



Anita Hill: We All Will Have to Be Brave

By Anika Nahar
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Civil and women's rights activist Anita Hill encouraged the audience at William Paterson University on Friday to be brave despite their fears.

"Being brave doesn't mean that you don't have fears," Hill said at the Shea Center for Performing Arts. "Being brave just means that you move forward even though you have fears."

Hill was thrust into the national spotlight in 1991 when she accused then-Supreme Court Justice nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual misconduct while the two had worked together.

Hill was put through the wringer for her testimony, with many questioning her credibility and character. She became a figure of courage for many as she testified against her superior and a powerful political figure.

"Most people did not come forward because they knew that the risk was great," Hill said. "They also knew that there was no protection against retaliation, if in fact, they complained — whether they won or lost."

Hill said that she did not realize the impact she made

through the testimony until she began receiving letters from people across the country disclosing their own experiences of sexual harassment. They felt they could relate to Hill's treatment from the media and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Hill recalled a particular instance when she received a mysterious phone call shortly after the hearing.

"You have opened a whole can of worms," said the anonymous person who revealed that he had been a victim of incest. "When I tried to speak out and tell my family what had happened, I got the same reaction as you got from the senators."

Hill realized something had been awakened in people at that point.

"Women stepped up and they pushed the issue. In the face of being rejected, they continued to move forward on claims of sexual harassment and more," Hill said.

Many people looked to Hill as a figure for change not only in political history but in the fight for women's rights. The hearing shed light on sexual harassment in the workplace and led to stricter policies to enforce a prevalent issue that was previ-

ously disregarded.

"In 1991, when they went low, we did more than just go high," Hill said, expanding on the words of former First Lady Michelle Obama.

"I believe we went rightfully, often brazenly, and often bold for change and that's what we're going to have to do now," Hill said.

Hill also used her time to encourage the audience before opening the panel for questions. The enthusiastic crowd gave Hill a standing ovation.

"I do believe that everybody can do something," Hill said. "Find that thing that you can do and do it for change. Do it for the right reasons."

Since the 1991 hearing, Hill has transitioned to focusing on civil and other women's rights issues and is a law professor at Brandeis University.

"At this point in my life, I am thinking about what I want my legacy to be... I want to be remembered as someone who dared to be a catalyst for bold change," Hill said.



Anita Hill speaks to a full auditorium at Shea Center for Performing Arts on Feb. 24. Photos courtesy of Roy Groething/William Paterson University.

President Waldron Reacts to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos

By Alissa Lopez
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Funding, affordability, and higher education regulation are among President Kathleen Waldron's top concerns for William Paterson University under the DeVos administration.

Despite being a strong supporter of increasing public funding for private and for-profit schools with questionable ties to the student loan industry, DeVos is now the caretaker of almost 100,000 public schools and nearly 2,000 public colleges and universities across the country, including William Paterson University.

"I was disappointed that the candidates for the secretary were not more experienced with public education," Waldron said.

A 2017 story in US News & World Report criticizes DeVos for being the least experienced secretary of education in history.

President Waldron hopes that national support for government and federal agencies that support research, education, scholarship and grant programs will continue under the new administration.

"They are important additions to our culture and higher education in general," she said.

The bulk of faculty and student research at William Paterson is funded partially

by these organizations like the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fulbright Program and partially by the university.

DeVos now has control over a trillion-dollar budget for higher education as well as all student loans. A 2017 story in the Washington Post said that the Higher Education Act, which governs the student loan program, would be reauthorized under her administration.

"How student loans are handled are on the top of many people's minds," Waldron said.

College affordability is important for many students amid rising tuition costs and student debt. It's also a chief focus for Waldron at William Paterson. The university administration continues to take various initiatives to keep higher education affordable for students including fundraising and a reduction in the number of credits needed to graduate from 128 to 120.

Fundraising efforts have increased from \$300,000 a year in 2010 when Waldron became president to \$1 million in alumni and donor scholarships every year.

Tuition and student fees do continue to rise yearly but at a steady average of 1.7 or 2.0 percent for



Betsy DeVos is sworn in as the secretary of education by Vice President Mike Pence in the White House on February 7. Photo courtesy of the Philadelphia Inquirer by Olivier Douliery / ABACA Press / TNS.

the last five years, which Waldron said is the cost of inflation. This increase is much lower than previous years where tuition and student fee rates would rise between 4 and 5 percent each year.

And despite \$11 million of tuition remission, scholarships and room grants awarded each year, the average WPU student graduates with nearly \$27,000 in debt.

"We know students are struggling to pay. Our job is to figure out how to make that goal of completing a degree the goal of a student even when sometimes they struggle financially to do it," she said.

Some of that job comes down to better business practice.

Waldron's administration has recently taken advantage of lower interest rates by refinancing institu-

tional bond debt. Verizon is also renting antenna towers on the university water tower. This translates to saving hundreds of thousands of dollars every year and the creation of additional revenue streams.

These initiatives help William Paterson University maintain a standard of education including small class sizes and affordability as well as overall support for students and faculty. Waldron hopes to maintain these standards under DeVos' administration.

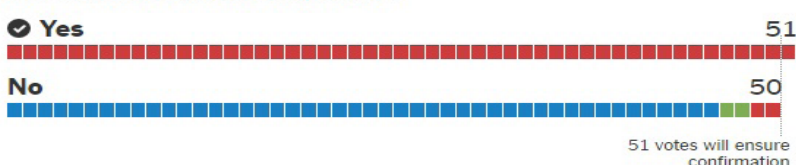
Waldron and other members of the American Council of Education and various national associations of education have offered agenda items and recommendations to the education secretary. One of the recommendations includes preserving the accrediting bodies which peer evaluate and regionally

accredit universities across the country.

The Trump administration has pledged to disband accrediting bodies and have the government regulate higher education institutions instead, according to a 2017 story in the Washington Post. Waldron disagrees because these bodies maintain the standards of higher education that have credited the US with the best universities and the best education system in the world.

Though it's "too early to tell" the effect that DeVos will have on higher education, the recommendations for the secretary of education are "based upon our expertise, knowledge of the industry and where we see student needs going and [we] hope that some of those recommendations will be heeded and taken under consideration," she said.

How the Senate Voted on Betsy DeVos »



50 Republicans voted for Education Secretary Betsy DeVos while 46 Democrats, 2 Republicans, and 2 independents voted against her as Vice President Mike Pence broke the 50-50 Senate tie. Graphic courtesy of the New York Times.

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WPU Female Professors Celebrate the Importance of Women’s History Month

By Sara Douglass
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Arlene Scala, with two other colleagues walked alongside a sea of pink as nearly 1 million men and women took to Washington to march for the rights of women.

“Defunding Planned Parenthood, working to take away abortion rights, this is all very negative,” Scala said. “What is positive is the incredible resistance movement I mean there is so much resistance.”

Scala, department chair of the Women and Gender Studies program at William Paterson University, is not alone in her fight for women’s rights.

Many other female professors at the university also feel that the new federal government could potentially be disastrous for the progression of women liberties.

Dr. Jean Levitan, a public health professor, emphasizes that no progress can be made if a woman’s right to make personal decisions about her life and family are controlled by politicians. She also stressed that even though women are now a large part of the workforce, which was a huge step in the right direction, their ability to control their bodies is in jeopardy.

“People have to stay vigilant, get involved, push back and speak up,” Levitan said. “Too many forget how things were in the past with bigotry, violence and intolerance.”

Some women in the science department at WPU feel that President Donald Trump and his administration not only pose a threat to the progression of women but there is also concern on how it will affect Dr. Nicole Davi’s entire field of work.

As an Environmental Science professor who researches climate change, Davi worries there may be a change in how much federal funding will still be granted for her studies.

“Our new president and a lot of the people he is surrounding himself with are not science literate,” Davi said. “President Trump has said publicly that he thinks climate change is a hoax and that’s a huge concern for my entire community.”

With missteps in both his Black History Month and Holocaust Remembrance Day statements, all eyes and ears will be on Trump when he delivers his Women’s History Month statement for March.

Though these female professors have different personal and professional backgrounds they all can agree on the importance of



Women held handmade signs and wore pink hats during the Women’s March in Washington. Photo courtesy of the Washington Post.

Women’s History Month.

According to Levitan because most of what is taught in history classes in the past was the accomplishments of white men, Women’s History Month is a time to widen people’s exposure to the contributions of women.

“Until women’s history is fully integrated into the curriculum we need a women’s history month no question,” Scala said. “There has been so much that goes under the radar because it hasn’t been deemed important enough... we have to have Women’s History Month, it draws

attention to what women are doing.”

At WPU, female professors have a diversity of accomplishments. Dr. Levitan received the Distinguished Service Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in recognition of her outstanding service to the organization. With her study of tree rings Dr. Davi is on the forefront of climate change research. And these are the accomplishments for which they hope to be remembered for.

“What I want most for students to know about what I do is just how

incredibly creative science is,” Davi said. “Science is a remarkably creative field and I don’t think people realize that. So I think that is one of my biggest pushes, really pushing how the scientific community works and how creative science can be.”

Throughout March, the university will celebrate Women’s History Month with lectures and performances that fit with this year’s theme, Writing Women Back Into History. A complete schedule of events can be found online.



Hundreds of thousands of women and men marched in front of the capital after President Trump’s inauguration. Photo courtesy of Jason Bergman.

Professors to Host Forum on Fake News Crisis

Majority say fake news has left Americans confused about basic facts

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Source: Survey conducted Dec. 1-4, 2016.
“Many Americans Believe Fake News Is Sowing Confusion”

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

A recent survey shows that over half of Americans are confused by fake news. Graphic courtesy of Pew Research Center.

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A forum on recognizing the difference between factual and fake news stories will be held on March 22 by the William Paterson University Communication Department.

The forum will be at 11 a.m. in University Commons Ballroom A.

A flyer for the event says professors will “present a multifaceted discussion of fake news to help ... understand the broader

background of fake news, learn how to analyze and evaluate it, and see library resources.”

A 2016 study by the Pew Research Center found that about two in three adults say fabricated news stories confuse them about the facts of current events.

The faculty conducting the event includes journalism professors Dr. Nick Hirshon, Dr. Joann Lee, Associate Professor Elizabeth Birge and interpersonal communication professors Dr. Pixy Ferris

and Chairwoman Dr. Diana Peck.

In addition David and Lorraine Cheng Library User Education Co-Coordinator Cara Berg will be present to assist with library resources.

This forum is part of a larger group of events held on the same day by WPU’s Social Justice Project. The other events comprise of Freedom Under Fire at 12:30 p.m. and Take Action to Ensure your Constitutional Rights at 2 p.m.

Hungry, Hungry Hobart

By Antonio Iannetta
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When one is hard at work, slaving away at projects, classes and more, there is nothing more rejuvenating than getting a nice meal. To be able to go to a restaurant and order a fine plate, pick up a variety of swiftly-prepared foods or enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal is one of the most joyous pleasures in life.

Students who go to class at Hobart Hall do not have that luxury. Despite working long hours on whatever life throws at them, there is not enough food available to them in the building to keep them energized.

The hall itself only has a few eating options: one vending machine for frozen

food, one for snacks and refrigerated items and two for drinks.

“Any other building on campus has rather quick access to food of some type,” said Thomas Smith, a 21-year-old junior and worker at the Technical Services Window. “But over here, you’ve got nothing.”

Would one happen to glance into these machines, they’d find a bleak assortment of generic, ill-suited foods. A few simple bars of candy and snacks, chilled cups of tuna and similar refrigerated goods and TV dinners. Many believe the generic nature and unappealing appearances of these options are not sufficient to merit purchasing them.

“Honestly, nobody wants to eat tuna from a vending

machine,” said Dessire Gonzales, a 22-year-old broadcast journalism major. “It’s disgusting- how long has it been there?”

Students who take classes in Hobart express displeasure- even disgust- with these meager accommodations, especially the frozen-foods machine. At times students choose to forgo meals entirely rather than make use of them.

“I don’t take anything from there unless I need water,” said Dom Siconolfi, a 21-year-old junior. “I don’t buy snacks from the machines at all.”

Hobart Hall is located on the south side of campus, past parking lot three. To get to Hobart one has to walk downhill through buildings and fields of cars- and then a tiring walk back up those slopes to return to the main campus.

“I take classes and I work here, so I’m here pretty much all day every day of the week,” Smith said. “I’ll either go up to the vending machine and see if I can settle for something in there, or if I have the time I’ll have to walk to QuickChek.”

Other food options are too far away from campus as well. Despite the campus being a

central location it can take awhile to get to them. With the closing of Momma’s Boy on Hamburg Turnpike, yet another easily-accessible option is closed off to WPU students.

“The walk is too far, so I just wait it out,” Gonzales said. “But if I have my whole day here, then I have no choice but to go to the student center.”

Gonzales added that she commutes to campus, which adds another layer of difficulty onto getting proper nutrition. The commute, as well as difficulty finding parking, keeps her from frequenting the cafeteria within the Machuga Student Center.

Not to be discouraged, students do have ideas of their own for how to remedy this poor food situation. Most common among them were the addition of a café, similar in concept to Einstein Bros Bagels in University Hall.

“There’s tons of rooms in this building that aren’t used anymore,” Smith said. “And the lounge upstairs is a lot of wasted space, to be honest. We need something small up here- maybe even if the food is cooked and shipped over here from the other side of campus.”

Even basic commodities such as a stock of semi-fresh foods and means to prepare them would make students happy.

“It doesn’t need to have an oven or anything,” Siconolfi said. “They just need a press or something, and

then make bagels like that. It’s not hard to do.”

Other ideas included vendors that set up shop within parking lot 8, or that come and go throughout the day.

“I had the ideas that we could get a vendor, like a taco truck or a hot dog vendor to come here a couple of times during the week,” Siconolfi said. “I guarantee students would pay a little more money than usual to get food that way.”

However, such plans are easier said than done. There is a cost to placing a café or other major options in a building like Hobart.

“Over the years we have been asked if we could install a café similar in size or even smaller to the new one in University Hall,” said Stephen Bolyai, vice president for administration and finance at WPU. “We have done financial analyses and the amount of student, faculty and staff traffic in that building does not support the initial capital expense to create one, nor would it support its ongoing operating expenses.”

Bolyai stated that the primary reason behind this is the cost of equipment and staffing. He also added that a food truck would not be viable for many of the same reasons, but that “outside vendors have and continue to deliver takeout food to the building,” and that the vending machines were upgraded and expanded from previous years to meet demands.



Hobart Hall, the main building for communication majors.
Photo courtesy of WPCommDept on Instagram.

The Haunted Estate: Hobart Manor

By Mariah Diaz
Web Editor

Snuggled behind academic buildings and overlooking the trees of the William Paterson University campus sits the extraordinary little mansion that holds 140 years of history within its walls.

Chandeliers hang and glimmer from ceilings in the mansion, so bright it lights up the whole room. There are many picture frames on the walls, with eyes that stare as visitors walk by.

The eyes belong to the family members of former Vice President of the United States Garret A. Hobart who served under President McKinley from 1897 to 1899. The family of Vice President Hobart used to live in the mansion before the estate became a university.

Hobart Manor is now home to President Waldron’s office and important university gatherings. However, some argue that past residents of the Hobart family still linger.

There are many tales about the ghost of Hobart detailing tragic accidents, like one of Hobart’s nannies who mysteriously fell down the elevator shaft to her death.

But Director of Special Events and Department Lead for the Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee Meredith McCarthy who’s worked in Hobart Manor for three years claims to know

the truth behind the manor walls.

The ghost of Hobart was a young servant girl named Mary who most likely died of influenza in her bed, McCarthy said. “Everyone that has seen her has said she is beautiful and peaceful, just as she was said to have been in life.”

Although McCarthy has not seen Mary herself, she admitted to getting “weird sensations” while working alone in the building.

“I have been in the Manor late, by myself, and have felt a cold brush against the back of my neck, enough to make me pack up for the evening and go home,” she said. “There are plenty of people on campus who have seen the ghost, though.”

Ghost hunters have even investigated the building and its paranormal activity in search of Mary. But she may not roam the hallways of Hobart alone.

Both Hobart’s wife and his son died in the manor after living there for many years. Their deaths were only months apart: his wife having died in January and his son in September 1941.

Vice president Hobart, however, died in 1899 before his family bought the estate and never lived in the manor himself.

To find more information about the history of Hobart Manor and to see a digital tour of the mansion visit William Paterson University’s YouTube channel.



Hobart Manor, formerly known as Ailsa Farms, circa 1877 (above) and today (bottom).
Photos courtesy of newjerseyhistory.wordpress.com and National Register of Historic Places.

Women's Basketball Season Ends at Tournament

By Julian Guilarte
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Head coach Erin Monahan overcame countless obstacles to lead the William Paterson women's basketball team to a 14-12 record and a berth in the conference tournament.

The team was hit hard with the injuries, and illnesses forcing Monahan to make constant lineup changes, which made it hard for her to field a consistent starting five.

"I have coached this team for 24 years and I've dealt with more than ever this year. At one point we were so short on healthy bodies, we had football players, women's soccer players, and assistant coaches practicing with us," said Monahan.

Monahan credits the team with working hard, showing a lot of heart and not giving up, and she was able to get contributions from every player on her roster.

"The high points of our season were playing well in the non conference schedule

winning the Christmas tournament with a young team, and scoring 90 points against Rowan on our home floor," said Monahan.

The Pioneers play in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC), and were the fifth seed in the tournament after going 9-9 in conference games.

On Feb 18th the Pioneers were eliminated in the first round of the NJAC tournament after losing 91-71 to the Rowan Profs in Glassboro, NJ.

"The game really got away from us in the second half, Rowan really got the press defense going and started creating turnovers which allowed them to convert some easy layups," said Monahan.

Monahan is an accomplished coach, having won over 400 games in her career, and has higher aspirations for her team such as winning the conference tournament and reaching the NCAA tournament, which she has done 11 times.

Monahan has seven players returning next year

including freshman Gabby Harris who lead the team in scoring with 14.3 points per game. On the defensive side of the ball junior Tori Woetzel was a force for the Pioneers, leading the team in rebounds and blocks with 7.7 and 1.2 respectively.

These two players will headline a solid returning class that Monahan hopes to build on with recruiting, which presents another challenge.

Since she can't fully focus on the recruitment process with games being played, Monahan often times sends her assistant coaches to watch the high school basketball games.

"Right now we have one player committed to our program for next season, but could end up having

anywhere from eight to ten," said Monahan.

Monahan has a message for those hoping to join her team next season and stresses the concept of team ball.

"The biggest challenge I have is getting the fresh-

man to buy into the system, the High School stars must be willing to show passion and play team defense", said Monahan.

Monahan wants the outside world to know that her team will be prepared and ready for next season.



Monahan speaks with the team.
Photo courtesy of the WPUNJ Athletic Department.

Baseball Team Starts Season in Rebuild Mode

By Dan Popoloski
Managing Editor

After a season of missed opportunities and middling results, the William Paterson baseball team is gearing up to start with a fresh slate in 2017.

Last year ended with a 21-20 record, well off the mark of what the veteran squad was hoping for.

Now, the team is undergoing a quick rebuild, moving onto a youth movement that could help to define the program for the next few years under the tutelage of 10th year head coach, Mike Lauterhahn.

The team is young, very young. Out of the 30 players on the roster, only six players are seniors. However, that will make the

team lean on their upper classmen more than ever. Michael Abate leads the elder statesmen of the team, after a strong junior year in 2016. The outfielder hit .393 and scored 42 runs en route to earning All-NJAC second team honors.

He will lead the offense, along with fellow senior and first baseman Eriq Colon, who led the team with six home runs last year. Catcher Mike Knauf, a returning senior, was named to the All-NJAC second team as well, primarily due to his work behind the plate and managing the staff.

While those three will help keep the Pioneers competitive, more players are going to need to step up and fill the holes left by seniors lost from last season.

On the pitching side, the team will likely lean on a pair of junior hurlers, Mario Danza and Bryan Kopko. Danza led all returning pitchers last year with 58.2 innings pitched, posting a dependable albeit unspectacular 4.14 ERA. Kopko put up the best ERA on the 2016 team, primarily out of the bullpen, making only one start out of his 20 appearances.

Sophomores Chris Babb and Eric Rosenberg are each looking to take a big step forward in their second seasons, while other pitchers will need to step up after the loss of 2016 staff ace Mitch D'Amato to graduation.

The road to the NJAC conference tournament is dogged with seemingly

insurmountable obstacles, including three conference rivals who are all prepared to put up huge seasons. Ramapo, TCNJ, and Kean are each ranked in the Top 25 nationally in Division III baseball, filling out at eleventh, eighteenth, and nineteenth respectively to start the year. However, William Paterson is no slouch in this department either, garnering several votes in the poll ran by D3Baseball.

In a year where most of the key contributors won't be coming from the senior ranks, any success by William Paterson would be a great sign for the future of the program. But there's no reason to consider 2017 a throwaway year for the team. The Pioneers can

easily compete with the big names in the NJAC conference.

Some of the younger players will need to step up and perform with the team's bigger stars, but if they can survive a tough schedule and slip into the conference tournament, there's no reason to think they can't make some noise and spring for the title this season. As the preseason title pick, Kean will likely be the stiffest competitor for the coveted spot.

The baseball team will head to the Russmatt Central Florida Invitational on March 11, as part of their season kickoff. Their conference schedule opens up with a double-header against Rutgers-Camden on April 1.

Hockey Team Nationals Bound

By Jack Loennecker
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The William Paterson University Ice Hockey team is making another appearance in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Tournament.

The Pioneers are one of sixteen division II teams competing in the tournament, which will be in Columbus, Ohio starting March 15. Head Coach Joe Balance is looking forward to the opportunity.

"Nationals are always competitive and a great atmosphere," Ballance said. "It takes a strong effort to get through your pool to advance."

The squad is rolling into the tournament hot. WPU is ranked No. 1 in the Northeast region with a record of 18-3-3.

But the Pioneers aren't the only team to look out for in the tournament. Ballance noted that teams like Grand Valley State and the other two teams that end up in their pool will provide tough

competition for them.

This is familiar territory for squad, marking the Pioneers' seventh appearance in eight years in the ACHA tournament under head coach Joe Balance, and their fourth appearance in a row.

In 2014 the team finished twelfth, while in 2015 and 2016 they finished fifth. The Pioneers have yet to win the whole tournament but they are looking to change that this year. Ballance said the team's mindset going

in is "to play our best and win."

The group definitely has the talent. Leading the Pioneers in points is junior DJ Sabato with 34 points. Right behind Sabato is junior James Karp with 29 and senior James Bobb with 27.

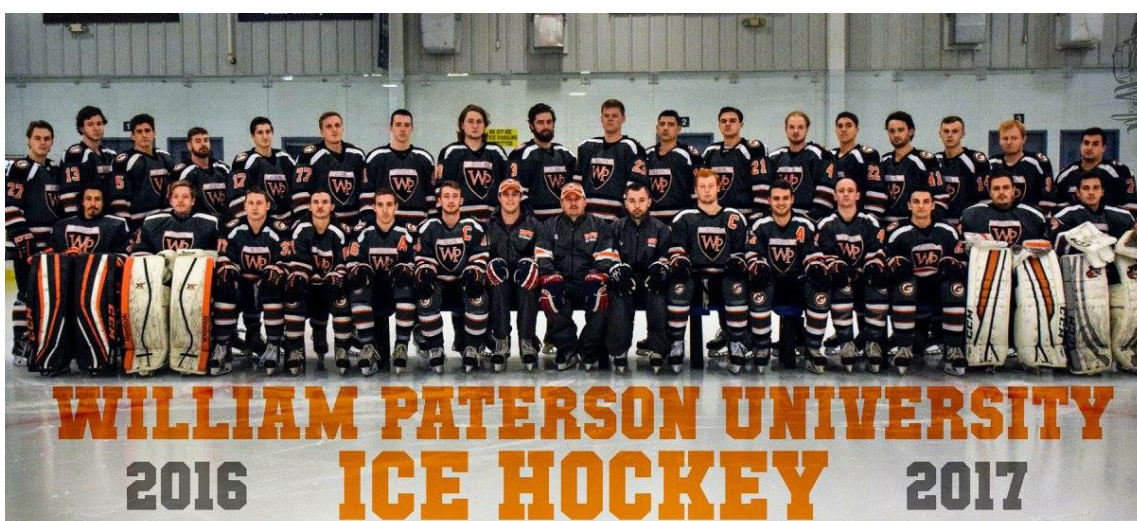
Jordan Hulahan leads the team in the net with nine wins, with Gary Schoeppler contributing six of his own.

Though there are 16 teams in the Division II tournament, the

ACHA tournament will have around 80 teams total from Divisions I, II and III for men and Divisions I and II for women.

All games of the tournament will be at the OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks and the OhioHealth Ice Haus at Nationwide Arena.

The first games of the tournament will take place from March 15 to 17 with the semifinals on Saturday, March 18, and the National Championship.



The 2016/2017 ice hockey team.
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