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Golden Bears defeat WV State

Going into the game against WVU State last Saturday, the WVU Tech Golden Bears' defense held the worst record in the league, allowing 293 yards and 48 points per game. However, on this sunny afternoon at Martin Field, the defense was the key to their 38-14 win, with four interceptions leading to 17 of the points in the game despite giving up another 295 yards. It was the West Virginia Conference opening game for both teams.

Junior Jamayes Dixon returned the opening kickoff 95 yards, putting Tech on the scoreboard in the first 14 seconds of the game.

Tech's Nigel James made an interception of a first-possession pass by State Quarterback Kerrick Cooper, returning it for 36 yards. A couple plays later, Tech QB Chris Siegel connected with tailback Jermaine Jack for a 23 yard touchdown, giving Tech a 14-0

lead before the first quarter was half over.

Tech's Ricarlo Ross intercepted Cooper, returning the ball for a 25 yard touchdown early in the second quarter, making the score 21-0. Cooper was intercepted again, this time by Miquel Alvarez with 1:53 left before halftime. This led to a 33 yard field goal by Tech's Tyler Armstrong, making the score 24-0. By halftime, additional touchdowns by each team made the score 31-7.

Dixon had 119 yards on 14 carries. Jack had 78 yards on 13 carries. QB Siegel connected for 10 of 20 passes for 121 yards, two touchdowns, and no interceptions.

The Tech Golden Bears play at Glenville State this Saturday evening, and return to Montgomery for the Homecoming game against West Liberty State on Saturday, October 9th.



Jon Dragan, Grandfather of Whitewater Rafting, and his wife, Melanie are the Parade Marshals for Tech's Wild, Wonderful Homecoming.

Article submitted by Diane Lordan, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

The Spirit of adventure still burns in the whitewater rafting pioneer, Jon Dragan, although more than 30 years have passed since the Pennsylvania native put down roots in West Virginia's New River Gorge. Dragan first mapped the whitewater on the New River in 1964. Several years later, in the tiny riverside hamlet of Thurmond- once a bustling West Virginia boomtown - Dragan and his brother, Tom and Chris, established the first whitewater rafting company on the New River.

The top two-whitewater places in the county are the Grand Canyon and the New Gauley River. Today, the Mountain State is the undisputed whitewater capital of the east, drawing more than 250,000 rafters, kayakers and canoeists in a typical year.

In the 1970's, West Virginia threw its hat into the tourism ring with the catchy "Wild and Wonderful" slogan, which has become a permanent and appropriate tagline for the state. In 1972, the white water industry-and West Virginia tourism in general- took off. Today, rafting is mainstream and trendy, a manifestation of the public's desire for fitness, adventure, and a return to nature. The locals, who once thought anyone in their right mind who would want to ride down the awesome

river in a tiny rubber boat was crazy, now stand in admiration of this exciting and physically strenuous sport of rafting.

The state's commercial rafting industry began with Jon Dragan, who left a partnership in a rafting company on Pennsylvania's Youghiogheny River to set up his own operation on the New River. Dragan was in search of a river with year-round whitewater rather than seasonal. He also sought good access and egress and good water quality. *The changeability, that's what really keeps people coming back. The New River is always changing.* The New River met all of these qualifications. *We came to West Virginia in 1964 and in 1968 Wildwater Expeditions Unlimited ran its first commercial trip.* In 1968, the state licensed Dragan's Wildwater Expeditions Unlimited as the first commercial whitewater outfitter. That year Wildwater transported more than two thousand people down the New River. For five years, Dragan and his brothers Tom and Chris had the river to themselves; but the industry continued to grow and prosper so that more people now have the opportunity to enjoy it.

Today, there are more than twenty-five companies actively operating on the state's major whitewater rivers. Each year, more than 250,000 people go white water rafting in the

state. West Virginia is fast-becoming known as the "the Colorado of the east" and the whitewater rivers are a big reason. Tourism is now the second largest industry for the state and whitewater rafting plays a big part.

The completion of U.S. 19 - Appalachian Corridor L (started in 1969 and completed in 1978 at a cost of \$174 million in state and federal funds) has increased the nearly fourfold the daily average of 2,800 cars and trucks to more than 10,000. The Department of Transportation now expects traffic to double to 20,000 vehicles per day over the next 20 years. Getting to Thurmond, West Virginia used to be the biggest obstacle; but that has all changed now - just ask the Mayor of Thurmond, Melanie Dragan.

Dragan continues to be a pioneer in the industry, and he has never lost his sense of wonderment about the sport. In the late 1990's, he was part of crew which made the first river descent from Tibet to China. Writers and photographers from National Geographic magazine recorded the history-making voyage.

Because of Jon Dragan, whitewater rafters can celebrate 30 years of rafting in West Virginia. He created an industry based on professionalism, established high safety standards, promoted a quality experience for guests, and shared a love of history and

knowledge that is still relayed by guides and guests today.

For years, a stretch of rail track between Mount Hope and Thurmond was silent, serving only as a shortcut to local fishing holes or as bleachers for parents watching their children play at nearby soccer fields. That changed a year ago, when Jon Dragan and Roger Lipscomb launched West Virginia Southern Railroad, a short-line freight company. Dragan and Lipscomb operate the railroad on 12 miles of track for which they had purchased the right of way from CSX in 2002. West Virginia Southern Railroad now rumbles back and forth between the two Fayette County communities at least five days a week, hauling wood, chemicals and other products for local industries, including Georgia Pacific and Austin Powder. West Virginia Southern Railroad has one engine and six employees and is in the black after its first year of operation.

We are honored that Jon and Melanie Dragan are the Parade Marshals for our Wild and Wonderful WVU Tech Homecoming 2004!

Credits for this article are: ACE Adventure Center, Appalachia Magazine, The Charleston Gazette, Susan Williams, W. Lynn Seldon Jr., National Geographic, November 1996, West Virginia Outdoors, Summer 2002, and Wonderful West Virginia, July 2004.



From the desk of: President Lanny Janeksela

Exciting changes for students are coming at WVU Tech

As most of you have heard, this summer a task force comprised of WVU Tech faculty, staff, students and alumni, along with representatives from WVU and our local community, met and gathered information for "The Future of WVU Tech" report. This report was then used to create a Strategic Plan that is now being implemented in some aspects and studied in others. The work being done in this arena is critical to the way Tech will shape itself in the coming years.

The goal is to insure that Tech is a place where students will find a caring environment within which they can achieve success in their chosen field and reach their full potential through quality educational offerings and supportive faculty and staff. The blueprint for the future involves focusing our degree programs in engineering, science, health and technology, which are critical need areas for the State. We will continue to provide students with a nurturing and supportive living and learning environment. Tech's caring faculty and staff have been cited time and again by accrediting bodies as our greatest asset.

Recent legislative changes have resulted in the separation of community colleges from the four-year institutions all across the state. As a result West Virginia University Institute of Technology is granting degrees in all of the four-year and graduate programs while the Community and Technical College at WVU Tech is granting all certificate and two-year degree programs. Both institutions are administratively linked and essential services (library, campus safety, business office, physical plant etc.) are shared. This legislative mandate allows differing tuition levels and more flexibility for the Community and Technical College, but importantly retains the seamless ability to transfer CTC credits into the four-year degree programs. All campus services are maintained, and students from both institutions enjoy the same opportunities and care.

So, what changes are coming? First and foremost, WVU Tech has begun focusing more effort and resources toward making sure that students are succeeding in their degree programs. This retention effort has become an institution-wide commitment. A new program called the Advising Enrichment Center is aggressively targeting academic assistance via a new tutoring program aimed primarily at freshmen. Faculty are carefully evaluating students and directing those who need extra help to this program. The student orientation class has been restructured to provide stronger emphasis on skills that build student success, and every faculty and staff member have been energized to provide the best service and support for our students to assist in their success.

Secondly, a major emphasis has been placed on strengthening our recruitment effort. Additional recruiting staffs have been hired; recruiting processes have become more responsive and communications with potential students has become both more frequent and rapid. We will be recruiting in new areas while maintaining the strong ties we already have - marketing more effectively, ensuring all of our recruiting materials are professionally created and used to maximum efficiency - strengthening the role of faculty in the recruitment process. In short, making sure the message that WVU Tech offers top quality education on a friendly, supportive campus is being clearly articulated and widely disseminated.

Tech is working hard to inform both state business and government leaders that we are a unique source of engineering, technology and science education in the state. It is extremely important that these leaders understand that we have programs and services that are making valuable contributions to the economic development of Southern West Virginia. Our top-flight graduates, along with our broad expertise, make us a real engine for business growth and success.

Other key elements of our Strategic Plan include quickly addressing infrastructure needs on the campus - especially upgrading residence hall facilities. A group comprised of WVU main campus and Tech officials along with American Campus Communities (a private residence hall company) are meeting now, and are at the point of selecting building sites and options for new and renovated residence hall space. This group should be making important announcements in the near future. Also being closely examined is the structure of athletics on the campus. Both intercollegiate and intramural sports are being studied to insure the best ways to assure as many students as possible have the opportunity to experience the benefits athletics bring to life skills. Tech will be working hard to maximize the intramural program, increase opportunities for female athletes and to make sure intercollegiate athletes have competitive teams and a true focus on being both solid athletes, good citizens, and successful in their academic program. We want every student to be successful and graduate in a timely fashion. Other student recreational offerings are also being evaluated and will be expanded.

Tech will be taking advantage of this planning process to be sure that we are offering the right mix of academic programs that serve the needs of West Virginia's citizens, bringing to bear the considerable expertise of our alumni and advisory boards, setting aggressive recruitment goals, and addressing the management of our financial

Out of My Head:

Ask Me No Questions

By Dave McBrayer, Editor

Many people have asked me about the cessation of last semester's popular advice column, "Just Ask Dave." Regardless of the fact that my usage of the words "many" and "popular" stretch the bounds of artistic license, I can tell you, straight up, that students at Tech have some really insane problems, many of which I couldn't begin to solve. Some of these problems could get me in legal trouble ("Where can I score a copy of next week's quantum theory midterm?"), some were outside of my area of expertise ("What's the quickest, easiest way to get three million dollars?"), and some had no possible solution at all ("How can I make a great meal with mayonnaise and cinnamon?"). I can field a question about a spider infestation, but there are some issues that I simply can't handle.

In addition to all this, there were some requests that were simply too outrageous for me to answer. Not reasonable questions like "Where's the best place to hide a body?" but really off-the-wall stuff. I figured that since "Just Ask Dave" is defunct (at least pretend to be disappointed, for my sake), "Out of My

Head" is the perfect place to air out these scraps of insanity, in abridged form. Enjoy!

"The water drains away whenever I try to take a drink, and whenever I try to reach for the fruit, the wind blows the branch out of my reach! I need help! Could you score me a pizza? I'll pay you back, I swear! - T."

"But, little did I know, he actually gave me that fabulous set of combs for Christmas! I can hardly wait to use them! Do you know a way I can grow a full head of hair in less than a week?"

"Could you please renew my subscription to "The Collegian?" I've enclosed \$80 like you told me. I'll send more if you need it."

"Would you be willing to sponsor a starving child for only \$0.14 per day?"

"A huge rattlesnake bit my ankle about ten minutes ago. I know they're poisonous, but I don't know how to treat this kind of wound. Could you tell me the number for poison control?"

Remember, ladies and gentlemen: for home delivery of "The Collegian," put eighty dollars in an unmarked envelope, and deposit it under the orange park bench on Beacon Hill!

Tech Alumni Association's Wild, Wonderful Rubber Duck Race is October 9, 2004

Duck prize winners will be drawn by the Barracuda Swim Team at 11:00 AM in the Neal D. Baisi Athletic Center pool. Duck Owners Need Not Be Present To Win. You can buy one ticket for \$5 or a flock of five for \$20 and get a designer Homecoming T-shirt with every flock purchase!

Prizes include: Golf for Four at the Greenbrier; 20 Flat Screen TV & Slimline DVD; \$50 Savings Bond from United; Oil Changes from Browns Chevrolet; Gift Certificates from Cedar Grove Furniture, The Christian Family Bookstore, Krogers, & The Wee Rabbit Gift Shop; Candles from Evan Scent, & Party-Lite; an Espresso Machine from

Smitty's; Home Accessories from Elk Furniture, Just for You, & D&W Variety Store; a Cross Pen Set from Galperin Jewelry, Brunch at Hawks Nest, Dinner at the Bank Bar & Grill, Pizza from Frank's; Silver Clock and Frame sets from Tech Foundation, Inc.; one year of the Montgomery Herald; Avon, Mary Kay, a Sun Catcher, & a Quilted Wall Hanging!

That is more than \$2,600 worth of prizes available - and that won't be all!

For Your Ducks, (Pauline's phone is not working today) but you can call Diane Lordan at 1048 or Sandy Huddleston at 1003. Or E-mail pprice@wvutec.edu

resources for maximum effectiveness.

WVU Tech has proven for over one hundred years that it is a high quality educational provider and a place where a student's dreams can and do come true. We are strategically focusing our resources to ensure that this history of quality continues for the next hundred years. With the backing

of our entire faculty and staff, the excellent guidance and assistance from West Virginia University, and with the support of the state and the private sector, we will succeed. WVU Tech has been the catalyst for success for so many for so long, and I have tremendous faith that this will continue to be true for many, many years to come.

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Notes from the WVU Tech Career Services Office

WVU Tech Career Day Job Expo 2004 Employers scheduled to participate

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

AEP Kanawha River Plant
Alexandria Surveys, LLC
Allegheny Energy
American Infrastructure
Bureau of the Public Debt
Cives Steel
CONSOL Energy
EWA Government Systems
Fastneal
Genesis Healthcare
Kiewit Construction
Lockheed Martin
Manpower Professional
Mt. Olive Correctional Complex
Performance Results Corporation
Pinnoak Resources, LLC
PPG Industries
Site-Blauvelt Engineers, Inc.
TerraTech, LLC
The Free Lance Star Publishing Co.
Ticketmaster
Trader Publishing Company
Triad Engineering
US Army Corps of Engineers
Wendy's International
US Army National Guard
WV Dept of Environmental Protection

WV Dept of Health and Human Resources
WV State Police

Thursday, October 14, 2004

Appalachian School of Law
CDI Business Solutions
Contractors Association of WV
Egan, McAllister Associates, Inc.
ENSCO, Inc.
Enterprise Rent-a-Car
HDR Engineering
HMB Professional Engineers, Inc.
HNTB Corporation
Kroger Mid-Atlantic
Kokosing/Fru-Con, LLC
March-Westin & CEC
Marshall University Graduate College
Naval Surface Warfare Center
Quebecor World
R.R. Donnelley
Social Security Administration
Thomas Memorial Hospital
US Air Force
US Army Healthcare Recruiting
US Government Printing Office
Valassis
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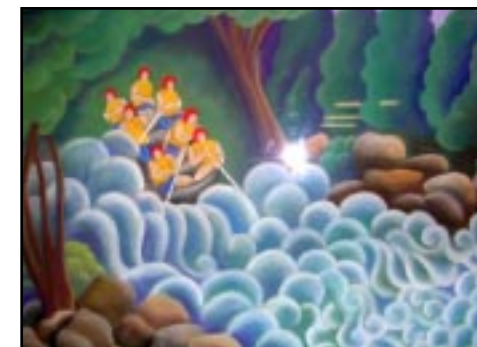
“Passages” – Pastel Paintings

By Tseyed Afework, Staff Writer

Have you been to the Pierce Art Gallery lately? If you haven't, I encourage you to go and see the presenting of Shir Wooten's pastel paintings entitled *Passages*. She probably titled her work *Passages* because of the different passages we take in our life whether it is our physical or spiritual life. Her paintings in *Passages* are all landscapes from southern West Virginia. Shir Wooten won a merit award for the 2003 WV juried exhibition for her title work *Last Light*.

Shir's pastel work has good contrast in color. Her use of light colors against dark colors is wonderful. For instance, in her pastel work *Rapid Ride*, she uses different stages of shades on the stones and you can see how one stone has a total different identity than the others. She uses colors that you won't really see in nature. For example, she makes the mountains purple, making them stand out like in her piece *Afternoon Delight*. She uses the colors to her advantage by the way the colors intensify the objects she is painting. When I asked Bob Simile about how Shir's work is different from other pastel paintings he had in the

past, he said, “Her work is different in her selection of color and her placement of the colors in her work.”



She likes adding a small house or two or more houses to couple of her paintings, which adds more thought and imagination to both the painter and anyone who observes the painting. Her pastel work is so good that it looks like an oil or acrylic painting instead of pastel. Shir makes her work look so easy, yet so fascinating.

Again, if you haven't had a chance to see Shir's pastel paintings; the art gallery is going to be open until Wednesday, October 6th.

Some Helpful Hints and Tips

By Ernest “D.” Chafin, Staff Writer

Although this is a small town campus, it is not without the threat of crime and problems, as some legends within Tech campus could illustrate. A few brief chats with the outgoing and incoming Chiefs of Campus Safety have convinced me that all is quiet on the home front for the time being, but a stitch in a time saves nine, as the old saying goes. In a relative sense, most of what you're about to read here should be common sense, but at the same time, some are unfamiliar with what can happen in such a diverse living environment as Tech can sometimes offer. Even in the small town of Montgomery, crime can, and unfortunately does, sometimes happen. Here are a few things for you to consider so you can keep yourself a little happier and safer during your stay here at Montgomery in the WVU Tech Housing System.

First off, keep your doors locked when you're out of your room. In the same vein, keep valuables put away and not in plain view, as it's not a smart idea. It doesn't matter if you're going across the hall for a few minutes or across the tracks for something to drink, a skilled (or unskilled) thief only needs three to five seconds to eye something they like and surprisingly little time to yank it and make it disappear. Even if you have serial numbers for everything in your room, along with distinguishing marks for all of those things that don't have official tags, if it was in your room and it's left open, there's disturbingly little that can be done for missing items, unless they happen to be found in pawn shops. Do yourself a favor: Keep your doors shut and locked, especially if you're not in them.

Speaking of locks, it goes without saying that you should keep all vehicle doors locked. Although there was a rash of break-in style thefts last year, it's been reasonably quiet this semester. If you have the kind of stereos with the detachable faceplates, I'd score myself fifteen bonus points, so long as you stuff it in your room or in the glove box or

somewhere out of view. A car alarm may come in handy, but in the past, they've not been all they've been cracked up to be. One thing that people on campus, specifically on the upper floors of the back (front) side of Hirise, can do for themselves is to try keeping an eye on the parking lots. Half of prevention is awareness, after all, and no one on campus benefits if the bandits start breaking windows again. If nothing else, it gives you a reason to use that window that you otherwise don't really use.

Something else that the ladies may want to keep in mind: though there have been no incidents that I have heard of, it may not be the safest thing for the women of campus to be walking around at night. If you can pull in some help from a good friend, it may be some good insurance to get an escort if you need to be making any excessive traveling around campus at night. I've heard a couple of rumors concerning horrible things happening to ladies in the dark, and I'm hoping with all that I am that rumors are all that they are, but facts are facts, and this is no fairytale world. Be smart, ladies. Have someone walk you to where you need to go. It may sound pointless and useless now, but in the long run, you may be thankful.

Aside from those things, if you're standing in front of Hirise, make sure to keep moving. Remember: every five seconds that you're standing still within twenty-five to thirty feet of the building, someone above you could be training a roll of toilet paper, a plastic bottle, or worse, something glass at you, without you realizing it. There is the legend of the Tech student some three years ago who was standing outside speaking with another student when a 2-liter bottle of urine splattered open within his vicinity. He went floor by floor to find out who did it and never found out who it was, to my knowledge. Just so you know: don't let these things happen to you. Outside from these things, watch out for yourself and whatever may be coming into your three feet of space.

Kerry Edwards

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WVU Tech Democrats

Invite you to a

Presidential Debate Party

September 30, 2004

9:00 pm.

Tech Center Bear's Den

Join us as John Kerry makes the case
to make America Stronger
Refreshments will be available



Greek Life:

The Stagnant Night Air of Montgomery

By Ernest "D." Chafin, Staff Writer

This past week in Greek events was an uneventful one in the grand line of campus life. The weather was coming out of the frigid chill that Ivan had left us, leaving the campus with some unsteady heat that will slowly be increasing throughout the rest of the week. Threads of the Greek community are starting to appear here and there more prominently across campus in ways in which they used to not be. I'm seeing a lot more lettered shirts than it is within the realm of my memory able to recall. It's almost as though the Greek community around campus is starting to thrive on campus, despite what is going on around it. There were a couple of events that were held this week, a gathering at both the Delta Chi and Phi Tau houses on Wednesday and Thursday, which seem to me need mentioned.

In the first part of the week, I started noticing notices here and there around campus about a gathering at the Delta Chi house. Granted, the grammar wasn't the greatest that I've seen, but I've never known Delta Chi to host a poor gathering. Although I was unable to be there myself due to a ball game, I heard many good things about the get-together. Just from what I heard from some of the patrons that were in attendance, there were enough people to have a houseful and a good time in the same instance.

To my understanding, there were no legal altercations, at least that I was made aware of, which is always a good thing. One thing that I will take away from the Greek experience here on Tech campus is that Delta Chi had always managed to achieve a certain level of class that has been so desperately necessary within any Greek system of organization.

The next night was the Phi Tau gathering, which word had started to spread about sometime Tuesday. I had no idea what the night had in store for me when I got down there. As I was required to attend a meeting in the private dining hall, I was unable to get to the get-together until just after midnight. I strolled up and took in the appearance of the yard, which looked as it usually does. I flipped the book out of the liquid that it had somehow managed itself into and signed myself in to the list of high sixties, being the good sport that I am and all. No sooner than I had started to relax and actually take in the experience, out of the blue, I was asked to leave. I regret to inform you, the student body proper, that in my three years on campus, this is the first party anywhere that I have been asked to leave. It may not have hurt as much if I had been given a reason. But, not to be a bother or be somewhere I'm not wanted, I complied and left. I was isolated out of a crowd for this, but my brethren decided to come with me, despite the Phi Tau fellowship telling them

they could stay; that it was I that needed to go. However, this incident gave me a whole weekend to contemplate why such a rash demand be given, with me not harming anyone. This is what I've come up with.

Possibly it could have been my heckling of one of their illustrious brothers. The funny thing about this is that I've known him since before he pledged fraternity, when we were both GDI. I consider him a true friend and would never go out of my way to offend him. Something you have to keep in mind about me, however, is if I don't give you a hard time on occasion, I don't like you. In fact, if I don't speak to you at all, *that's* when you need to be worried, but I really don't think this is it either. It seems too shallow even for them, in my opinion. I have accounts from pledges from other houses on campus that had to all but possess permission slips from their respective brethren to be admitted as Greek into the same party, and even at that were turned away. Overall, not the best night I've had in my three years on campus.

However, not all the news in Greek life is bad. I've recently gotten into contact with the new Chapter Director of the Delta Zeta sorority here on campus. Oh yes, there are two, even three, come to think of it. Her name is Emily Myers and is interested in revitalizing the sisterhood of Delta Zeta here on campus and,

from my humble male point of view, any Delta Zeta that I've ever met has always been nice and sweet and helpful, truly great people in my book. In regards to my comment last week about female Greek options running out, well, it turns out that I was mistaken. Any of you females out there looking to get associated with some real high-class young ladies within the Greek means here on campus should really look into the Delta Zeta sorority. Apparently they had a minor recruiting meeting that met with a good deal of success this past week. If you're interested in joining, you can either E-mail me at the address below or contact Ms. Myers at ConcordDZ@hotmail.com.

All in all, it's been an invigorating week in Greek affairs. It could have been better, but in hindsight, it could have been a whole lot worse. I can only hope for a smoother week next time through, but I'm not going to hold my breath. Although the week was full of obstacles and trials that I wasn't prepared for, I will say this before parting with you: It was a whole lot better than wasting away in my dorm room, doing nothing more than fiddling with a video game controller or staring at these industrial white walls.

Any questions, comments, fan/hate/flame mail can be directed to Ernest at Chaos_Th3ory@hotmail.com. Anything sent will be answered.

Random Rants and Grievances

By Ernest "D." Chafin, Staff Writer

The more I look around campus, the more I start to see the true colors of the way things are starting to turn. It would be one thing if these were the same old things that have been happening up here for years, and most of them are, but there are a few new ones that are starting to get to me. They started off small and indistinguishable, but are starting to grow to the point where they are in my face most of the time. Although I haven't been worked into a blasting frenzy yet, I do have a few issues that I just cannot keep to myself any more. To the untrained eye, they're petty and useless to talk about, but then again, they could also dictate the background of some of the other problems around campus. So before I waste any more of your time, we may as well get right into them.

My first complaint is about toilet paper. No, not the fact that it's cheap, John Wayne quality that "doesn't take **** off no man," but the fact that at any point during the day, you can find two to five rolls of it out front of Hirise. It's not bad enough that this kind of garbage makes the rest of us look like a building full of third graders, but then people have the audacity to complain that there is no toilet paper, sometimes right after it's thrown out the bathroom windows. It's one thing that it's happening, but at the same time, I had the joyous privilege of almost being clocked in the head with a flying roll of J.W. paper on my way back from class off the third floor. It really puts things like pointless athletics in perspective. Ratliff doesn't seem to have this problem, but maybe that's because they have sense enough to not make a mess in their own living environment. Coed also seems to be devoid of this problem, but then again, I'd say it's because of the same basic theory.

Something else, revolving around the Hirise bathrooms, that kind of makes me think. Anyone that has paid any attention in those bathrooms will note the soap dispensers that have been installed roughly in the center of the three-sink setup. Yeah, they're nice and decorative. I believe it was the SAB that fought

so hard to get them put there. What kills me is that they've been there for a little over a year now and I've yet to see a drop of soap in them. I don't know if we're meant to fill them ourselves, as poor as a student body as we are, or if it has been deemed fringe by maintenance and housing, but nevertheless, why have the things there if they will never see soap? In a similar vein of futility, at least on the fourth floor, the toilet paper roll holders have been yanked out of the plywood walls and taken off with. More destructive tendencies that the campus could do without, in my opinion.

Speaking of maintenance, what is all this jive I've been hearing concerning 'maintenance not doing what they're supposed to?' I heard this just last week and was disgusted. What no one really wants to understand is that maintenance, as well as a number of other processes around campus, have been cut in terms of manpower. In some places, there are two or three buildings being handled by just one person. I remember from a Fundamentals of Management class that Honda tried a similar tactic of getting a process to run fairly well and then cutting a percentage of the work force, forcing the rest of the workers to pick up the slack. It may have worked over there at that time, but I don't foresee it working that well in this situation. For all you students and professors that want to gripe at maintenance for not doing their job, think of it this way: If you would keep *yourself* tidy, maybe the understaffed maintenance crews *could* do a reasonable job. Judge not, lest thee be judged, and so on.

The last thing on my short list of gripes is the student trying to claim the First Amendment right of free speech for obscenity in public. Yes, the First Amendment is great and almost universal, but not when it conflicts with state laws. As meaningful as it may be to chant for a botched call during a ball game, there is a law on the books in West Virginia where blurring out obscenity in public is worthy of a fine, which I think is kind of low, but a law, nonetheless. What makes it worse is what

does this make the campus look like when uniformed band members do so in earshot of children? It's not quite the best face for the school to be putting on, nor is it going to help the unfortunate standings of the football team, but then again, in a system riddled with entropy, I can relate to the sentiment.

Well, for the meantime, that's all I have to say. Not that this has helped quell the fire that is slowly growing deep within my belly, but at the same time, it's rid me of some of this steam that is slowly robbing me of my ability to think straight. But with every passing night, there is the hope of a better tomorrow, and although it may not sound like much, it's all that keeps me going. In the meantime, act like human beings, not animals, and I'd say the experience would be a whole lot better for all of us.

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Late Show with David Letterman Accepting Internship Applications for Spring 2005

Late Show is looking for full time Interns for the Spring 2005 semester. Late Show has interns in the following departments: Writers, Talent, Production, Research, Writers Production and Music. Interns work on projects specific to their departments and perform general office duties. We also offer a part time internship in our Production Finance department to an Accounting or Finance major. If you are interested in a career in television, can get credit from your college for an internship, and are available Monday-Friday 10 AM - 7 PM apply now. With the exception of the Finance internship, you must be available full time. Please note once again that you must be enrolled in college to be eligible to participate in our program. Mail or fax a resume and cover letter to: Janice Penino, Director, Human Resources, Late Show with David Letterman 1697 Broadway New York, NY 10019. Fax number is (212) 975-5546. Our application deadline is October 1st. The Spring semester runs from January until May.