

exhausted students let loose for a

# LAST DAY BASH

→ Friday May 1st, the last day of classes, witnessed the traditional "Blowout" festivities. With seniors ringing the Wren Bell, activities running throughout the day on the Sunken Gardens, and the occasional classroom disruption, Blowout lived up to students' expectations.

Although then-interim Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler warned in an email to the entire student body to respect the last day of classes as a productive final day, most students witnessed interruptions in their classes. However the interruptions were often positively received by students. "My classes were hilarious," freshman Brandon Frey said. "For instance, in my geology class, a bunch of geology majors came in and sprayed the whole class with water guns and silly string."

Reserved for graduating seniors was the chance to ring the Wren Bell. Unfortunately, some enthusiastic ringer pulled too hard and the rope fell from the bell, leaving many seniors without their chance to ring the bell. Luckily, during the morning of the following Monday and Wednesday deprived seniors

were given another chance to participate in the traditional act.

The Sunken Gardens played host to the majority of the festivities, culminating in a "Last Day of Classes Bash" featuring musical guest Sister Hazel. Students gathered in the Gardens to eat a picnic dinner, play on the inflatables, or just soak up some sun with friends. "The activities on the Sunken Gardens were awesome. The band, inflatables, and hanging out with friends was a great way to end a year of classes," Frey said.

The SC also was host to the Breathalyzer test and the beloved Pancake House in the evening. "I did the Breathalyzer test, and I went to the Pancake House," freshman Hanna Langstein said. "Pancake House was so crowded! I've never seen so many people getting pancakes before. People seemed to be having a lot of fun throughout the day."

So Blowout '09 witnessed a few hitches, but not enough to ruin the memorable and fair-weathered day for students celebrating the end of a year of studying.

>Meredith Howard



Sister Hazel, an alternative rock band from the late '90s, perform at the end of the Sunken Gardens as the main event of the "Last Day of Classes Bash." The band was well-received by the crowd of students and even invited some students on stage to dance to their music.



→ The Wesley Foundation's Last Day of Classes Event "Operation Taco" provides 500 free tacos and burritos to students. One of the popular events of Blowout, Operation Taco served Taco Bell tacos in two rounds to waiting lines of hungry students.

< A line of soon-to-be graduates wait for their turn to enter the Wren Building and ring the Wren Bell a few times. Seniors were allowed inside the historic buildings in small groups after waiting under the trees in the Wren Courtyard.