomas Morley, Thomas Sailer, and Richard Mulcaster. Senior Monica Sharpley assisted Patton with vocals. Sharpley sang a selection of "Ophelia’s Mad Songs" from Shakespeare’s Hamlet.

During Patton’s performance of “Nine Fantasias” by Thomas Marley, she was accompanied by Professor Michael Strauss on viola.

“It was a really good performance. I thought it was absolutely beautiful,” stated senior Heather Blaine.

Softball One for Two vs. Swarthmore

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Annual Student Art Exhibit to Showcase Such Themes as American Cinema and Literature

BY LILLI SCHESTAG

The Washington College Art Department and The Friends of the Arts presents the Annual Student Art Exhibit in the Larrabee Arts Center on April 29 from 5-7pm. The show will continue to run on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-6pm.

The multifaceted exhibit will showcase photography, printmaking, ceramics, painting, drawing, digital imaging, fashion, as well as three senior theses.

Seniors displaying their thesis projects include: Beth Rideout, Katherine Coots, and Ginny Rowley.

This year the exhibit will also extend into Tawes Theatre, where Rowley’s drawings will be displayed.

Ginny Rowley said, “I work in pastels. My thesis runs around the theme of American cinema, which is why I chose the location of Tawes Theatre. I think the space is fitting.”

Beth Rideout said, “My thesis is a series of artist books with the use of many different materials. I try to emphasize the structure of the books; it is more about the aesthetic qualities than words or stories.”

The Lanett Nealson Award will also be presented by Ann Nealson, the daughter of Lanett, to the most promising senior. The annual award is given to a senior Art student who shows promise within the field.

Ruth Gibbens, an Art major who will be displaying her work at the show, said, “The important aspect of this exhibit is that it draws the community together.

“A lot of people from the town come in to see students’ work. It also gives Art students a good opportunity to learn the process and experience of showing and presenting their work.”

Heather Holiday, an Art major who is also contributing to the exhibit, said, “The spring exhibit is really the only large scale art show of the year at Washington College. It is a wonderful opportunity and a very exciting event at the school.”

Come out next Friday and fuel your creative juices at the opening reception of the Annual Student Art Exhibit!

Two student works featured at last year’s exhibit

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Solve the puzzle and stay tuned for more information on an upcoming campus event.

This is the last of 4 puzzles. The completion of all 4 puzzles will be awarded a prize at the campus event of which we speak.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22
WC Dance Company in Concert
Tawes Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
The International Relations Club presents
Culture Night 2005
Dinner in CAC, 6 p.m.; Performance in Norman James Theatre, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
WC Early Music Consort & Vocal Consort
Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 25
The Douglass Cater Society of Junior Fellows presents
Student Symposium
CAC Forum, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26
WC Hillel presents
Annual Community Passover Seder
Hynson Lounge, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
WC Sigma Xi and Scientific Research Society present
Rashmi Sinha, Ph.D.: Diet and Cancer
Hynson Lounge, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
WC Concert Series presents
The Francis Poulenc Trio
Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
Odd vs. Even Men’s Lacrosse Alumni Game
Kibler Field, 10 a.m.
Women’s Rowing: Never Fear, Underdog is Here

BY MELANIE RUPPERT

The Washington College women’s rowing team won the Women’s Division III Varsity Eight and Women’s Division III Second Varsity races this past weekend at the Knecht Cup in Camden, New Jersey. The Shorewomen were ranked 12th going into the race.

Winning the Women’s Division III Varsity Eight race in 7:02.2, the Shorewomen beat second-place Marietta by three seconds, a team which is ranked first in the NCAA’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Rankings. In third place was Mary Washington, followed by Bryn Mawr. Vassar, currently ranked 15th in the nation in Division III, finished fifth.

The Women’s Division III Second Varsity Eight race was won by a larger margin, as the Shorewomen came in at 8:01.90 and in second at 8:21.70 was Mary Washington. The Shorewomen led the whole race, and Marietta came in third with a time of 8:35.60.

Sophomore Megan Walburn was proud of her team’s performance at the cup, claiming that “the theme of the weekend was ‘Underdog.’” Vassar, Mary Washington and Marietta weren’t even worried about us until Saturday when our second varsity eight won by 20 seconds.

“That really opened the door for us to come up from behind on Sunday. Everybody assumed that this year would be a ‘rebuilding year’ for us and I think this weekend we were able to make a clear statement.”

Rowing for the first varsity eight was Walburn in the second seat, senior Jennifer Bockmiller sat stroke, senior Beth Rideout was in the seventh seat, junior Katherine Wilson in the sixth, sophomore Amy Uebel in the fifth, junior Cassie Ann Slintz in the fourth, freshman Laura Ratz in the third seat, and senior Sam Hastler was the bow. Senior Courtney Ackerman served as the coxswain.

The second varsity eight boat included senior Sarah Kuhlmann as the bow, sophomore Jeanne Clark in seat two, junior Stephanie Gerwitz in the third seat, junior Leslie Meredith in the fourth, junior Betsy Davis in the fifth, sophomore Blair Haring in the sixth, sophomore Meg Chapman in the seventh seat, and junior Jeanne Seeberger sat stroke. The coxswain was senior Katie Cooper.

In the Women’s Division III Frosh/Novice Eight race the Shorewomen placed second with a time of 7:54.65. Rowing for Washington were freshmen Ashleigh Genevich, Hayley Taylor, Kelly Spiver, Katie Jurzemski, Marian Robbins, Ashton Kluttz, Laura Messerly, Courtney Jensen and sophomore Erin Jones.

The Shorewomen also competed in the Women’s Division III Varsity Four race, in which they place fifth in their heat with a time of 9:35.0. The boat included juniors Sarah Riklin and Emily Richardson, as well as sophomores Kristen Kulik, Dani Harlan and Erin Koster.

The Shorewomen will next race in the Atlantic Collegiate League regatta in Carlisle, PA this Saturday.

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Sophomore Megan Walburn

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Softball Splits with Swarthmore

BY JOHN MARSHALL

The Washington College softball team split a Centennial Conference double-header with visiting Swarthmore this past Tuesday.

The Shorewomen (16-12, 4-8 Centennial) won the first game, 7-1, but the Garnet Tide (9-21, 3-7) took game two, 2-1. Freshman Amanda Campbell went 3-for-3 with a double, an RBI, and two runs scored in the opener, while freshman Megan Travers was 1-for-2 with a double, an RBI, and two runs scored.

Sophomore Beth Anne Hartman doubled and drove in three runs and senior Laura Scimeca doubled and scored a run. Sophomore Maria Hogg went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Junior Diane Green picked up the game one win, allowing one earned run on five hits and four walks, while striking out six batters. Freshman Bailey Manuel drove in Scimeca in the seventh inning for the Shore women’s only run of the second game. Freshman Michelle Laque took the loss in game two, allowing two first-inning runs, but holding the Garnet Tide to five hits and one walk in the game.

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Sophomore Maria Hogg

Freshman Amanda Campbell went 3-for-3 with a double, an RBI, and two runs scored in the opening game against Swarthmore.

PHOTO BY DAN HAMMELBERGER

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Gerstein Pitches Seven Scoreless Innings Against Green Terrors

BY ANDY ABBOTT

On Tuesday, April 19 the Washington College Baseball team traveled to Preston Field to play fellow Centennial Conference opponent McDaniel College. The Shoremen defeated the Green Terror 14-1.

The Shoremen scattered twenty hits over the nine innings, with nine runs scoring in the final three innings. Leading the offensive attack were seniors Jim Barossi and John Schmidt, Jr., and sophomore Zachary Hubs. Barossi went 3-5 with one RBI and scored two runs, lifting his season average to a team-leading .471. Schmidt hit two doubles in five at bats, drove in three runs, and also scored two runs. Hubs went 3-5 with one double, drove in two runs, and scored one run.

Adding to the offensive explosion, sophomore Steve Smith had two hits including a triple and senior Marco Muscella doubled, scored two runs, and drove in one run. Juniors Walt Pyzik and Mike Parton both had two hits and one run batted in.

Senior Eric Gerstein pitched seven strong scoreless innings, striking out three and allowing only three hits. Gerstein improves to 11-12 overall and 5-8 in conference play with the win. In their next game, the Shoremen face the McDaniel Green Terror again on Friday, April 22 at 3:30 PM on Athey Field.

WAC Women’s Rugby

2nd Home Game of the Season vs. University of Delaware

April 23, 2005
2 pm
Worton Park

For information and directions, contact Megan Curren @ mcurren2/(410) 810-1988, or @ Lexi Paza
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We will be collecting canned goods for a local soup kitchen. Please do your part to help the community!

CULTURE NIGHT

offered by the INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB
Saturday, April 23rd
6:00 P.M.

Food from all over the world will be served in the CAC gallery
8:00 P.M. -- Multicultural performances and a fashion show will be presented in the Norman James Theater
No tickets needed

NEXT WEEK IN SPORTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Baseball vs McDaniel, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Men’s Lacrosse vs. Muhlenberg, 1:30 p.m.
Women’s Tennis vs. Muhlenberg, 1 p.m.
Softball at Dickinson, 1 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse at Ursinus, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Baseball vs. St Mary’s, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Men’s/ Women’s Tennis vs. McDaniel, 2:30 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Salisbury, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Men’s Lacrosse vs. Swarthmore, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Baseball at Gettysburg, 12:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Gettysburg, 1 p.m.
Men’s Lacrosse vs. Salisbury, 1 p.m.