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photo by Dave Gordon

Colleges staff and workers protest outside of Scandling Center last Friday.

Support Staff Protests

Fair Pay, Contract Sought By Union

Sharise Pabon

News Contributor

On Friday, October 26, 2001 the unionized clerical and support workers at Hobart and William Smith College gathered outside of Scandling Center in protest. These workers have been working without a contract since June 1, 2001. Negotiations between the SEIU union committee and management were supposed to take place prior to these protests but were cancelled before any negotiations could take place. Why? Apparently because SEIU and the support workers of HWS had the audacity to refuse to give up their first amendment rights to free speech and because they

were going to take their own lunch breaks to protest and make reasonable demands of the Trustees and Administration.

The staff has made two demands of the Colleges in their protest. First, they want to receive an increase in their wages that would increase their take-home pay. They are demanding a wage increase of 6.1%. This is the average wage increase experienced by the rest of the Colleges' staff, yet this is a demand that still has not been met for those in the union.

According to Sandy Gerlach, president of the Colleges' chapter of SEIU, "that 6.1% would cost the colleges about \$67,000. That is equal to

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Rain and Sleet Slow No Volunteers

Katie McGuire

News Contributor

Saturday, October 27 - In the pounding hail and near freezing temperatures, hundreds of students and Geneva community members gathered on the quad early Saturday morning for the colleges' annual Day of Service. Though the weather was wet, the air was charged with excitement as students and community members alike found warmth in the satisfaction of the service to be done.

Organized by the Day of Service Committee and headed up by Todd Patterson, Caroline Miller and Jason Groah, Day of Service is planned by students with members of the Geneva community with a focus towards giving back and making a difference.

Brooke Robinson '04 head of volunteer recruitment for the event was clearly pleased with participation this year in spite of bad weather, "We had around 400 plus people participate

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Sesno Tells Audience To "Turn It Off"

Dina Paulson

News Contributor

Monday October 29th - "When is too much [information] too much?" CNN's departing senior vice president Frank Sesno asked that question and others in an involved and fascinating discussion in the first President's Forum discussion of this year.

Sesno, reporting on "Breaking News: 24/7 News Media and Terrorism," addressed a full house in the Geneva Room earlier this week. Setting a casual tone for the evening, he said "I would like to make this as much of a conversation as possible," asking the audience to "blurt something out," should they feel inclined.



photo by Dave Gordon

Frank Sesno engaged students and faculty at the reception held before his President's Forum talk.

"Today," Sesno began, "We [media] can take you any place instantaneously and connect you directly." He depicted our society as "inundated with information," which poses "24/7" news with unique challenges; "How much do you [as a viewer] want to know? [and] How much

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SEIU Protest Draws Attention to Needs of Support Staff

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one mid-level management job, for everybody, for 61 people and followed by that our current proposal is 6% for the second year and 5.8 for the third year.”

The other demand that they have made is that their health insurance payments be capped because they have been asked to pay more and more insurance in recent times. According to Gerlach, “people with family coverage are paying about \$60 a month, about \$600 dollars a year. Right now that is about 3 or 4 percent of their salary, so they are already paying [too much].”

For the last five months the SEIU has been meeting with Steve Nathan from Human Resources as well as Terry Conroy, an attorney from Rochester, but so far no progress have been made.

According to Gerlach, “early in the negotiation process management had kind of exposed some money that they had to hopefully settle this contract and it was a really good starting point. However they wanted to attach it to these kind of convoluted systems that we thought were first of all unfair and secondly they were complicated and really not worth the effort to implement for such a small amount of money that they were talking about. So once we told them that we didn’t like their merit system and their market system, they pulled those [offers] off the table and took the money with it.”

Previously, the Colleges had offered the workers at least 4% for the second year and 5% for the third but these negotiations have since been taken back. Now they are only being

offered a 3% increase and are asking that they pay more for health insurance, a condition union workers are not willing to settle for.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, more hours worth of negotiations took place but nothing came of it because workers were offered less than ever before in these last five months of negotiation.

SEIU went forward last Friday despite the fact that their last scheduled negotiations were cancelled and they protested during their lunch hour anyway. Faculty members as well as students showed up in support of the workers and held up signs demanding wage increases and a cap for insurance premiums.

“There is no reason on earth that we shouldn’t get the 6.1% across the board, evenly distributed to all of our members,” said Gerlach.

Ninth “Day of Service” A Success

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this year truly eclipsing last years mark.”

This year’s participants found themselves spread all through out Geneva and the greater Finger Lakes community. The groups marched defiantly into the weather going to such places as the Zion Lutheran Church and the West Street school completing tasks ranging from raking leaves to cleaning classrooms.

Though shivering and exhausted it was hard to ignore the look of satisfaction on the faces of the volunteers and the gracious thanks of those whose sites benefited from this

great event. As one William Smith Senior was quick to point out, “In class we often talk about the need to give back, and many professors require it, but its still great to see so

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As usual for a campus-wide event, the day ended with a party in the barn with lots of food, and a place to warm up after a day spent in the cold. The Day

of Service planning committee and all those who were involved in the planning of the days events would like to extend a heartfelt note of thanks to all those volunteers who made this day possible.

How high are you willing to go?



The majority of HWS students never use marijuana

Source: Data based on survey of all students in introductory sociology and chemistry courses during Fall 1996 and 1997.

Sesno Opens President's Forum

With Talk On 24/7 Media Coverage

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should you know?"

Sesno believes you should know as much as possible, comparing news knowledge to investing; "you need to know in the long run."

In his comments about the effects of September 11 on the media, Sesno said that he believed that the press should share as much information as possible with the public. Yet, although Sesno believes it is "better to be scared than surprised," he also addresses censorship from a "journalistic standpoint."

In making decisions about what to air in regards to information regarding troops in Afghanistan, Sesno said that the media are "going to be sensitive to information that might endanger lives." He believes that viewers deserve information, but he maintains the media's duty not to "imperil people's lives." He states, "Our obligation is to be journalistic...listen to a tape [or other material], find what is newsworthy, paraphrase other stuff...and put it on the air".

Sesno stated, "we are in a remarkable time of national crisis, national testing [and it is] all happening in a news environment."

Current polls report 60% of American people trust government, with an increased 90% specifically behind President Bush. Sesno maintains these numbers are the highest seen in over thirty years,

pointing to past government and presidential actions which had "squandered," public opinion. He believes people are now saying, "Protect us...keep us healthy...we trust you." He questions however, "How much of that trust is based on blind trust, and how much is based on you being knowledgeable about government?"

Turning to CNN's history, he cited the 1985 hijacking of Flight 847 in Beirut as the "first time any White

House had monitored a foreign situation without having control." The White House, Capitol, and Pentagon had all "just been cabled," allowing previously unseen material to be directly unleashed to public. Sesno claims this event "changed the way policy makers were going to report and control crisis."

He names Gulf War as the "first real-time reported war in history," instigating "unprecedented challenges

for reporters and military". Sesno depicts Monica Lewinsky as the "first real-time serious political scandal," and Election 2000 as the "first real-time competition."

Sesno speaks of rampant media competition, as CNN constantly faces questions of "where are we with the story...how much time do we have to check on sources...what are the implications?" He explained CNN's "dual key approach," a new rule in which two of their senior executives must sign any news release before airing. Sesno comments, "[information] moves so fast and with such implication; fact and fiction dangerously threaten to become one."



photo by Karl Brautigam

After commenting on the controversial release of Osama Bin Laden's tapes, which CNN and the other networks originally released without viewing, Sesno remains firmly opposed to "putting unscreened" information on the air. Weighing journalism on "integrity and content," Sesno sees danger in showing Laden's speeches as they could relay codified messages for other terrorists, painting CNN as "conduit" to more terrorist activity.

Sesno relayed his shocking story of the inadequate "certified labs" that are conducting Anthrax testing. Sesno says the results for his department were mixed up twice, and states, "Our country is not ready for this...my experience was horrifying." He explains how labs have run out of Petri dishes, as Anthrax testing is in such high demand, and that test result data is being "verbally passed along". Upon speaking with someone in testing department about his mixed results, Sesno relays their comment of "We're going to have to start writing this stuff down."

"The point is," Sesno comments, "we are totally on uncharted water." And his advice to those who don't want to watch? "Three words – turn it off."

Gearan, Trustees

Establish

Scholarship Fund

for Children of

Terrorist Victims

Dina Paulson

News Contributor

The September 11th terrorist attacks cast a dark shadow over the HWS community claiming the lives of Hobart alums Michael Simon '83, Andrew Golkin '93, and Scott Rohner '01. All three worked at Cantor Fitzgerald, located on the 105th floor in Tower 1 of the WTC.

In response President Gearan, in association with the Board of Trustees' Executive committee, proposed free tuition to the qualifying children of the deceased alums.

Michael Simon was the only alum leaving behind children, and this offer of condolence was extended to Simon's remaining family, wife Eileen and their 12, 10, and 5 year old children. Gearan made this announcement at the Distinguished Faculty Award Dinner, and later relayed the news in a letter issued to all alums following the tragedy.

In the letter, Gearan expressed his condolences over Simon, Golkin, and Rohner, while explaining the scholarship funds as a gesture, "consonant with the character of the caring community that is Hobart and William Smith." Gearan relayed what has occurred on campus since the attacks, citing prayer services, discussion-oriented class time, candlelight vigils, panel discussions, and teach-ins.

Gearan also described the student organized white ribbon drive and,

"mending wall," where comments were submitted regarding the tragedy. Gearan also spoke of communication between Provost Stranahan and HWS students abroad, in which the colleges are, "keeping abreast of situations at home and abroad, and ensuring our students in those programs and their parents are in touch."

Gearan has spoken with Simon's

wife who told him the offer for her children, "has kept me and the kids going." She adamantly thanked HWS for their incredible support, also commenting that over 22 alums attended the memorial service for Simon. Cathy Williams, Senior Editor in Communications, also had

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the opportunity to speak with Eileen describing Eileen as "amazing," and her children as "incredible." She says Eileen has done a remarkable job of keeping the family together, by having her children continue in school and attempting to go on with their lives.

The HWS community offers continued support and condolences for all three Hobart alums, as well as anyone else in our community that has been affected by the terrorist attacks.

Join Us...
Write for the Herald!

Kiss-A-Pig Contest

Want to see any of these people kiss a potbellied pig?

Iva Deutchman (Political Science)
Scott Brophy (Philosophy)
David Craig (Chemistry)
Barry Robinson (Student Life and Leadership)

In Scandling Center all week there are milk cartons set up for each of the above named people. Come by and donate money into the jar of your choice to see that person kiss a pig. Whomever has the most money at the end of the week has to kiss a pig (a large pig affectionately named Piggy Sue) at halftime of the football game this Saturday.

* Support Make-A-Wish and Donate to a Good Cause! *

Spring Registration To Commence

Peter Sarratori
Registrar

Just a reminder to HWS students that web-registration for Spring Semester 2002 begins November 5, 2001 according to the schedule below:

(Contact your faculty advisor during advising week Oct. 29-Nov. 2 to be advised for spring registration and to obtain your new PIN number

which is required for access to the web-registration system).

Students may register during or after their scheduled dates, but not before. The web registration system is open daily 6:00AM-11:00PM beginning November 5th. For more information on registration for spring semester 2002, see the Registration Handbook and Schedule of Courses.

REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Seniors '02 on November 5, 2001

Juniors '03 on November 7, 2001

Sophomores '04 on November 9, 2001

First-Years '05 on November 13, 2001

Student Trustees Report Out After Fall Board Meeting

**Renee' Conklin
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Student Trustees

This past weekend the Board of Trustees of Hobart and William Smith Colleges held their annual fall board meeting. The focus of the weekend was the initiatives developed by the HWS 2005 Committees. President Gearan outlined both the final conclusions reached and the operational strategies by which to accomplish the goals. There were three categories that the goals fell into: Academic Program Engagement, Student Life Engagement, and Physical and Financial Resources. Some highlights included: movements to increase faculty/student contact, ways to strengthen our diverse community, appointment of a task force on student life, assessing and enhancing student social space, implementing the campus master facilities plan, and emphasizing technology.

Progress on the new Academic Building to be built next to Smith hall is running smoothly. The Board met with the Architects from KSS and discussed the proposed floor plans and the varying sizes and shapes the building could take. The design plans are on a fast track and should be completed by the spring. Ground should be broken in the summer of 2002, with a completion date of Fall 2003. This new building is to house the Sociology, Anthropology, Asian Studies, and Political Science departments. In the future, look for the floor plans of the new academic building to be posted on our website, and for further opportunities for student feedback.

Through several discussions over the weekend, the Board expressed concerns regarding fire safety on campus. Through the joint efforts of Paul Bringewatt, Residential Education and the Deans, measures are being taken to educate the student body as to the risks of fire. The Board also officially thanked the Geneva Fire and Police departments for their timely reaction to the fire in

student technology survey. Ninety-nine percent of the incoming class brought a computer, 15% of which brought two. Young is researching the benefits and plausibility of supplying computers to students when they arrive on campus. This would alleviate many problems with computer services on this campus.

Young also reported that a new library system will be in place by January 2002. *Endeavor* will replace the current system, *Multilis*.

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The topic of third-party catering was addressed at the Student Affairs Committee meeting and at the full board meeting. The discussion focused on the question of who was in charge of creating the policy surrounding third-party catering. The Board agreed that the Deans of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and relevant administrative members are responsible for implementing appropriate alcohol policies. Further questions concerning third-party catering will be addressed at HSA/WSC on Tuesday, November 6th at

Rees One.

The Office of Communications, in conjunction with Brian Young and the DOIT team, is currently developing a new website for the colleges. Keeping in step with the recommendations of HWS 2005, the revamped Website will be geared toward Admissions recruitment, with richer content and upgraded graphics. The site will be customizable, allowing visitors to track their applications, alumni to keep track of events at HWS, and current students to customize the site to their individual interests. The new site should be up and running by winter break.

Brian Young, Vice President and CIO, reported on the results of the

7:00.

Also discussed at the Student Affairs committee was the Class President Initiative, formerly known as Class Representatives. The Student Trustees are nearing completion of this very important initiative.

Thank you for all of your suggestions and your involvement. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please e-mail us.

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Opinion/Editorial

What Is A Victory? Commentary on the Progress of America's War on Terrorism

Chris Vredenburg

When we were a decade away and stumbling out of a depression, we dreamed of the technological innovations that would distinguish the grand millennium that awaited us from the nineteenth century that we longed to cast into the past. When we were five years away our fascination with the revolution of the Internet was constantly escalating, and we imagined what the path of this fresh millennium would lead us to; as the dawn of a new age of technological innovation had already begun to rise. When we were but a year away, alarming nightmares of a computer glitch named Y2K rudely intruded upon our lofty dreams of technological progression, economic prosperity, and societal harmony. But never in our darkest nightmares did we dream that this celebrated millennium, this era of unblemished innocence, would also unleash a horrifying age of war. If Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is correct, the United States will be at war with terrorism through the falls, winters, springs, and summers of the dawn of this widely anticipated millennium.

For many Americans, the prediction of a long term, guerrilla war spurs studious thoughts or fading memories of Vietnam, a haunting echo that America hoped to silence as it marched into the new millennium. While developing this historical comparison, Americans have differentiated between the war on terrorism and the Vietnam War by, remarking that the current war is being conducted abroad as well as on American soil. Few Americans remember, but many know, that the Japanese were the last to attack American soil when they bombarded Pearl Harbor. But upon being asked about the last time that Washington was attacked, a much smaller number of Americans would reply that the British burned the White House down during the War of 1812. And when asked about New York City, even fewer would reply that during the Revolutionary War the

British invaded New York City.

So when terrorists attacked our national symbols of economic and military power, the entire nation stood in a shocked state of disbelief. After hundreds of years of comforting security in the heart of our country's power and wealth, we had un-

pulse. We were wrong. Try as we might, we cannot alter the truth of the past. Of course, we can ignore it, conceal it, and forget it, but that will not have changed the truth of our actions.

After a unanimous decision in the Senate, and a strong show of support in the House; President Bush signed legislation that granted law enforcement and intelligence agencies the broadest rights to search, seizure, and surveillance that this country has ever considered. The new legislation allows government agencies, without judicial approval, to spy on Americans whether or not they have evidence of terrorist involvement, and to ex-

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consciously begun to expect that our future security would reflect that of our past experiences. The fateful incidents of September 11 violently shook us awake from that dreamy ignorance, but this awareness should not warp our dreams. We must not apply the bars of reality to our dreams of tomorrow, or we will have surrendered our heart to a terrorism that can only scratch at our face.

Dreaming only requires a human mind; living dreams only requires the determination and freedom to do so. But what does freedom require? A democracy depends upon a common trust between its citizens, but individual freedoms do not require this trust. Thus, freedom requires nothing but a government willing to grant individual rights. Of course, a government would only do so if it were not threatened by those individual rights. So in order for our nation to live its dreams in the turbulent wake of terror, we cannot forfeit the very freedoms upon which this nation bravely stands. But have we already begun to do that? Have we already retreated from that stance by prematurely fleeing from our freedoms? In fact, we have.

We did so in a stealthy manner, masked by the air of patriotic necessity. We thought that if we did not debate, consider, and compromise, we would not have to mull over the truth of our fearful im-

pand the ability of government agencies to conduct secret search and seizure operations (both related and unrelated to terrorism). This new legislation has created a much broader definition of terrorism; that subjects political protesters, who endanger human life, to surveillance and wiretapping. The World Trade Organization protesters, for example, could be deemed "terrorists" by this the new legislation.

So before the bombs stop falling, before the last American sacrifices their life for freedom, and before the wind sweeps the last ashes of the World Trade Center away, we have lost this war on terrorism. We may capture Osama bin Laden, we may defeat the Taliban regime, and we may even usher in an era of peace into Afghanistan, but we will do so while shaping our dreams by fear and sacrificing our freedoms for terror. That is not victory for America or terrorism, but rather the fall of the virtues upon which this country was founded; to the vices with which humanity has struggled for so long. If we attained true victory, not just a military triumph, we would not yield our freedoms to fear or diminish our dreams for terrorists. Thus, as we continue our military struggle with terrorism, we must understand that victory cannot be defined by deaths, distances, or physical destruction; but rather, by the strength of the heart and principles of our nation.

Why is Everyone Always Picking On New Jersey?

David Diehl

Why is everyone always ragging on New Jersey? I was watching All in the Family the other day and Archie Bunker gave a pretty blunt line, "Nobody likes Jersey!"

Why not? I love my home state. I love my Dirty Jersey. I'm proud of it. We got a lot to offer, like a lot of hustle and bustle. What the hell does up-state have?

Jersey's got some country, it's got some city, and it has its in-between. It makes me feel more cultured. Arnold Swartzenager, Neve Campbell, and Whitney Houston all reside in Mendham, which is like fifteen minutes from where I live. Then on the other extreme,

I'm also fifteen minutes from Newark and Paterson, urban as they come. Remember Rueben Carter, the Hurricane, was arrested there. And hell, NYC is only forty minutes away. My roommate, from Upstate, said that they throw all the people they don't like into Jersey. Well, I'm glad I wasn't liked.

Check out our music history: Billy Joel, yeah thank Jersey for him. The Boss, that's all I have to say. G-Love and the Special Sauce, awesome. And Bon Jovi, a personal favorite, one of the best bands of all time. There is you're Jersey music culture. So what if Jersey has a lot of drugs, crime, and poverty? It builds character.

One of the main things I hated leaving was the "New Jersey" Diner. You can't beat it. The diners were to

my group of friends what The Peach Pit was to 90210. I always got the same thing, the usual: a Greek omelette, white toast, black coffee, and my Basic Lights. I'm sorry Saga just doesn't compare to a Jersey-style dirty diner.

Another thing you can't find here, or PA for that matter, is

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everclear. I think it might be illegal. Back home it was the understood alcohol of choice, grain alcohol. Jungle juice was the ultimate party necessity. Nobody here has even heard about it, and when you say what's in it, people cringe. My girlfriend used to drink it every night we partied, she could handle it, HWS students just need more culture.

My last point is simple, I love my Jersey-girls. Gaudy, caked on make-up, permed and crimped bleach blond hair that looks like it would fizzle if it got wet, tight, little mini-skirts, tanktops, high black boots that only strippers should wear, long Flo-Jo style clip-on nails, and that melodious Joy-zeee accent. I hope from my account you all now want to move to the oyster of our nation...Dirty Jersey.

Silence Can Be Deadly?

Silent Alarm Not Intended To Save Lives



Oh, I Do Declare!

Kathy Stearns

In light of the not-so-recent issue of the Rees fire, something that has been brought to my attention this week is the purpose of silent fire alarms. What **IS** their purpose, really? I don't know about anyone else, but if there's anything smoking enough to set off any type of alarm, I'd like to know about it. I see this more as a diabolical way for security to 'keep tabs' on us, giving an 'in' to our rooms. What's next, intra-campus web-cams installed in each student's room? I don't think it's all too probable that one student can

create enough smoke, fast enough. If the 'silent' alarm does go off, that would be an indication to me that a fire has started, in which case, I'd like an alarm that

is all but deafening. It seems to me that the silent alarm is one way to get students busted for having more than <GASP> ten people in a room who are smoking cigarettes. When I've walked into a room with that many people smoking, in lieu of a full-fledged fire, it seemed possible that an alarm would go off, and have often wondered why an alarm did not.

And what's with Res. Ed. inspecting our rooms? Are they done yet? I know they started because someone I know had a coffee pot confis-

cated, while a George Foreman Grill sat on the floor beside it (the grill was not taken by Res. Ed.). Quite personally, if anyone comes into my room and takes anything out of it while I'm not there...well, it wouldn't be pretty that's for sure. It states on page 94 of the Handbook of Community Standards, "the Colleges reserve the right to enter student rooms for purposes of repairs, furniture inventory and room condition checks". I do agree with this statement; what I disagree with is my absence when someone else is in my room without my knowledge. Granted, we are on the College's property, but while a student inhabits a room, it seems the room should be considered *their* room: in almost every other case of habitation in this country, what Res. Ed. is doing is called an invasion of privacy.

Happy Birthday

to Herald Editors

Dane Miller
Op-Ed Editor

21
years old

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Letters to the editor

Ally Galtieri

I am DEFINITELY NOT from the nineteen fifties. And maybe, being a straight female, I can't tell you what the ideal woman is. But, then again, I would not want to. As far as I can tell, the ideal female body is one that belongs to a female. More specific than that, and you run the risk of parroting the patriarchal, misogynist rhetoric spoon-fed to otherwise strong, intelligent and beautiful girls and women that make them feel as if there is some mythical ideal that they don't fit and must starve and stifle themselves into fitting.

The Hollywood ideal has changed and will change over time. Mae West was a barrel in a dress, yet she was a sex symbol bar none. Fashion models weigh 23% less than the average female, an increase from the 8% less they weighed only 25 years ago. Marilyn Monroe wore a size twelve dress, and Britney "I'm crosseyed, check it out in the Crazy video" Spears wears a size zero. Zero, nothing, nada, zip, zilch, that's how much credibility the Sexuality of an Ideal has.

Demeaning and unrealistic ideals lead to women that severely hurt themselves to try to fit into some sort of "Hollywood" image. Check out the book *Reviving Ophelia* or *The Beauty Myth*, and gain some insight into the ways beauty ideals affect women and girls of all ages. If a woman feels like she is being judged by some impossible standard whenever a man looks at her, pretty soon paranoia sets in, and every time she steps on the scale or looks in the mirror she'll start to hate herself a little more. If you hate something, you won't care about hurting it, and women hurt their bodies in more ways than one would think possible.

Snuggle Up To This

One Woman Is Not Willing To Sacrifice to Be An Ideal

Guys, think about all the girls you know. Statistics show that upwards of one in 10 American women has an eating disorder, and the numbers are significantly higher for the 13-18 and 19-21 age groups. How many of your female friends are punishing themselves for not fitting YOUR ideal? Anorexia, bulimia, compulsive over-eating, dependence on laxatives, ap-

Mandy Moore, Jessica Simpson and the like are marketed towards pre-teen girls. These messages are sent to children too young to be able to critically evaluate and understand propaganda, and ingrained into their psyche. I hear my 10 year old sister complaining that she's too fat, and I want to strangle whoever gave her that idea. Fat on women was sexual

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petite suppressants, or other diet pills are all harmful and hurtful, and all occur among women of our age. The damage these practices do to our bodies lasts a lifetime, and the psychological damage is even worse. I've heard girls discuss their decision not to go on birth control "because I can't afford that 10 pounds."

If a woman doesn't fit the ideal, she's seen as lazy and without self-control, even though fitting that ideal may cost her her health and sanity. And remember, Britney, Christina,

in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and fat women tend to both be more sexual and enjoy sex more. But then, if you were constantly thinking about whether your body was attractive enough, would you stop and enjoy sex?

So gaze at my hypnotizing, cherry-red nipples. You are getting sleepy, sleepy... you are very tired...sleep.... You are asleep. And I'm leaving, because if you're thinking about some kind of ideal, I'm certainly not sleeping in your bed.

Some Things Are Better Than Perfection

Anonymous

This is in response to Dave Diehl's essay: The Sexuality of an Ideal Woman.

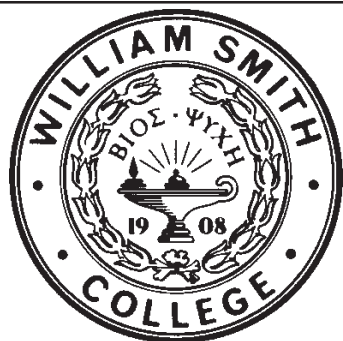
As a female, I would love to be the one to pick and choose between all males in order to find that one ideal man that fulfills my every desire. The thing is, does this man exist? I see ideal in Tyrese, Ben Affleck, Matthew McConaughey, and the list goes on and on but in reality, how often are we approached by the ideal? Women aren't always searching for a 6 pack and white teeth but hey, it would be nice. When it comes to a male's body, quit looking for the guy on the side of the abercrombie bag because he doesn't exist; and if he does his head is so big it can't fit through your door anyway. Despite what the ideal may be, I feel that a woman can be content with a man's body as long as she is comfortable in his nook; meaning she can feel her arm in the morning!

The thing about males, and I'm sure there are exceptions out there somewhere, is that they are always gawking, and you're right it just might be "the white girl, the black girl, the blonde girl and the red head, the skinny girl, the curvy girl

I'm not saying that it isn't flattering to be noticed, but it seems as though many males have their ears glued to their shoulders no matter who walks by.

and the girl with a little too much junk in the trunk," that you are gawking over, but come on show some respect! Saga has got to be the absolute best place to witness such gawkers on the prowl. The aisles are more like runways, so ladies smile nice! I'm not saying that it isn't flattering to be noticed, but it seems as though many males have their ears glued to their shoulders no matter who walks by.

Basically what I am trying to say here is that it seems as though females have an easier time looking beyond a male's body. Because really, unexpected flowers or holding hands with your man can often be more satisfying than a hard body! Ladies, do you agree?



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'K-PAX' Has Bright Future

Justin Powell & Adam Reiss
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

The must-see movie of the season opened on Friday, and once again, a stellar leading performance was turned in by Kevin Spacey. "K-PAX" is a movie about Prot (Spacey), a mysterious character who is either a lunatic or an alien.

Prot claims to have come from the planet K-PAX, from which he used a beam of light to travel faster than light speeds to reach Earth. Prot seems to know just a little more than everyone else here on Earth, plus he can speak and learn multiple languages with relative ease (including dog) and he consistently provides correct answers to everything asked of him. Jeff Bridges puts in another excellent performance across the screen from Spacey, but he will most certainly be overlooked. Bridges plays Prot's psychiatrist, Dr. Mark Powell, who becomes too consumed with his mysterious patient. As Powell starts to question Prot's origin, the audience does the same. Elements of suspense work their way into the plot through exaggerations of Powell's mind. He begins to imagine what the possibilities are and becomes determined to find the truth. His quest for that knowledge is what keeps the movie progressing.

Along with the moments of suspense and mystery, this movie has something for everybody. There are comical, heartwarming scenes where patients are healed and walls are torn down. This movie is also very family-oriented. Powell struggles to find time to spend with his family due to his obsession over Prot. Therefore, Prot helps Powell realize where his priorities should lie.

Although the movie revolves

around the conflict of Prot's origin, one would be missing the point if they did not notice Prot's messages are the underlying meaning of the film. Prot expresses poetic gestures numerous times, which help offer comfort and understanding to those with whom he interacts. One of the film's strengths, a feature that may



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be overlooked by some, was the use of light. During the credits, each name was blurred into the screen through a variation of white light which sets the tone for the rest of the movie. Prot bases the majority of his knowledge and powers from light, and he consistently wears sunglasses because of the Earth's massive amount of light. Often, when something significant occurred, it was signaled by bright flashes of light. If a fault must be found within the movie, it lies in the over-confidence that is apparent in the writings of either Gene Brewer, who wrote the novel, or Charles Leavitt, who wrote the screenplay. An overuse of certain phrases and certain wisecracks leads one to believe the writers forgot they were carrying on the conversations by themselves. The remarks are over-excessive and seem lame by the end of the flick. But overall, the movie has many high points compared to the downfalls.

"K-PAX" is unlike most movies in release today — it is better than the hype that precedes it. Spacey puts in another award-worthy performance, while Bridges adds to Spacey's performance, making Prot seem as alien-like as possible.

Perks of Being a Wallflower Will Perk You Up

Christina Taranto
A&E Editor

To all you homesick first years out there, I have a book for you. The title is *Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Title might sound a tad bit strange, but trust me, it is far from it. For everyone who has ever kept a journal, I'm sure if you look back at it after reading this book, you could find a passage similar to those in the book.

The author is a boy, high school age, who finally achieves the ultimate high school goal of fitting in. He is kind of an outcast and he really doesn't have that many friends until he meets a brother and sister who take him under their wing, and teach him what it is to be a teenager. It is an easy read, and will probably only take a couple of hours on free time -- if you have any.

If you truly miss your friends read this book. I know it sounds like you will just miss them even more after reading, but it makes you realize that no matter how much you miss them they will still be there in your memory forever. That is what friendship is all about. All you have to think of is

one specific memory and they are there.

You see, the way I found out about this book is because my best friend Melissa told me. She called me up the one day and she was crying telling me I had to read this book; that it was absolutely amazing. It has great quotes, for example, this section of the book is my favorite:

"Sam tapped her hand on the steering wheel and Patrick held his hand out of the car making air waves. And I just sat between them. After the song finished I said something. 'I feel infinite.' Sam and Patrick looked at me like I said the greatest thing they ever heard. Because the song was that great and because we all really payed attention to it. Five minutes of life time were truly spent, we felt young in a good way. I since bought the record, and I would tell you what it was, but truthfully it's not the same unless you're driving to your first real party, and you're sitting in the middle seat in a pick up truck with

two nice people when it starts to rain."

It is hands down the greatest book I have ever read. Of course there will be the few people out there that will read it and say, "What the hell is Christina talking about? It was horrible!" And believe me there will be some of you that will say that. Not everyone can like the same thing.

But after I read it I gave it to my mother who gave it to my mother who gave it to her best friend, who gave it to her husband and who then in turn returned it to me. Then I gave it to another friend, who gave it to a friend at their college. And truthfully at this moment I don't know where my copy is.

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This book is definitely a lesson in how to treat people nicer. It teaches you how to pay more attention to the quiet girl in the back, and the shy guy who is sitting alone on the quad. I highly recommend this to anyone with homesickness, or with anyone with a spare night.



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Top Ten Movie Picks From The Herald Staff

If you are like my roommate and I, and have to stop studying around 11:45 because you spent the entire day working. You need down time, and I have just the cure. MOVIES!!! We run to Blockbuster at 11:50, because Blockbuster closes at Midnight. (That is very important to remember) But every time we get there we forget what we want to rent partly because we are so burnt out from the work we had been doing during day. And the other part is well we get pretty dumb sometimes. So The Herald staff and I have compiled a list of ten movies that we enjoy watching when we stop studying. This is list so that you can have some suggestions on what to watch. And if any of you who are reading this right now would like to write a review on any of these movies, please send it to Taranto@hws.edu.

- 10.) *Breakfast Club*
- 09.) *Mallrats*
- 08.) *The Thomas Crown Affair*
- 07.) *The First Wives Club*
- 06.) *The Rock*
- 05.) *South Park*
- 04.) *Animal House*
- 03.) *Casablanca*
- 02.) *Empire Records*
- 01.) *Good Will Hunting*

Billboard.com Top Tens

Top Ten Records, November 3, 2001

- 1.) **God Bless America**, Various Artists
- 2.) **A Day Without Rain**, Enya
- 3.) **Pain Is Love**, Ja Rule
- 4.) **Down To Earth**, Ozzy Osbourne
- 5.) **Silver Side Up**, Nickelback
- 6.) **Totally Hits 2001**, Various Artists
- 7.) **[Hybrid Theory]**, Linkin Park
- 8.) **The Blueprint**, Jay-Z
- 9.) **8701**, Usher
- 10.) **Songs In A Minor**, Alicia Keys

Top Ten Singles, November 3, 2001

- 1.) **Family Affair**, Mary J. Blige
- 2.) **I'm Real**, Jennifer Lopez Featuring Ja Rule
- 3.) **Fallin'**, Alicia Keys
- 4.) **Differences**, Ginuwine
- 5.) **Hero**, Enrique Iglesias
- 6.) **Turn Off The Light**, Nelly Furtado
- 7.) **It's Been Awhile**, Staind
- 8.) **U Got It Bad**, Usher
- 9.) **Livin' It Up**, Ja Rule Featuring Case
- 10.) **Where The Party At**, Jagged Edge With Nelly

TEN YEARS AGO: Top Ten Records,
November 3, 1991

- 1.) **Ropin The Wind**, Garth Brooks
- 2.) **Use Your Illusion II**, Guns N Roses
- 3.) **Decade Of Decadence**, Motley Crue
- 4.) **Diamonds**, Prince And The N.P.G.
- 5.) **Metallica**, Metallica
- 6.) **Apocalypse 91...Enemy Strikes Black**, Public Enemy
- 7.) **Emotions**, Mariah Carey
- 8.) **Use Your Illusion I**, Guns N Roses
- 9.) **Waking Up The Neighbours**, Bryan Adams
- 10.) **No Fences**, Garth Brooks

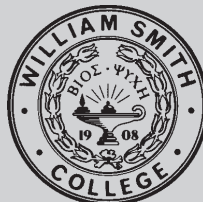
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Christina Taranto

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Hobart Hoops Preview: Can Team Make Tourney Run Again?

Ben Kenna
Sports Editor

Expectations are high this season for the 2001-2002 Hobart basketball campaign, as 4 starters and 8 lettermen return from a team that won 21 games and the UCAA title last winter. The team tips off their season with a home exhibition contest against Niagara College on November 10th at 4 PM. The off-season brought a little reshuffling on the coaching staff, as former standout guard Rob Pisanelli '00 returns to the sidelines as the team's new Assistant Coach. The school's second all-time leading scorer with 1,647 points, Pisanelli played with both the VSADA USA Silver Team and the USBL's Brooklyn Knights before taking the job as the team's new Assistant Coach under Rich Roche '87. Roche looks to have a strong nucleus of upperclassmen experience, blended with some fresh legs off the bench, in one of the most anticipated seasons of Hoops since Rob Stewart and the All-Stars.

The team returns four starters from last year's squad, and while the loss of starting point guard Kevin Leonardo hurts, junior Timmy Lomot is sure to fill his shoes nicely. As Leonardo's backup last season, Lomot averaged 6 points and 2 assists off the bench in 15 minutes of

playing time. Senior Brian Schiele, an integral part of last season's success returns in the backcourt for 'Bart as well. Schiele averaged nine points a game last season, while dishing out 4 assists in his 32 minutes of play. Starting 27 of the teams 28 games, Schiele connected on 45% of his three point attempts (36-80). Another senior, Michael Gambino, will also be asked to put up numbers like he has in the past two seasons for the Statesmen. Mike dropped in 13 PPG last season, while connecting on 37% of his 3-point attempts. Gambino and Schiele were also money at the free throw line, hitting 85 and 84% respectively. Wrapping up the frontcourt are juniors Davidek Herron, and Joe Corbett, who will pose numerous problems for any and all UCAA opponents.

Herron averaged 33 minutes per game last season, and put up huge numbers. Davidek scored 15 points and pulled down 9 boards a game, while hitting 46% of his shots. Davidek posted 12 double-doubles last season, which easily could have been 17 due to his posting 9 boards in 5 separate contests. Davidek looks to get more touches if teams double up on Corbett. Corbett enters the 2001-02 season after one of the most prolific single seasons in hoops history. As a sophomore, Joe led the team in scor-

ing with 19 points per game, and rebounding with 13 a game. His 13 per game were good enough for 2nd in the nation. Corbett also led the team in field goal percentage (55%) and blocks (18). Joe logged and insane 22 double-doubles last season, including a monster game against Cazenovia in which he dropped 29 points and pulled down 21 rebounds. Joe's proficiency on the court last year resulted in an excess of awards, and he enters the new season as a pre-season All-American.

The team will also boast strength off the bench, where senior Eric Newsome looks to have an immediate impact. Junior Jeff Hill returns to the squad after a one-year hiatus and fellow junior big man Rocco Walsh will clog things up in the paint. Sophomores Trevor McAndrew (46% on 3's last year) and Brad Strait will use their shooting skills to post crucial minutes in every contest. The freshman class also looks to be deep with 5 strong players from the class of 2005 all fighting for minutes. Coach Roche has the talent to direct the players into another successful season, as the Statesmen will play their first regular season game (last season the team was 11-1 at home) on November 29th, when they take on the Bombers from Ithaca. Best of luck goes out to all the players.

HOBART HOCKEY
11/3 @Utica 7:30 PM
11/6 @Brockport 7 PM
11/10 vs. Elmira 7 PM
(first home game of year)

Project End Season Dejected, Disappointed with 14-7 Loss

Chris Connors
College Conservative

It wasn't supposed to end this way. No, not like this. Dreams of the coveted Flag Football Intramural Champions T-Shirt went down the tubes faster than Drano this past Monday night, at the Turf Field at HWS. Team Project needed to win to make it to Owner Chris Connors' first Super Bowl. But Team Liappas was having none of that. A late second half touchdown sealed the fate of the Project, and set the squad into an early off-season. Your final, 14-7. Coming off the greatest intramural flag football game known to man, at any college, that this great nation has been privy to, when the Project posted 42 points, only to lose 49-42, the offense was simply not there.

For this was to be a battle of the defenses, your proverbial, war in the trenches. The stupid other team got on first and led until the greatest intramural athlete of the modern era, Mikey Gerard caught a long touchdown pass from signal caller Ben Weiss, to make it 7-7 at the half. Little did the Project know that that would be their final points of the season. Liappas scored on a touchdown pass midway through the second half, on which there surely was holding, but naturally it was not called.

The Project finishes their season a mediocre 2-3, totaling Chris Connors all time winning percentage to an even (.500). What is the phenomenon, that on any given Monday, Team Project cannot pull out the big games? All questions to be discussed in the off-season for sure. I know that I haven't slept yet, and probably won't until next season. Team Project will be back, for one last run at glory.

Now, here are your team statistics for the 2001 campaign and individual report cards.

Jr. Chris Connors— 965 receiving yards, 8 TD, 10 Defensive INT. Grade C+

Jr. Mike Gerard— 845 receiving yards, 7 TD Grade A

Sr. Rich Sinclair— 468 receiving yards 4 TD Grade B-

Jr. Ben Weiss— Some TD's, some INT's, mostly heartaches for management Grade B

Jr. Kirk Laubenstein— Great blocking, some slaps, punches, ejections and tackles. Grade B+

Jr. Steve Cushman— Sensational blocking, ruthless defense, pancake blocks, etc... Grade A-

Fr. Jim Morgan— 9 rec., 89 tackles, tough weak-side blocking. Grade B

Jr. Rob Storck— One game, one gruesome rug burn, one big heart. Grade B

Jr. Rob Stewart— 76 pancake blocks, 11 receptions, 0 TD, 3 INT, 117 tackles, worst ripped pants in the league, pass coverage like a blanket, media criticism all year long, twinkle in his eye, look of a champion, tireless effort... Rob Stewart. Grade A

Team MVP- Michael Gerard: You try and tell me one person who brings more to the table than Mike Gerard. He caught everything that came his way, made more big plays than I thought were conceivably possible, was the go to guy on most every play, 2nd on the team in TD's, 1st in our hearts. He played sick, (throwing up in our final game), he played hurt, he played with height disadvantages, he never complained. Mike, I'd go to war with you any day, you're this year's MVP.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

WILLIAM SMITH BASKETBALL
11/10 vs. Niagara 2 PM (exhibition)

HOBART BASKETBALL
11/10 vs. Niagara 4 PM (exhibition)

HWS SAILING 11/2-4
ISCA Sloop Nationals in South Florida
MAISA Women's Fall Dinghy Championships @Navy
MAISA Freshmen @ODU

HOBART FOOTBALL
11/3 vs. St. John Fisher 1 PM
Senior Day

HWS CROSS COUNTRY
11/3 ECAC Championships
Time is TBA

WILLIAM SMITH SWIMMING AND DIVING
11/3 @Harvest Championships 11, 1 PM
11/10 vs. Alfred, Canisius 1 PM

HERALD GAME OF THE WEEK

Hobart Football vs. St John Fisher
1 PM (Senior Day)

Sports

Aerial Assault dooms Statesmen

Chris Connors

Roman Légionnaire

Coming into this past Saturday's game with the Ithaca College Bombers, the Hobart Statesmen football team was on pace to break the record they set just one season ago, for lowest pass completion percentage allowed in a season. They were also riding a dominating four game win streak, making another mid-season surge for the NCAA Playoffs. Boy does one game make a difference. The Bombers shattered any chance of a 2nd consecutive NCAA Playoff berth for the Statesmen and left the likelihood of Hobart breaking their own pass completion record very dim. Ithaca toppled the Statesmen 52-13 at Butterfield Stadium.

On a day when it seemed like Mother Nature was toying with every weapon in her arsenal and sending them all crashing down onto Butterfield Stadium in Ithaca, the Statesmen were not responding well to the miserable weather conditions. Ithaca struck while the iron was hot in the first quarter and mixed pass plays with running plays to keep the Statesmen on their heels. Bomber quarterback Brian Young connected with tight end Conor Mulkeen for the first of their two hook-ups to make

the score 7-0 on a pretty pass over the middle. Less than four minutes later it was 14-0 Ithaca, as Senior running back Tommy Giorgio scampered into the end zone from 6 yards out. Young continued to wreak havoc on the Hobart secondary, threading the needle to Mulkeen and wideout Mike Marks. Young threw his 2nd TD of the quarter when he found Cory Corrado for a four-yard connection. Just like that, it was 21-0 Ithaca.

Sophomore running back Ty Godinho would not let 'Bart die as he continued his running assault on upstate New York foes. Godinho darted through the line and ran 56 yards for a touchdown to get the Statesmen on the board, early in the second quarter. Godinho would finish with 108 yards rushing on the day, and turn in his fifth consecutive 100+ yard performance on the ground. However, this was the Bombers day, as they quickly responded again through the air, as Young found Marks long for a 70-yard touchdown. Sophomore wideout Joe Pirozzolo, enjoying a terrific year, caught a nine yard strike from QB Craig Swanson to make it 31-13 at the half Ithaca.

The Bombers would tack on three more touchdowns in the sec-

ond half to give the game its final score of 52-13. For the second time this season, the Statesmen defense let up more than forty points, the last time coming against Union. Hobart did not allow more than 14 points in one game, for the entire regular season last year. The Statesmen now stand at 5-2 with the Cardinals of St. John Fisher coming in tomorrow. Hobart will conclude their season at RPI on November 10th. An ECAC Playoff berth is certainly a possibility, but the NCAA's right now are out of the question.

Hobart has two more games to show that the Union and Ithaca losses were clearly not the level of play, that they are accustomed to competing at. There is still time to salvage yet another brilliant football season in Geneva.

Catch the game
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Statesmen
Football.

William Smith Soccer will play at home on Saturday, November 3rd in an NCAA Regional Semifinal. Game is set to start at 1 PM. The regional championship is also set to take place at Cozzens Memorial Field at 1 PM the following day. Let's hope the ladies can capture some wins in the Tourney.



"The best of all days is game day"
Duke Coach
Mike Krzyzewski

The defending NCAA Champion William Smith Field Hockey team looks to repeat as they take on Wooster College this Saturday. The game is set to begin at 11 AM at the Turf Stadium. The winner will advance to the NCAA Semifinals at Springfield College. That game will be played on November 10th.

NBA Season Set to Toss Brick after Brick

Ben Kenna

Soon to be Legal

Predictions on the new NBA season as I look for my winter coat:

76ers: Iverson and company, if healthy, could make a return trip to the Finals, but it all depends on their health, and Allen's leadership.

Celtics: Where have you gone Larry Bird, our franchise turns their eyes to you.

Heat: Alonzo Mourning is a force in the middle, but one time star, long time criminal Rod Strickland could cause them problems.

Nicks: 100 million for Allan Houston? He can shoot, but maybe they should have given some of that money for anger management for Latrell Sprewell.

Magic: McGrady, a healthy Grant Hill and the experience of Patrick Ewing make them a force in the East.

Nets: Jason Kidd helps, but it'll be the play of Keith Van Horn that will make or break the team.

Wizards: Mike equals 20-25. Wizards win total equals the same.

Bucks: Ray Allen is ready for superstardom, and they can score (a rarity for most NBA teams).

Bulls: Two top rookies who passed on college currently riding the bench.

Cavaliers: Andre Miller is good. Rest of team really isn't.

Hawks: Addition of Shareef Abdur-Rahim helps a young athletic team.

Hornets: Derrick Coleman as a savior? Excuse me for a moment (insert vomit noise here).

Pacers: Jalen and Jermaine are a dangerous inside/outside combo, and Reggie Miller can still talk with Spike like none other.

Pistons: Jerry Stackhouse is asked to score half of their points.

Raptors: Vince Carter will carry the load, but their adding Hakeem could lead them to the Finals.

Grizzlies: J-Will and Shane Battier, the newest odd couple.

Jazz: If only they had Horny, Stock and the Mailman would have a shot at hoisting that elusive hardware.

Mavericks: Dirk Nowitzki and fellow shooters need a big man to take down the Lakers.

Nuggets: Need Antonio McDyess to get healthy quick.

Rockets: Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley are as entertaining a duo as the NBA has.

Spurs: Time is running out.

Timberwolves: KG and company has one ingredient missing from a long run in the Playoffs.

Blazers: Someone needs to tell Rasheed Wallace to calm down.

Clippers: Young team should be a lot of fun to watch.

Kings: Webber, Peja and others primed to make a serious run now with Mike Bibby running the point.

Sonics: Gary Payton still plays his hardest, and he'll be rewarded with a new team soon.

Suns: A healthy Penny is the key to compliment stars Marbury and Marion.

Warriors: Danny Fortson will shut the cynics in Emerson 210 up by averaging 20 points and 25 rebounds per game.

Lakers: Shaq. Kobe. Damn hard to beat.

In the end, I'd expect to see the Lakers raising their 3rd consecutive trophy, but teams like the Raptors, Magic and 76ers in the East, along with a slew of squadrons in the West (Kings, Mavericks, Jazz and Spurs) could pose problems for the Champs. Sorry Mike, you are good, but unfortunately people will want to turn the Bullets off early so they can read a good book, or watch The Sopranos.

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