Parking Committee's findings illustrate WPI's parking problems

by Kevin Parker Editor In Chief

On Wednesday, November 10, the Community Council sponsored an open-campus meeting to discuss parking concerns on WPI's campus. A Parking Committee, under the chair of Professor Ted Crusberg (Biology and Biotechnology Department), was established by President Strauss and charged with examining the problem and presenting recommendations to the Institute. At this meeting they presented some of the community's thoughts regarding this issue.

The Committee illustrated potential parking space problems that WPI will face in the near future. The Committee said that construction of the new Mechanical Engineering annex will consume eight parking spaces, while the city of Worcester may require WPI to add 60-

70 new parking spaces in order to receive a building permit.

Second, construction of the Campus Center may require an additional 200-300 spaces. Janet Richardson, Dean of Student Life, pointed out that these additional spaces would be used for conference attendees. Richardson and her Campus Center Ideas Committee are looking at the possibility of using some of the space in the new Campus Center for conferences to help the Campus Center pay for itself. Committee member Professor Pat Dunn, of the Humanities Department, felt that the parking problems posed by the Campus Center should be dealt with by that committee. He felt that the Campus Center parking issues were outside the scope of the Parking Commit-

Finally, the city of Worcester may impose its "residents only" parking bylaw on the streets around WPI's campus which would restrict on-street parking to in-town residents only. This law, passed last year by the city, allows residents to petition to limit on-street parking to the residents of the street.

Mike Pereira, Class of '94, presented some of the options students have devised to overcome the problems. Among student proposals are: publishing a pamphlet that would illustrate the legal parking options available, charging realistic parking fees, eliminating parking lot designations (i.e. the colored stickers which limit the owner to parking in certain lots), creating "hot" parking where students (and others) could park for a short time on campus, expanding the parking lot on the corner of West St. and Institute Rd., and building a parking lot across Park Ave.

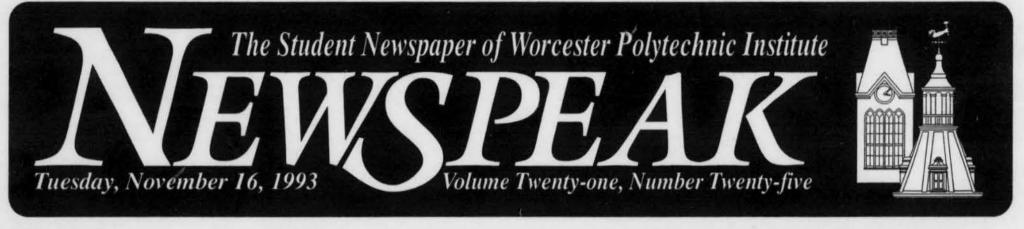
Professor Dunn presented some of the other proposals the committee has received. Some of these options include: evaluating the number of handicapped parking spaces and visitor spaces in an effort to reduce their number, promoting car pooling, shuttling from remote offcampus lots and possibly using Beech Tree Circle for parking once again.

One possibile option the committee has discussed is construction of a parking structure on the lower library lot. An audience member reminded the committee that several MQP projects have been completed which have studied the impact and possible construction of such a structure in various locations on WPI's campus. The two major concerns behind construction of such a facility, as presented by the committee, include the prohibitive cost (around \$3 million) and the difficulty in gaining a building permit as neighbors may not aestetically approve the structure.

The Parking Committee has also looked at the possibility of using remote lots for parking. Professor Crusberg has looked at the Northworks parking lot, as well as several of the church lots in the area, to see if WPI students and faculty could park there. Unfortunately, Crusberg found that these lots are usually full.

Several efforts are also being investigated to increase car-pooling. One possible option is to install gates which would only open if three WPI ID cards were used to open the gate. John Miller, Director of Physical Plant, stated that an eight foot gate would cost \$3200, a ticket machine would cost \$5600 and a card reader would cost \$1000.

The Committee could not give the audience a time when their final recommendations would be made. Crusberg stressed the need for costing additional options with John Miller. The Parking Committee is still seeking community input and asked for email comments to "crusberg@wpi" or "pdunn@wpi".



Registrar survey indicates changes needed in registration process

by Mike Caprio Associate Editor

The results of two surveys administered in A term by the Subcommittee on Scheduling have surfaced in the last week. They are currently undergoing analysis by the subcommittee, who has uncovered what they feel are several very important conclusions, including: a need for advising during registration, the student concern over instructors, the perceived status of the wait list program, and several other interesting trends.

The Subcommittee on Scheduling is a branch organization of the larger Committee on Academic Operations (CAO), and was formed on April 20th of this year after a need for a policy on scheduling (since none existed at the time) was determined by the CAO. The subcommittee's members (who meet on a weekly basis) consist of Chair Ann Garvin, also the head of Academic Advising at Boynton Hall, Douglas Walcerz of the ME department, Lee Becker of the CS department, Bill Hobie of the Chemistry department, and Amy Scott,

a student representative. The committee also has strong ties to several other departments on campus, namely the CCC, the Project Center, and the Registrar.

In an interview with CAO and Subcommittee secretary, Douglas Walcerz (ME), the initial results of the two surveys, one administered during registration, and one administered as a follow-up, were discussed. The surveys were an attempt to assess students needs in a concrete, measurable way. The first survey, administered in Harrington Auditorium during the add/drop period, was taken by 1178 students of different demographic backgrounds (i.e. class, major, etc.). The intent of the first survey was to determine possible answers to the question of why students thought they

by Mike Caprio

Associate Editor

didn't get the courses they wanted to take. It is quite well known that roughly half of the student population (1300 students) make course changes during the add/drop period. "We want to know why that is such a large number." Students were offered roughly 20 or so options to answer the question, and space was also available for additional comments.

The three top responses to this survey

"The wait list system is working for many people... those who don't use it have a poor perception of it."

- CAO Secretary Douglas Walcerz

were, first, "No response", second, "Courses denied by [Regi-24]" (Regi-24, of course, being the on-line pre-registration software program), and third "Changed my mind". These results were felt to be important, since a more primary concern is that the Regi software is apparently not doing the job it should be - this is a much more tangible factor to work with than student uncertainty. As Professor Walcerz put it "There's not much we can do if you decide you don't like a class after attending it for a few

goal.

There was also a question on the effectiveness of wait lists. When students were put to the question, it was found that many of the students who use the wait list system find it satisfactory, while students who do not use it feel it doesn't work well, a result that implies as Secretary Walcerz put it, "The wait list system is working for many people... those who don't use it

have a poor perception of it."

Another significant find was that there was a general need for advising in Harrington during course changes. The form of advising was not really addressed, whether it be in the form of

faculty advisors, academic advisors, or seniors or other students who have taken the courses in question. But as a heretofore unperceived need, it is quite signifi-

The follow-up survey that was administered through the mail room (meaning over 3000 were distributed) received far less response. Exactly 259 were received by the subcommittee, a little more than 8% of the student population. This survey addressed a slightly more specific concern-namely whether it was the content of the

course, the meeting time, or the instructor that made the student decide to drop the course when they did. It was found the the reasons fell in this order: instructor first, followed by content, then meeting time (though content and meeting time looked roughly statistically equal). However, the primary cause was the instructor of the course.

When asked what the committee could do concerning the problem of unknown or unpopular instructors, Ann Garvin replied that the subcommittee would "strongly recommend that it is critically important to supply accurate information on instructors. Ms. Garvin feels that knowing who the instructor is for a course is indeed a "legitimate concern" for the students. As for the level that student demand actually takes in the registering process, the first source of input is the Regi software, where the schedule gets molded around perceived student demand for courses - or so it works in theory. "In practice," replies Ann Garvin, "the schedule gets rolled over from last year, and adjustments are made to it as necessary.'

As Professor Walcerz puts it: "We have an imperfect situation. It works, but there's a lot of room for improvement. We don't have a big problem now... scheduling should not be a stumbling block for the students." There are already some possible solutions to the problem of improvement floating in the wings. One easy way to bring things more together is to simply have the "rainbow sheets", the all four term schedules, available earlier so that students can plan more effectively. Another method that could be considered would be to put the entire registration system on-line for all students to access, as is done during the add/drop period in the gym. The drawback to this option however, is the very rough conservative figure of \$100,000 to implement the new software it would take to handle this - not to mention the \$10,000 annual maintenance fees.

The Subcommittee will further analyze the reports they have drawn up, and submit their findings to the CAO, at which time the results will become public knowledge for everyone.

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January 13 - April 7, 1994

WPI is now accepting registrations for the annual Engineer Intern Review (formerly Engineering-In-Training Review). The Review prepares candidates for the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. Topics include the basic science, mathematics and engineering disciplines. Classes meet on eleven Thursday evenings between January 13 and April 7, 1994 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the WPI campus.

The format of the course is a formal lecture period followed by questions and answers. Students also complete problem sets to help acquaint them with the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. Weekly lectures are conducted by WPI faculty members.

The program fee is \$325 per person. Full-time undergraduate WPI students are eligible for a reduced rate of \$195. The fee includes the text and all other instructional materials. Deadline to register is January 6, 1994.

For more information contact WPI's Office of Continuing Education at (508) 831-5517. results of the stered during nistered as a registratio "Changed were felt primary or is apparent drop period, as of different is (i.e. class, refirst survey niswers to the stered during to the stered days... bu "Courses 24, of courses 24, of courses registratio "Changed were felt primary or is apparent work with state of the stered days... bu "Courses 24, of courses registratio "Changed were felt primary or is apparent work with state of the stered during the state of the stered during the state of the stat

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Two Barbs Play Two Towers - Coffehouse Review

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Place last Tuesday, you missed on yet another great show put out by WPI's own Chris Dagdigian. Two Towers After Hours presented Barb Schloff and Barb Kessler; two lovely female folk singers with tales to tell. Barb Kessler opened for Barb Schloff, who played in the Fall at WPI for the first time - her regular engagements here usually occur in the dollar.

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the Institute.

The most outstanding characteristics of this show were the new "star style" lighting, made available by Lens and Lights, and the incredibly huge amount of coffee and goodies. To quote Chris: "Check out our massive spread!" And massive it was, indeed. Bacchus, the alcohol alternative organization, once

summertime as a part of the summer

programs run for high school students at

again provided mocktails, and a truly vast array of cookies, cakes, and hot drinks (including hot mulled cider) was offered - all for the paltry cost of one

The atmosphere that evening was quite bouyant, relaxed, and very intimate. Barb Kessler was the opening act, but in my opinion, she should have given herself more playing time. She walked on stage, a small feminine figure, acoustic guitar in hand, and opened with her song "You Can't Go Home Again", based partly on the book of the same name by Thomas Wolfe, and partly on her own road experiences. She had a very lyrical voice, and quite powerful music behind it. In fact, a quick look around showed that more than a few other students were very impressed, and at least as entranced as I was. She moved on to another couple of tunes, namely "The Date", a song about high school romance, "Cathy", a song about an old friend, and closed with "Mary Tyler Moore", a song about the TV character whom she found inspirational

whom she found inspirational.

I was a little less impressed with Barb Schloff. Though she was definitely a good folk singer, her stage manner was a little more dry than Barb Kessler's, and her voice just didn't compare. I really didn't find too much more about her that was outstanding, as I did with the opening act. Two songs of note though were her opener, "The Happiest", a song about life that I found very intriguing, and a song called "Rude Awakening" that was all about loss and relationships.

Still, for the price, and for the good food and music, it was a great show. If you're interested in pursuing a position on the Coffeehouse Committee or are just interested in shows and SocComm stuff in general, Chris Dagdigian did make an announcement to the effect of "...stop by the office and see us. I'm getting old and running out of ideas."

Get involved in Commencement

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Courier

Chapter three: No Shine

by Harrison Ripps Newspeak Staff

There is a force in the universe which all beings can sense. For humans, the response to this force (actually an imbalance in the finer corners of reality) is a cold chill. As Anne Selkow sat at the kitchen table of her tiny apartment, she felt such a chill, followed almost immediately by the sound of a knock at the door.

She rose and floated to the other end of the room. Technically she was walking, but her fluidity of motion was such that quick motions were rarely seen, and slower ones were often misinterpreted by the eye. It was as though part of her didn't really belong in this universe. Her hands touched the door and it swung open.

Before her stood a figure whose utter lack of fluidity of motion was apparent even when he stood still. It was her ex-boyfriend, Graham. When she did not offer a hello, he became uncomfortable and cleared his throat.

"Uh, hi — I'm sorry to bother you, I know you're probably busy and everything and this was probably a bad time to stop by but I was wondering if we could talk..." Again, silence, accompanied no longer with faint surprise, but with annoyance.

"I tried calling first but it was a little complicated"

Anne could feel her short fuse burning - how could dialing seven digits be complicated? She opened her mouth, hesitated, saw Graham waiting for her to speak, and then obliged him:

"Listen Graham, first off, yes I am trying to get some goddamn work done. Second, when I did give a crap about seeing you, you were never around. You refused to give me a phone number, you wouldn't even give me an address. It's over. Get it? Over."

Graham's mind looked quickly for a retort and settled on the sympathy bid. He turned to leave

"I hoped that I could explain it to you some day, but it seems I never got the chance." "Looks that way, Graham. Goodbye."

With a flick of her wrist, the door was shut again. If Anne knew that she was the only person in the universe who could get away with slamming the door in the face of the Courier and Custodian of Angklov things might have been different, but as things were now she could never know. Grmbrand walked away from her apartment surrounded in a

darker darkness than that which the night could provide. He knew it was all part of the Punishment, but he thought this one part to be especially unfair. Toying with one's ability to love is a cruelty, not a re-education.

The ambient sensations of Mother Earth ran through the Courier's body. Unlike many of the other planets, Earth was still alive; sickly, but still pulsing in the vacuum of space. In tune with the pulse, Grmbrand moved without looking or thinking. His breath-

ing slowed, and when he opened his eyes, he was back in his ship, which had been hovering over the planet's surface. Gaia had borne him back into his true role in the universe.

With a sigh, he threw his coat over the back of his chair and settled into the fabric. It wasn't until he was about to send the ship hurtling back into the Workings when he noted, quite energetically, that the living cargo he had planned to take with him was no longer in the hold...

Music Review

Beyond Id

by Jason Hutt Newspeak Staff

Beyond Id, an alternative rock band out of Fitchburg, will turn heads and capture listeners with their new five song CD, Beyond Id. Beyond Id features "Struggly", a fast paced, short love song about the inability to find the right things to say, will probably be considered the best song of the five. The second cut, "Recess" slows down the tempo considerately, but captivates the listener with its rhythmic guitar playing. The next song "6:14" (not the actual length of the song) which is

a mixture of fast and slow, is an instrumental that keeps the listener guessing. "Moe", a slow-paced song, was inspired by the woman drummer of the 60's band Velvet Underground. The final cut, "Cepton's Bingo Teddy", which is being made into a music video, is arguable the best song on the CD.

The band is comprised of Daniel Cray, Roderick Murphy, John Hunt, and Jacques Lambert. They have been playing together for four years and with the release of their promising new CD are looking forward to playing for many more years to come.

NEWSPEAKHUMOR

The Institute

In the beginning, there was the INSTITUTE.

With the Institute, there was a PLAN and a SPECIFICATION. But the Plan was without form and the Specification was void. Thus there was darkness upon the faces of the STUDENTS.

The Students, therefore, spoke unto their SENATORS, "This is a crock of S**T and we cannot abide the stink that abounds."

And the Senators spoke unto their OFFICERS, "This is a crock of excrement and we cannot abide the odor that abounds."

And the Officers spoke unto their DEAN OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE, "This is a vessel of excrement and the odor is very offensive."

And the Dean of Residential Life spoke unto the PRESIDENT, "This vessel is full of that which makes things grow and the characteristics there of are exceedingly strong."

And the President spoke unto THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, "The contents of this vessel are very powerful and will promote strong growth of the institute."

And the Board of Trustees looked upon the Institute and saw that it was GOOD.

Donald Baldwin Class of '93 (plus a little bit)

[Ed. note: The views expressed in this poem are those of the author, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Newspeak staff.]

The beat of a different drum...

the Pub Show in Gompei's Saturday night.

Dive, Daltonic, Overcast, and Stark Weather performed at

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NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO/JASON PHILBROOK
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Students came together for the African Percussion workshop held last Wednesday in Alden. The group meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm, and everyone is welcome to attend.

WPI Indian Student Organization

presents

The Annual Diwali Dinner

Friday, Nov. 19, 6:00pm

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SPORTS

Water Polo ends season 12-2-0

The WPI "should be varsity" Water Polo team, finished an outstanding season on November 5th with a final record of 12-2-0. WPI participates in both the New England Small College Water Polo Association and the Eastern Water Polo League.

This year's team was comprised of President: Joshua Dobbelaar, Captain: Brandon Emanuel, Vice President: Kris McCadam, Treasurer: Rick Smith, Teak Ackman, Lee Blouin, Chris Bruno, Eric Dingley, Eric Hultgren, Jose Lopez, Dan Macklin, Joe Magnotti, Ryan Marsh, Joe Raab, Dana Schlosser, Ioanni Sechopoulos, Rich Shea, Jeff Tenney, Wayne Thibideau, Dave Thomp-

son and Matt Weig.

New last year was coach Vladimir Sykora, originally from what was Czechoslovakia. Vladimir was a national team player and since his move to the U.S. has been active in only WPI's team. Coach Sykora helped the team swiftly jump from a regular fourth place finisher to the second place position both last year and this season. The team would like to thank Coach Whit Griffith for his help. Win margins of over seven points were common to the explosive Raging Geeks this fall.

In addition, WPI Water Polo Team finished in a tie for 14th with Buffalo State College in the Eastern Water Polo Association's Division III Top Twenty Ranking. The team's only losses this season was to Trinity College of Hartford.

Top scorers and named MVP's include Brandon Emanuel, Ioanni Sechopoulos, and recent dynamo's Khris McCadam and Eric Hultgren. Goalies Daniel Mackin and Joshua Dobbelaar finished the season with highly favorable save to shot ratios. In addition, the team reinforced its strength with powerful performances from offensive hole playing by Rich Shea and the driving of Rick Smith, Dana Schlosser and Chris Bruno. This year's freshmen also supplied the Raging Geeks with an ample substitution range in all offensive and defensive positions.

The team will participate in a Spring season beginning in late March. Last year WPI went undefeated for the Spring season demolishing Holy Cross, Bridgewater State College and Middlebury in a one day tournament sweep at

Bridgewater.

If you have never seen a Water Polo game, the team strongly encourages you to attend a practice or game in the Spring and witness the most demanding physical sport ever invented. They also encourage swimmers to join them as they climb to the number one position next season.

WPI defeats Springfield College in hockey opener

The WPI Ice Hockey team started its 1993-1994 season off in fine style Sunday, November 7th with a decisive victory over Springfield College. The game was a rematch of last years' playoff match-up between the two teams in which WPI won the league title. The stage was thus set for a great game between two teams only too familiar with each other.

The Engineers, led by senior Captain John Macklin, and Assistant Captains Erik MacNeil and Mike Schulz ('94 and '95 respectively), traveled to Springfield for the late night game. WPI started the game on its heels and looked to be in for a long night as Springfield played a very aggressive hitting game which was completely opposite to WPI's more finesse oriented game style. Fortunately, the Engineers were given a few breaks and made the most of them by scoring twice in the first to take a 2 - 0 lead. The first goal was scored by senior left winger Chuck Leonard while the second was put on the board courtesy of Captain Macklin. Springfield later countered with one goal and the score was 2 - 1 after one

The second period brought with it a much more prepared Engineer squad. Both teams struggled for the lead but again Macklin tallied followed quickly by a score from sophomore Matt Pelkey. Springfield also scored twice in the second which left WPI still clinging to one goal lead.

WPI entered the third period with a decidedly different style. The team started to match the physical play of Springfield while also stepping up its passing game. The new attitude showed immediately with another two scores from Pelkey for a hat-trick). With WPI firmly in the lead and holding complete control of the game the team needed only to run the clock out. The final score of the game gave WPI an opening day win by a 6 - 3

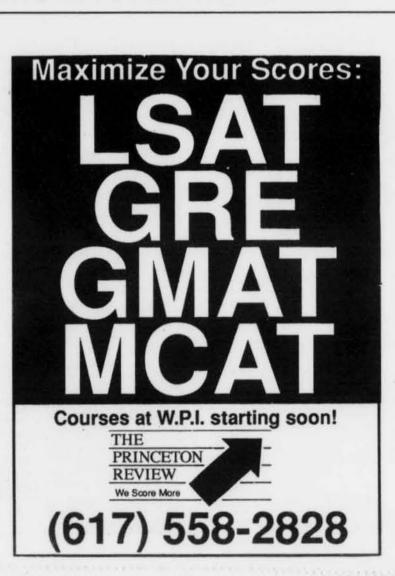
Strong defensive efforts were put forth by goal tender Bob Capone and many others such as Derek Adams. The team shows great promise this year to repeat its league title but only time will tell if they can keep the wheels on the warm.

Reaching for the sky



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO / JASON PHILBROOK

WPI's cheerleaders performed a halftime routine that included dancing, cheers, and stunts during the football game against Plymouth State this weekend.



Engineers clinch Freedom Football Conference title, finish season 5 - 4

The Engineers defeated Plymouth State College 35 - 17 on Saturday at Alumni Field. Running back Jason Wooley lead the team with 3 touchdowns and quarterback Tom Burns completed 13 of 16 passes for the win. Undefeated in the conference, WPI secured its second consecutive title.



Don Joseph and Chris Moore celebrate after The Engineers' victory at Saturday's game against Plymouth State College.



Tony Padula escapes a tackle by a Plymouth State College defender, and the WPI Engineers go on to win the game, 35 to 17.

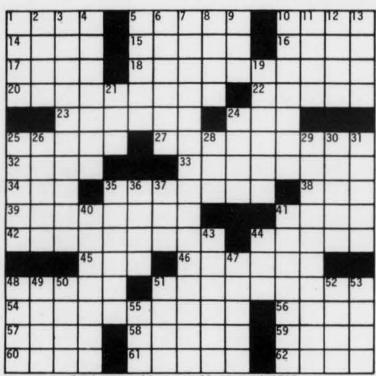
COMMUNITY UPDATE

New sod job for Residential Services



In an effort to beautify the campus, perhaps in anticipation of last Thursday's "A Closer Look" program for prospective students, the lawn outside the office of Residential Services was recently covered with new sod.

NEWSPEAK HUMOR (COLLEGIATE CROSSWORD)



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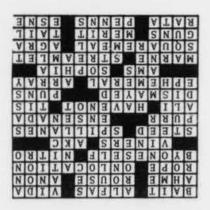
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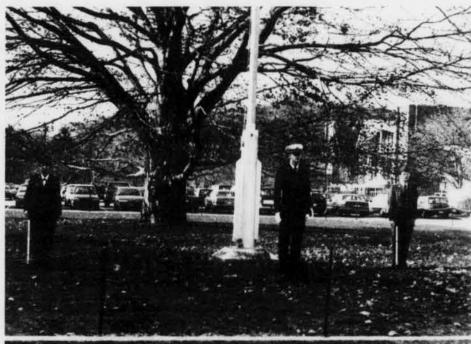
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A Silent Vigil



Three ROTC cadets held vigil in Beech Tree Circle. The tri-service vigil was held by the Army, Navy, and Air Force cadets to remember US veterans last Thursday.

A Safer Trip



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This crosswalk in front of Stratton Hall, one of two recently painted on West Street, should make travelling to class a little safer. Now if only Worcester's drivers knew what they were used for.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come for coffee

The Hispanic Students Association invites the WPI community to a Latin Coffeehouse at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Lower Wedge. Visitors to the Coffeehouse, which is co-sponsored by the Healthy Alternatives Office and the Student Life Office, will have the opportunity to sample pastry and coffee from Columbia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and Brazil and enjoy the music of Jorge Arce, who received a the Boston Music Award for Outstanding Latin Act.

Diwali Dinner

WPI's Indian Student Organization will sponsor its annual Diwali Dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 19, in the Lower Wedge. The event will feature authentic Indian food and demonstration of the dances of India. Tickets (\$7) are available in the Student Life Office or from Deepak Narain (e-mail dxn@wpi).

Known as the festival of lights, Diwali, which is observed throughout India, celebrates the return of Lord Rama after he redeemed the world by slaying the evil Ravana, who had abducted Rama's wife. The story is told in Ramayana, an ancient Indian epic written in

Writing Assistance

Barbara McCarthy and peer tutors will staff the Department of Humanities Writing Resource Center located in Salisbury Labs 134. They will be available to tutor those WPI students requiring writing assistance in their course and project work during the following hours in B Term:

Monday and Tuesday: 8 am - 4:30 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 1 pm Thursday: 9 am - 2:30 pm Friday: 8 am - 2:30 pm For more information, call ext. 5503.

Become technically creative

Lev Shulyak, president of the Technical Innovation Center in Worcester, will lead a Technical Creativity Seminar from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on Wednesday, November 17, in Salisbury Labs 104. Admission is free.

The method, which purports to enable individuals to solve problems 10-times faster than other strategies, has been developed and tested in the Soviet Union during the last 40 years. Shulyak's company is one of three in the United States which are presenting seminars, serving as consultants and training individuals in the method.

Air Force Officer **Qualifying Test** Scheduled

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Detachment 340 at WPI will be conducting the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test on 4 December 1993 at the WPI campus. All college freshmen and sophomores in the Worcester area interested in taking this first step toward entering the Air Force ROTC program and guaranteed employment upon graduation should call the Air Force ROTC Detachment at 831-5747. Detachment 340 serves all Worcester Consortium of colleges and universities. The Air Force is currently offering college scholarships for qualified minority students and qualified students in selected major areas of study. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 831-

Correction:

There was an error in last week's article entitled "Reformed SGA Transportation Committee needs your input." Cost overruns last year ammounted to \$266 last year and the total expenditure of the Transportation Committee was roughly \$20000.

Changes in Engineering Education

The Academic Affairs Division will present the live satellite teleconference "A New Institutional Vision: Change from the Inside Out" from 4 to 5 pm on Wednesday, November 18, in the TV Studio in Fuller Laboratories. Panelists will discuss changes in engineering education and improving retention.

Focus on Bosnia

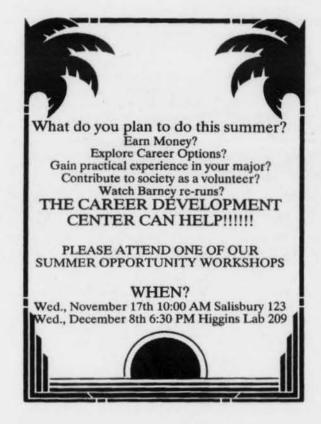
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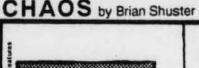
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come for coffee

The Hispanic Students Association invites the WPI community to a Latin Coffeehouse at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Lower Wedge. Visitors to the Coffeehouse, which is co-sponsored by the Healthy Alternatives Office and the Student Life Office, will have the opportunity to sample pastry and coffee from Columbia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and Brazil and enjoy the music of Jorge Arce, who received a the Boston Music Award for Outstanding Latin Act.

Diwali Dinner

WPI's Indian Student Organization will sponsor its annual Diwali Dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 19, in the Lower Wedge. The event will feature authentic Indian food and demonstration of the dances of India. Tickets (\$7) are available in the Student Life Office or from Deepak Narain (e-mail dxn@wpi).

Known as the festival of lights, Diwali, which is observed throughout India, celebrates the return of Lord Rama after he redeemed the world by slaying the evil Ravana, who had abducted Rama's wife. The story is told in Ramayana, an ancient Indian epic written in

WritingAssistance

Barbara McCarthy and peer tutors will staff the Department of Humanities Writing Resource Center located in Salisbury Labs 134. They will be available to tutor those WPI students requiring writing assistance in their course and project work during the following hours in B Term:

Monday and Tuesday: 8 am - 4:30 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 1 pm Thursday: 9 am - 2:30 pm Friday: 8 am - 2:30 pm For more information, call ext. 5503.

Become technically creative

Lev Shulyak, president of the Technical Innovation Center in Worcester, will lead a Technical Creativity Seminar from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on Wednesday, November 17, in Salisbury Labs 104. Admission is free.

The method, which purports to enable individuals to solve problems 10-times faster than other strategies, has been developed and tested in the Soviet Union during the last 40 years. Shulyak's company is one of three in the United States which are presenting seminars, serving as consultants and training individuals in the method.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 831-Correction:

> There was an error in last week's article entitled "Reformed SGA Transportation Committee needs your input." Cost overruns last year ammounted to \$266 last year and the total expenditure of the Transportation Committee was roughly \$20000.

Air Force Officer

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

Detachment 340 at WPI will be conducting the

Air Force Officer Qualifying Test on 4 De-

cember 1993 at the WPI campus. All college

freshmen and sophomores in the Worcester

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entering the Air Force ROTC program and

guaranteed employment upon graduation should

call the Air Force ROTC Detachment at 831-

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EDITORIAL

Leadership sought to solve parking problems

WPI claims that, as an Institution, it stands for bold, innovative thinking and decision making. This implies that someone is willing to set policy and make concrete decisions based upon well thought out recommendations, preferably solicited from the entire community. Why then, was an open campus meeting held last Wednesday to present to the community the findings and RECOMMENDA-TIONS of a committee that wasn't even prepared to say WHEN it would make its recommendations, not to mention what these recommendations might be?

Before attending this meeting I was lead to believe that the Parking Committee would present its findings on the parking problem and several options to solve the problem. Yet, when the meeting ended it appeared that few people, including several of Parking Committee's members, felt we had a parking problem and that it would be the City of Worcester's fault if we found ourselves faced with a problem in the future. It seemed that, even though numerous options were presented, none were worth further exploration while essentially no hard-core cost-analysis of the

various options had been performed.

When do we put aside the finger-pointing and start thinking along new, visionary lines to solve problems? When do we begin to look ahead, plan for the future, and face reality instead of trying to fix today's problems with bandages? To use a medical example, large problems which are given bandage solutions now, might need amputation and complete reconstructive surgery in the future. This "surgery" could cost considerably more than application of bold thinking and vision NOW.

WPI stands by a Two Towers Tradition which believes in the practical application of theoretical knowledge. After all, why should goals remain solely academic studies? Thoughts and ideas need application. WPI's plan stresses that. Why doesn't the administration? Why are we still pointing fingers about who is to blame for the parking problems and who should take care of them? When the point was brought up that WPI might need 200 - 300 new parking spaces for the new campus center, the issue was passed off by the PARKING Committee as the CAMPUS CENTER Commit-

tees' problem. Wasn't the Parking Committee charged with presenting recommendations and answers to ALL of WPI's parking problems, no matter how financially or aesthetically difficult these solutions might prove to be?

The next steps appear to be costing the options which were presented, choosing one or more options, and approaching the city of Worcester with our solutions. This will probably require throwing out all of the pre-conceived notions about what might work and starting over with creative thinking. The problem is that there is no leadership. No one wants to claim responsibility and take these courageous steps forward.

The parking problem, as well as the Parking Committee, is only a symptom of a larger problem. Solution of this issue could easily provide a precedent for how WPI faces the much larger question of how to maintain our competitive edge in a more and more challenging educational climate. Who will take up the challenge? Who will shape the future vision of WPI? WILL YOU?

COMMENTARY

Prometheus Speaks: How to Live Forever

Human beings have this inherent need to express themselves. Everyone needs to communicate their experiences, from the first cry of birth to the last gasp of a mortal life, people must be heard. The problems of communication and relating experience aside, why exactly are people driven to do this sort of thing? Why do we need to share with others our pain, our fears, our hopes and dreams?

The easy answer is that it's a natural process. Man is a biologically social organism; it's in the basic nature of primates to herd and cooperate. So is our tendency to communicate with others as explainable as our evolutionarily developed ablility to use tools? Perhaps. The point however, is that we've incorporated this need into the most basic components of our social structure. Where we once existed (as tribes of cro-magnons) with little or no coherent communication, today we cannot exist without it. You cannot imagine a life with no telephone, with no TV, with no radio.

How did this whole communication thing become so important? Well, that has a lot to do with the early importance man put on information. If the information was vital, and not to be known by others, how could one manage to communicate it without everyone else knowing what they were saying? The regular grunts and whistles were too obvious... what if one devised a system that no one else knew about? One where symbols and pictures replaced the spoken words - kind of like Thug's cave painting last week! And we can call it an alphabet! Then we can form an information elite that controls what is known...

That's really been the story for most of history. Information elites have been in control of communication by choosing the various forms it comes in. But I've mentioned this

before, haven't I? The same thing is happening again, except this time, it's with computers. You have to learn a new language to keep up with the flow of information, and that new language is UNIX, DOS, whatever operating system you prefer.

But to return from my digression... We've discovered the importance of language and communication in history and society. What does this have to do with living forever? It's an easy correlation, really. The secret to immortality is within everyone's grasp, especially now. All it takes is a little know-how, and some proficiency with communication, and the methods we use to communicate today.

Right now, I'm communicating to you. I'm probably speaking in some familiar voice in your head, even as I type these words across my keyboard. I've succeeded in reaching out to you, communicating to you, crossing time and space to deliver these specific symbols and pictures in their specific order for you to translate and interpret. A being that I was, in a specific point in time, relating his thoughts and experiences to you as you read this. The wierdest thing is, I could be dead right now. I could be a cold pile of bones in a box in the ground, never to be animate again. Yet I am _still_ managing to speak with you, to talk directly to your brain. Granted it's a one-sided thing, but it's still happening. Isn't that a kind of immortality? Someone could reach into the WPI archives 100 years from now, probably long after you and I are gone, and read these very same words you are reading now.

If I had to choose the most immortal person on the Earth right now, I'd have to say William Shakespeare. Of course, I have American bias and such, but I see him as the most quoted, most influential, most written about author in all of my

culture. But there is no one more spoken of, more attributed to than good of Will. "Is this a dagger I see before me??" "Alas, poor yorick..." "Good night, sweet prince." "All the world's a stage, and all the people merely players." "What a piece of work is man!" "What fools these mortals be!"

If you have the ability to communicate, you have just as much potential to

be remembered, to live on through your words. Now, with the state of communication as it is today, you can live on through pictures, through video. Ever see the movie Videodrome by David Cronenberg? A character named Brian O'blivion lives on through his video tapes of himself, even though he's long dead. We may get to the point where we can have complete recreations of our selves,

that can act and speak and think just as we have. We can live on, virtually, instead of physically. I could probably pass on very comfortably knowing that I would live on that way. Who knows? We may even get to the point of transeferring all that we are into a computer somewhere... the potentials for knowledge would really be limitless then, no? Until next

Just a Thought

Hidden pain

by Stephen Brown Protestant Campus Ministry

Last Thursday in Washington D.C., they dedicated a new statue as part of the Vietnam War Memorial. The new statue is dedicated to the women who served in Vietnam as nurses, some 11,500 who went to heal the wounds of the soldiers who fought and died there. As is standard procedure for our country, we take care of the men, the warriors first, then we recognize that others also experienced the trauma of a war.

In the Sunday New York Times Magazine, there was a riveting article about the women who served as nurses in Vietnam and how numerous of them have suffered from their tours there. Many of them have had what is called P.T.S.D., or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It is defined as, "when overwhelming trauma from the past undermines the present. P.T.S.D. draws you into hand-to-hand combat with yourself with flashbacks, nightmares, depression, denial, isolation, survivor guilt, and rage." ("How to Bandage a War" NYT Magazine, 11/7/93, p. 40) It is now listed in D.S.M III, the official Bible of the therapeutic commu-

It was not easy reading. Many women

told their stories of experiencing the day to day struggle with life and death and then coming home and trying to forget all of it. I was struck particularly by the story of one nurse's confrontation with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. "For 22 years back home, Ruth did more than keep her life together. She soared, becoming a nurse anesthetist, a master at blocking pain. Work became her shield. Behind it, she was safe and secure, earning more than \$100,000 a year at her peak...Ok, so she still slept in her clothes, woke up five or six times a night looking for intruders. But you can get used to anything and she got used to that. Life wasn't perfect, but it seemed pretty damned good." (ibid, p. 68)

But it didn't last, Ruth finally broke. She ended up in a treatment center where she could finally vent her rage and be supported by other women who were also suffering P.T.S.D. Little by little, she is coming to terms with her past and integrating it into her present. Ruth, as thousands of others, looked forward to the dedication of the Women's statue as affirming their service in the country's lost and shameful war.

As I thought about the story later, I thought of friends I have who have battled with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and some who confront it now. How uniquely American P.T.S.D. is. We are taught to be tough individualists, "never let them see you cry." We resist interrupting our work or studies or daily routines to face our fears, our hurts, our stress. So we lock if off and wait till we "have time" to deal with it.

The problem is that it doesn't stay put. As nurse after nurse testified in the article, the rage finally breaks out of its safe haven and reeks havoc. I know a little about it personally. In a month's time last Spring, my mother died and my ministry was cut in half. I tried to get through the rest of the school year as best I could. But the depression was overwhelming; I made all kinds of administrative mistakes, wrote a few unreasonable letters and generally was not worth a whole lot. Only now is some of the fog

What I have learned, what the nurses and other male Vietnam veterans have learned is that you can kid yourself for so long, but there is a price to be paid. It is like the Fram Oil ad, you can pay me now or pay me later. We can hide our hurts and try to get by. Or we can face them, work through them, and believe we will be healthier for our efforts. The choice is ours.

Motoring News

Parking?

by James Aduskevich Newspeak Staff

Today's subject is near and dear to the heart of all driving enthusiasts, parking. Sure, the worst part of any trip is having to stop, but we all have to do it sometime. With all the recent discussion on parking, I decided to add my \$.02 in too.

It seems to me that there should not be a problem with parking. It seems obvious that if you have a parking permit, then you should have a parking space. This idea is completely thrown out when there are around 2000 parking permits issued for only about 800 spaces. This results in the one of the most fustrating experiences of parking; going to a lot which you have a valid permit for, and finding out that there are no spaces. I know that they are trying to utilize all of the spaces all of the time, but I would rather be told that I can't park on campus than be told I can and not have a space.

One way they are trying to help the situation is by eliminating colored permits. I don't think this is the best idea, either. This would have students going to the closest lot first, find it full, and continue this proceedure until they finally find a spot on the outskirts of campus, by which time they are late for class. I would rather have a spot assigned in a remote lot and know how long it takes to get to class than have to wander around aimlessly looking for a spot with no idea how long it might take.

After the meeting on Wednesday, it seemed like there was no hope for parking on campus. There were a few ideas which looked like they could be implemented, such as the elimination of the visitor parking and the expansion of some lots, but the parking garage seems impossible and that was the only way we could get close to the 1200 spots needed. However, if they only gave permits for the amount of parking we have to the people most in need (those who live a mile or more away), at least there would be a functional, non-chaotic system. This looks like the best we can hope for.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Head Delegate, Class of '95

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child pornography and prostitution, homeless children, the Law of the Sea, humanitarian intervention, tobacco consumption, drug development, Balkan Refugees, collective Security, South-Central Asian Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Radioactive Waste Dumping just to name a few. An average day at the HNMUN consists of two four hour committee meetings. These sessions are very intense because every country is debating through parliamentary procedures for their national interests and objectives. The goal of debate at the HNMUN is to define the problem and come up with a solution in resolution form that will satisfy a majority of countries involved. This is achieved through formal debate where you introduce your nation's point of view and through caucusing which consists of informal group discussions.

For example, at last year's HNMUN, my committee discussed the equality of women in occupations. We discussed quotas, education, religion, nation sovereignty, and basic human rights. This was a very touchy issue for many of the Asian and Middle Eastern Countries. Ironically, it was not a major concern for the first world countries who felt it was 'not a problem.' Many of the debates centered around the third world countries where women had little to no rights. To say the least the debates were very heated, but after three days of debating we were all thrilled to pass a resolution satisfactory to all.

Overall, HNMUN is a balanced program consisting of debating, learning, and fun. At first, you may be a bit overwhelmed discussing these issues

Student involvement and the future of WPI Commencements

with political science majors from the best colleges in the world, but we have noticed that success does not hinge on how much knowledge of global issues and world politics you have, but on your own willingness to cooperate and negotiate which are much needed skills in today's world.

Fortunately, the evenings are rather relaxing. Boston is a great city for fun and the delegate dance is a terrific place to mingle with the other delegates.

The Harvard National Model United Nations is a great opportunity that is offered to the WPI students through GAP. In addition to HNMUN, GAP is also planning to bring speakers and to hold debates on current issues pertinent to the WPI community. We are an active club and I encourage you to become involved if you are interested in global and domestic politics or the environment (Recently we have been working with GAEA on the recycling issue.)

On Thursday, November 18th at 6:30pm in Atwater Kent 218 we will be holding an informational session on the Harvard National Model United Nations. If you are interested in being a delegate you must attend or contact Marie Meier at WPI Box 662 or through 'johny', my email account. At this meeting I will discuss training and expectations of an HNUM delegate. I will also hand out applications. In any event I strongly encourage you to participate in GAP and the HNMUN training sessions to better prepare you for next year.

APO Servant Auction Nov. 17

by Melissa A. Perkalis Newspeak Staff

Most college students can't afford to pay the amount of money that it would take to get their dishes washed or to get the green stuff scraped out of their tub. These students were previously doomed to learn how to eat right out of the box and to learn how to shower in sandals so they wouldn't have to touch the floor. But a now a solution is available.

Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed national service fraternity, is holding a servant auction on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 PM in the Lower Wedge. At the auction, people who volunteered will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then the "servant" is required to provide some kind of service for the buyer. However, there are some rules governing the service. The buyer can't haze the servant in any way, which means that the buyer can't force them to do anything illegal or immoral. The buyer can't interfere with the servant's previous commitments, including classes, meetings, and sports practices. The buyer can't make the servant do their homework for them, and the buyer can't make

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the servant leave campus, unless it is to go to the buyer's apartment. The buyer can, however, make the servant clean their apartment, office, car, etc. The buyer can also make the servant do things such as cook dinner, wash the dishes - or anything else for that matter. The time that the service is to take place is individually determined between the buyer and the servant.

It is a really great way to finish all of those annoying things that you didn't want to do done. All of the money that the servants are sold for is being donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Worcester. If you would like more information, come to the mailroom tomorrow between 10 AM and 4:30 PM or email apo@wpi.edu.

snapshot in time that depends on the support

and involvement of the Class of 1995 to estab-

lish a new level of involvement here at WPI.

Student involvement with commencement

involved in the solicitation of names for posby Jennifer Keenan sible commencement speakers. These students Class of '94 felt strongly that the suggestions for speakers Before us lies an unprecedented opportunity provided by the students never really had a fair for WPI students to take a more active role in shot in the pool of names under discussion. I the planning of their commencement. This have since discovered that the students' dissatopportunity is just that; a window, a glimpse, a

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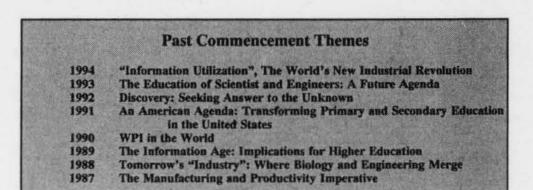
isfaction is due to the current structure of the commencement planning process. By the time students are asked to provide a list of speakers for consideration, the theme has already been selected and as a result the list of speakers brought forth by students is severely down

I believe that if both undergraduate and graduate students have a desire to influence the decisions made regarding their graduation that increased student input is needed earlier on in the commencement planning process. You could have an impact on which pools of speakers are under consideration and which are not.

More important than the speaker is the message you want sent on that day when your family and friends help you celebrate your accomplishments here at WPI. I believe that when you become more involved with the planning of your commencement you will enjoy the ceremony more because you will have more of yourself INVESTED in it.

Mr. Hebert has agreed to help me get the ball rolling with regards to soliciting student input for commencement themes for the class of 1995. Ultimately, it is up to you. I will help get interested students organized, but then you, the class of 1995, will start this new WPI tradition and hopefully keep it going for years to come. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of then please drop me a line at Jennifer Keenan WPI Box 904 or email my account at ginger@wpi.wpi.edu. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

over the past few years has been facilitated by Stephen Hebert, vice president of the corporation. Mr. Hebert is active within all three phases of the commencement planning process. The first phase involves selecting a theme for commencement; please see below for a list of recent commencement themes. A theme is traditionally established 18 months in advance of commencement by the WPI Board of Trustees Trusteeship Committee. The second phase of the commencement planning process involves selecting a commencement speaker. Over the past few years Mr. Hebert has met with members of the junior class to solicit names of potential speakers that would be of interest to the graduating class. This list is then presented by Mr. Hebert to the Trusteeship Committee at the May meeting of the board. Once the board has considered the speakers under discussion, an invitation is made during the summer for the following year's com-Over the past two years I have had the





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What is C/W Mars?

The library allows access to its materials through the use of a menu program on the computer network. This program is found on any of the library terminals or by typing 'library' at your prompt on any campus computer.

The menu program has thirteen options for student use and an additional three that are limited to faculty. By typing '?' at anytime, a help screen will appear. Selecting 'a' will link the user to the Gordon Library catalog and the C/W Mars System. C/W Mars is a regional library network that is made up of public libraries; however, Clark, UMass Medical and Worcester State libraries are included. The Holy Cross Library is not part of the C/W Mars System; by selecting 'h' at the menu, the user is linked to this catalog. 'o' allows the user to access the libraries on the Internet such as MIT, Boston University and Harvard. 'f' puts the user in First Search. First Search is composed of extensive databases that cover a wide range of topics. Recently 15 new databases were added in addition to the existing "WorldCat" database. These 15 are on a trial period to see which are the most useful. Before starting the search, the user must pick a subject area from the menu. The other selections on the menu are self explanatory; however, if the user has any questions, they may contact Don Richardson at the reference desk in the library or call 831-5410. Users may also e-mail their concerns to library-questions@wpi or by selecting 's' on the library menu.

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1200 students will attend this conference from colleges such as Georgetown University, University of Montreal, Brandeis, Yale, Princeton, West Point, and the host Harvard. This will take place on Thursday, February 17 to Sunday, February 20 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel and Tower. WPI will be taking a delegation of 12 members, who will begin preparation this term.

Some of the topics that will be discussed are peacekeeping, the definition of a nation, Armenia and Azerbaijan, security aspects of refugees, third world debt, economic means of political coercion,

child pomography and prostitution, homeless children, the Law of the Sea, humanitarian intervention, tobacco consumption, drug development, Balkan Refugees, collective Security, South-Central Asian Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Radioactive Waste Dumping just to name a few. An average day at the HNMUN consists of two four hour committee meetings. These sessions are very intense because every country is debating through parliamentary procedures for their national interests and objectives. The goal of debate at the HNMUN is to define the problem and come up with a solution in resolution form that will satisfy a majority of countries involved. This is achieved through formal debate where you introduce your nation's point of view and through caucusing which consists of informal group discussions.

For example, at last year's HNMUN, my committee discussed the equality of women in occupations. We discussed quotas, education, religion, nation sovereignty, and basic human rights. This was a very touchy issue for many of the Asian and Middle Eastern Countries. Ironically, it was not a major concern for the first world countries who felt it was 'not a problem.' Many of the debates centered around the third world countries where women had little to no rights. To say the least the debates were very heated, but after three days of debating we were all thrilled to pass a resolution satisfactory to all.

Overall, HNMUN is a balanced program consisting of debating, learning, and fun. At first, you may be a bit overwhelmed discussing these issues with political science majors from the best colleges in the world, but we have noticed that success does not hinge on how much knowledge of global issues and world politics you have, but on your own willingness to cooperate and negotiate which are much needed skills in today's world.

Fortunately, the evenings are rather relaxing. Boston is a great city for fun and the delegate dance is a terrific place to mingle with the other delegates.

The Harvard National Model United Nations is a great opportunity that is offered to the WPI students through GAP. In addition to HNMUN, GAP is also planning to bring speakers and to hold debates on current issues pertinent to the WPI community. We are an active club and I encourage you to become involved if you are interested in global and domestic politics or the environment (Recently we have been working with GAEA on the recycling issue.)

On Thursday, November 18th at 6:30pm in Atwater Kent 218 we will be holding an informational session on the Harvard National Model United Nations. If you are interested in being a delegate you must attend or contact Marie Meier at WPI Box 662 or through 'johny', my email account. At this meeting I will discuss training and expectations of an HNUM delegate. I will also hand out applications. In any event 1 strongly encourage you to participate in GAP and the HNMUN training sessions to better prepare you for next year.

APO Servant Auction Nov. 17

by Melissa A. Perkalis Newspeak Staff

Most college students can't afford to pay the amount of money that it would take to get their dishes washed or to get the green stuff scraped out of their tub. These students were previously doomed to learn how to eat right out of the box and to learn how to shower in sandals so they wouldn't have to touch the floor. But a now a solution is available.

Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed national service fraternity, is holding a servant auction on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 PM in the Lower Wedge. At the auction, people who volunteered will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then the "servant" is required to provide some kind of service for the buyer. However, there are some rules governing the service. The buyer can't haze the servant in any way, which means that the buyer can't force them to do anything illegal or immoral. The buyer can't interfere with the servant's previous commitments, including classes, meetings, and sports practices. The buyer can't make the servant do their homework for them, and the buyer can't make

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the servant leave campus, unless it is to go to the buyer's apartment. The buyer can, however, make the servant clean their apartment, office, car, etc. The buyer can also make the servant do things such as cook dinner, wash the dishes - or anything else for that matter. The time that the service is to take place is individually determined between the buyer and the servant.

It is a really great way to finish all of those annoying things that you didn't want to do done. All of the money that the servants are sold for is being donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Worcester. If you would like more information, come to the mailroom tomorrow between 10 AM and 4:30 PM or email apo@wpi.edu.

Student involvement and the future of WPI Commencements involved in the solicitation of names for posby Jennifer Keenan sible commencement speakers. These students Class of '94 felt strongly that the suggestions for speakers Before us lies an unprecedented opportunity provided by the students never really had a fair for WPI students to take a more active role in shot in the pool of names under discussion. I the planning of their commencement. This have since discovered that the students' dissatisfaction is due to the current structure of the

opportunity is just that; a window, a glimpse, a snapshot in time that depends on the support and involvement of the Class of 1995 to establish a new level of involvement here at WPI. Student involvement with commencement over the past few years has been facilitated by

Stephen Hebert, vice president of the corporation. Mr. Hebert is active within all three phases of the commencement planning process. The first phase involves selecting a theme for commencement; please see below for a list of recent commencement themes. A theme is traditionally established 18 months in advance of commencement by the WPI Board of Trustees Trusteeship Committee. The second phase of the commencement planning process involves selecting a commencement speaker. Over the past few years Mr. Hebert has met with members of the junior class to solicit names of potential speakers that would be of interest to the graduating class. This list is then presented by Mr. Hebert to the Trusteeship Committee at the May meeting of the board. Once the board has considered the speakers under discussion, an invitation is made during the summer for the following year's commencement.

Over the past two years I have had the opportunity to talk to the juniors who were commencement planning process. By the time students are asked to provide a list of speakers for consideration, the theme has already been selected and as a result the list of speakers brought forth by students is severely down sized.

I believe that if both undergraduate and graduate students have a desire to influence the decisions made regarding their graduation that increased student input is needed earlier on in the commencement planning process. You could have an impact on which pools of speakers are under consideration and which are not.

More important than the speaker is the message you want sent on that day when your family and friends help you celebrate your accomplishments here at WPI. I believe that when you become more involved with the planning of your commencement you will enjoy the ceremony more because you will have more of yourself INVESTED in it.

Mr. Hebert has agreed to help me get the ball rolling with regards to soliciting student input for commencement themes for the class of 1995. Ultimately, it is up to you. I will help get interested students organized, but then you, the class of 1995, will start this new WPI tradition and hopefully keep it going for years to come. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of then please drop me a line at Jennifer Keenan WPI Box 904 or email my account at ginger@wpi.wpi.edu. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Past Commencement Themes

1994 "Information Utilization", The World's New Industrial Revolution 1993 The Education of Scientist and Engineers: A Future Agenda

1992 Discovery: Seeking Answer to the Unknown 1991 An American Agenda: Transforming Primary and Secondary Education

in the United States 1990 WPI in the World

1989 The Information Age: Implications for Higher Education

1988 Tomorrow's "Industry": Where Biology and Engineering Merge The Manufacturing and Productivity Imperative 1987



What is C/W Mars?

The library allows access to its materials through the use of a menu program on the campus computer network. This program is found on any of the library terminals or by typing 'library' at your prompt on any campus computer.

The menu program has thirteen options for student use and an additional three that are limited to faculty. By typing '?' at anytime, a help screen will appear. Selecting 'a' will link the user to the Gordon Library catalog and the C/W Mars System. C/W Mars is a regional library network that is made up of public libraries; however, Clark, UMass Medical and Worcester State libraries are included. The Holy Cross Library is not part of the C/W Mars System; by selecting 'h' at the menu, the user is linked to this catalog. 'o' allows the user to access the libraries on the Internet such as MIT, Boston University and Harvard. 'f' puts the user in First Search. First Search is composed of extensive databases that cover a wide range of topics. Recently 15 new databases were added in addition to the existing "WorldCat" database. These 15 are on a trial period to see which are the most useful. Before starting the search, the user must pick a subject area from the menu. The other selections on the menu are self explanatory; however, if the user has any questions, they may contact Don Richardson at the reference desk in the library or call 831-5410. Users may also e-mail their concerns to library-questions@wpi or by selecting 's' on the library menu.

CLUB CORNER

$A\Phi\Omega$

Hi all...another week another cluby type corner..... This weeks main thing is the servant auction... sell yourself...buy someone.....like say Sly or Cathy Connelly :) I got twelve hours sleep last night I am very happy come to meetings.... recalcitrants please pay dues and remember nominations open on Monday

BiLAGA

Well, the next meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday Nov. 17th, at 20:00. Nominees for office will speak, and we have a bit of other business to talk about: the dance, a coffeehouse show, a speaker? The library, and when we're going to buy more books, and which ones are most necessary. Please go to the library and look at the selection so you can offer suggestion on what is lacking. The library is located in Health Services; ask one of the nurses to let you in. We also need to discuss the next open meeting; when and where? If you'd like to nominate someone for office, nominations are open until the end of the meeting Wednesday.

If you'd like to get in touch with BiLAGA, leave a note in our group mailbox in the Student Activities Office, or send email to bilaga@wpi.edu, or contact Janet Richardson in the Office of Student Life.

Men's Bowling Club

The second event of the Tri-State Bowling Conference was held last weekend at Groton, CT. Hopefully the team performed well against two tough opponents, the league's defending champions, Western New England College and longtime rival RPI. Remember that this upcoming weekend, November 20 and 21 there will be two tournaments, one at Pro Lanes in North Reading (U-Mass Lowell) and one at Westgate Lanes in Brockton (MIT). If you would like to try-out for the traveling team, you must participate in the team roll-offs. Each bowler must participate in a minimum of two sessions (six games) out of the following five

Tue., Nov. 16: 3:30 and 7 PM Wed., Nov. 17: 4:30 PM

Thu., Nov. 18: 3:30 and 7 PM Bowlers may bowl an optional third session (3 additional games). The top 6 averages (minus exempt spots earned last weekend) will gain spots on the traveling team roster for both days. Also, this week's roll-offs are the last chance to qualify for the Atlantic City and Turnersville teams for Christmas break.

Club bowlers: If you signed up for club credit, you must bowl 15 games to receive an A in Men's Bowling. The bowling center hours are printed in Newspeak, so check them out and come in when you can. If you have not bowled any games yet and have registered for PE credit, see Will Lussier at the Bowling Center and he will get you started.

Remember, the bowling center is open to any member of the WPI community, so drop in and bowl a few games today.

Christian Bible Fellowship

To carry on some humor from last week, the mystery writer is gone and the regular one is back. Actually in some circles the mystery writer was not so mysterious. Regardless, I thank him for filling in during my "absence"

Coming up this Friday evening: another awesome time of fellowship, worship, learning unexpected revision in plans the exact content is still TBA, but either possibility should be something you won't want to miss. (Time, place: HL101, 7:00 p.m.). Prayer and share should be on at, well, as soon after 8:00 p.m. Wednesday as we are able to get into Founder's Country Kitchen. Hopefully on time this week. Don't forget sports on Saturday morning in front of Alumni (10:30 a.m.). And if DAKA is your source of food, or if you want to have a great time fellowshipping at lunch, join us in Founders at 11:30 to 12:30 Monday's.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (1 John 5:14). Prayer. It is something that is easy to forget about, and easy to discount as not "real." After all, even if we believe in God, would he really intervene and help us? Is it really worth it to take time to pray? These are questions that often arise, but they are unfounded. As long as we ask according to God's will (which he reveals to us as he sees fit), he does answer. Let us never forget the ways God works when we take the time to

Global Affairs Party

Hi there Gapsters! Well, we're starting to gear up for the Harvard National Model Uited Nations in Feb., we'll be able to send 12

delegates this year! Our country is Principality of Liechtenstein! which is in between Switzerland and Austria. Marie, our head delegate, will tell us what committees and stuff we're on soon. HNMUN is open to student body in general, so if you are interested, contact Marie Meier (johny@wpi or Box 662). At the next meeting (Thr. 18th from 6:30PM at AK218), we'll have an informational session for you. Also, see our article about HNMUN somewhere in this issue of Newspeak. Ideas to raise funds, for parking, include a bake sale and a trivia contest. We're still working on t-shirt ideas, we want our t-shirt this year to be entertaining and attract buyers from the entire campus community. We'll be having a brainstorming session about it at next week's meeting, (18th Thr from 6:30PM at AK218), so come and share your creativity. In the near future we are planning to have group debates, following > Parlimentary Procedure, and we want to bring in a speaker on health care. We're also planning to go out to dinner, so we can sample some of the cuisine of other countries, YUM! Hope to see you all at next week's meeting.

Men's Glee Club

First of all, I'm sorry that there was no club corner for the last two weeks. It won't happen again. Well, I hope everybody that went to Wright's came back stuffed. If there's one thing the club can do well, it's eat. Don't forget that were leaving for Wells this weekend. Stay tuned to find out exactly what time we're leaving and all. Also, Wells College is holding a semi-formal dance that Saturday night, and we're all invited. There will be a whole college full of available women there. So, be sure to bring some dress clothes and go. I would suggest at least a shirt and tie, and maybe a sports coat if you got one. It's going to be one hell of a semi-formal, I hear there are going to video screens. And don't forget your bathing suit!? Anyway, on to this week's top ten list. Here are the top ten activities to take part in during the Wells weekend:

10. Ted's departing flight, arriving in just over 5 hours.

9. Wedding anniversaries in the pub down the street.

8. The Whirligigs (how the hell do you spell that)

7. The President's lunch break during rehersal.

Humming through rehersal.

5. Listening to all those silly (I mean true) ghost stories.

All impromptu parties in the dorm. Driving through snow stroms on the

way home. The Polar Bear Club.

The Wells Position.

Hispanic Student Association

On Tuesday, November 30 the HSA will have a Coffeehouse in the Lower Wedge at 6:00pm and everybody is invited to join us for the evening. The coffeehouse is just one of the events of Latino Awareness Week and is cosponsored by the "Healthy Alternatives" office and the Student Life office.

Special guest is singer/composer Jorge Arce, winner of a Boston Music Award for Best Outstanding Latin Act (1991) who will perform contemporary Caribbean styles, South American music and original compositions. Also we Colombian, Venezuelan, Brazilian, Puerto Rican coffees and that is just to give you a sample of the variety we will have. Also Latin American pastry will be served just to get you in the mood to explore the Latin American Culture and come to our Latin Dinner the fifth of December. The coffeehouse is free and we will encourage you to go! We also encourage you to go see our Library exhibition already in display in Gordon Library and to dance to the rhythm of the Latin beat at our party....for more information contact any of our members at hsanews.

HEEE

For lack of a better topic!

Where the IEEE Officers will be in Ten

- Scott will be an anal retentive used car salesman. He'll still be wearing his Hoffa Hat. - Brad will be modeling for Hanes commer-

cials wearing only tighty-whities

- In the year 2003....Pudge ought to be alive by then. Terry will be married to a big, blond

Swedish guy named Jorge. She'll be CEO of her company in Scandanavia.

- Melissa will own her own nude bar on the

beaches of Cancun, Mexico.

- Jen will be the Norm of Ralph's

- Prof. Vaz, our advisor, will be staring on the PGA Seniors Tour....as a caddy.

- Chris Franz will be the New Jersey Legend of Chip-N-Dales

*Point of reference:

If you say Joseph Huque really quick, it sounds kind of funny!

Lens and Lights

Aye, me lad-dies, 'tis once again time for the telling of the fabled club corner. This week's comes all the way from sunny Ireland, where way out ex-secretary, Derek Shute, has had the insight to save me the trouble, on this week when House of Blue Leaves rules most of our

And now, from our temporary extension office [sic] in the middle of a hallway in the University of Limerick, we have...

The Top Ten Things That Are Different About Ireland

10. They give American beer to little babies

9. You get a receipt for your bus ride

8. Names are spelled with a complete disregard for pronunciation-(ie- 'Patrick' is spelled Pahdrig', 'Steven' is 'Siobhan')

7. The economy is supported by pubs and bed&breakfasts

6. When you cross the street, you have to look right for oncoming traffic 5. There are more types of beer than there

are types of breakfast cereals

4. Showers and change of clothes are op-

3. The national debt is someone's bar bill 2. Food is served at a temperature somewhere between 'takes the skin off your mouth'

and actually smoldering and the number one difference about

1. If you go 200 miles in any direction, you'll

Advice o' the week: Never plug DMX into

Newman Club

Did everyone who went to the popcorn and video night have fun? Good!! Now, this coming Friday meet at the Religious Center by 6:15 for a great hay ride. Get Psyched and support the Basket-ball team. We're 0-2 so go and cheer them on to a great victory.

This term is full of things. The Crop collection and bruch after mass are on the 22nd of November. Christmas caroling should be on December 5. Congratulations to Steve on a good audition for "Jesus Christ Superstar". Hope you get cast.

WPI Pep Band

Hey, all! Well, our last game happened this past Saturday. We may have won, we may have lost. We may have went, we may have not. I just couldn't tell ya at this point in time. I'm trying to avoid being non-causal. Anyway, with the closing of football season, we now approach the epoch of good times, BASKET-BALL! Yep, that's right. B-ball season is kicking in soon, and it's going to be a blast (primarily because it's indoors - more on this later). I'm sending out a call to arms for all of the non-Pepbanders out there....we need a heckling squad, really bad (where's the old gang from Morgan 3rd?). What is a heckling squad? Lemme splain...no, is too much. Lemme sum up. You basically go to the WPI home basketball games and, well, heckle the living s*!\$ out of the opposing team to the p where they are unable to continue play. Ya know, kinda like Statler and Wordorf (the guys in the balcony) from the Muppet Show. Let's support our teams and have a blast in the process, shall we? You'll also get to see the one and only WPI Pep Band perform wondrous works of harmony at very high volume. Come check it out. We're actually pretty damn good this year. If anyone else is interested in joining our illustrious ranks, our rehearsals are 4:30 to 5:30 in the downstairs recital room of Alden Hall (the more the merrier). I'll leave you with a few comments...

"Huh, huh....basketball season kicks ass." -President Keith Checca

"I'm not from Venus. My parents are from Venus." -Spaleta

"Eight dollars?" -The entire WPI Pep Band along with APO

Until next week....

Society of Pershing Rifles

The staff has been incredibly busy this past few weeks working on initiation, and at least some of us have no intention of letting up. You pledges should be thankful that we all put so much effort in to making you proper Pershing Riflemen. I will repeat what I am sure your trainer has said to you many times over the past few weeks, Initiation is on the fourth and fifth

of December, that is Saturday and Sunday.....mark your calendar, we expect ev-

eryone of you to be there.

The Brickhunt two weeks ago was called a success, I want to congratulate you for remembering the skills that you were supposed to know anyway, good job! Also, those pledge projects looked pretty good, you better make sure those paddles are of equal or better quality. As far as your pledge pads are concerned, I have seen almost all of you, but there are still a few stragglers. Mine is one of the easy signatures to get, so those of you who do not have it are sorely hurting, and had better catch

As far as scheduling is concerned, to make up for lost time we will be having a meeting for the troop on the Monday before Turkey Day. The pledges are so far behind that they are now meeting two days a week. I have noticed that the attendance at the Tuesday meeting was exceptionally poor. if you guys wish to make it through initiation you had better show up, otherwise you will be missing a lot of valuable information that you MUST know.

Coming up...we will be color and sabreguard for a beauty pageant on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The First Sergeant has already mentioned this, but we need about ten people, and maybe some extras. {Ed Note: Over 275

Sigma Mu Epsilon

We are a Manufacturing Honor Society and we just thought we'd let you all know.

That's it for now.

SME

What's SME? (As if there aren't enough acronyms on this campus already!) SME is the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. We are an engineering society (looks good on the resume) that is open to all majors (since everywhere you turn, manufacturing is there in some shape or form.)

Some of the activities we are involved in are plant tours (field trips!), a resume booklet that is sent out to employers for both full-time and co-op jobs (money\$), pizza socials (food!), and a whole list of other things that are all in the pursuit of academic excellence (okay-what-

Basically, it's tons of fun and a great way to meet some more people (you know there's only 2000 or so on campus.)

If you are interested contact Derek Smith @ box 867. And if you aren't but decided to read this article anyways (thanx), drop him a note anyways because then he will at least think he has friends! (just kidding derek!)

Society for Medieval Arts and Sciences

All right, new business. The field trip that was supposed to take place this weekend has been postponed until after Thanksgiving. It seems that some people wanted to get some \$\$ from their parents and get some of the really keen stuff I'm sure was being sold. I'll get in touch with Trish soon and find out the new date.

Another new item. NERO (New England Roleplaying Organization) has said they'd like to come up and demonstrate garb AND plate mail making. Get back to me (randi@wpi) ASAP if you're interested, and we'll try to pick a date that's convenient for everyone.

events. November 20th-The Realms Assunder! This event will take place at UMass Amherst in the Campus Center Basement in rooms 165-169. The (given) starting time is 11AM and it will go on until (at least) 7PM. To pre-register, contact Jay Carter, 74 Conz St., Apt. 1, Northampton, MA 01060. Remember, a \$5 is requested for the PC's. NPC's will get in for free, they are that much in demand! Help is needed to banish the evil creature Malazegoth! Join and fight!

December 3rd-The Pot Luck Bardic Feast has been changed to the Bardic Concert. It will be held at the Unitarian Meetinghouse in Amherst. Performers will get in free; for everyone else it will be \$5. Non-alcoholic drinks and "snacks" will be served, but Steve suggests that you eat beforehand. Spells and DI's should be pre-registered by the 2nd. This event will start at 5PM and end at about 11PM. I forgot his address, but mail me and I'll get it to you.

December 4th-While the Cat's Away... It will take place in the ROTC building on the UConn@Storrs campus. There will be tourneys and other fun. They need assistance in defending against the monsters of the waste, and you're it! To pre-register, contact Mike Palumbo, 103 Mansfield Hollow Rd, Mansfield

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GREEK CORNER

AXP

It's Tuesday, and what a week it's been at the Crow house (or should I say the "Hen house")...stalking innocent victims, devouring four large pizzas in a single sitting, and our finest hour, the successful plot to take over and rule the WORLD! After Dog was "egged on" by certain people, however, he let his sense of fair play override his common sense; at any rate, good heist, postulants, and remember: we would have gotten away with it, if it wasn't for those meddlings Sigs (ro-kay Raggie!) Waiter, a bottle of your finest whine, please...

In a related incident, Alpha Chi Rho held yet another publicity event this week, the very spontaneous "First Annual Institute Lot 2 O'Clock in the Morning Car Wash." We had a very good turn-out, and our customers were more than happy to have their cars washed for charity. The bills for services rendered should be going out shortly...

In other news, brothers who went on a whale-watching expedition reportedly saw a pelican eating a Shellfish. More on this story as it develops...(like a certain roll of film....ay, Schnappsy)!

Also, the bros. hit the road last Friday, where we ravaged our fellow brothers at (President) Strouss-dsburg University of Pennsylvania. The details aren't available at the moment, but chances are something cool happened.

Finally, the basement will hopefully be cleaned up soon, so if any of the shit down there is yours, please pick it up immediately! Until next week, remember, brothers: that the World is <u>always</u> at our fingertips..

ΑΓΔ

Hello Alpha Gams and hello pledges !! I would like to start off by announcing the best '93-'94 pledge class:

Melissa Allen, Suzy Berry, Erin Brophy, Linda Cimetti, Amy Credit, Sam Davis, Melissa Diguette, Laura Filgate, Deb Foley, Shannon Hogan, Jen Kelly, Beverly Koch, Karen Lambert, Capitola Lau, Jen Lowell, Lori McCarthy, Heather Miller, Melissa Pitzen, Alison Possas, Becky Prince, Michelle Provenchur, Susan Roosa, Jen Roy, Raina Shahbazi, Maggie Sisti, Deb Thurston, Sarah Trembly, Chi-Yan Tsang.

I would like to say a special hello to the Rho chi's and panhellenic officers: Laurie L, Karen F., Gilda M., Jen D., and Mary A.

Well, it seems like the Alpha Gams are on their way to the Bahamas....The hayrides were great Friday night! Bid night was quite interesting...so some people decided to try to steal the pledges' banner....felt stupid getting caught I bet! Congratulations Mindy for being chosen as the MVP of the city tourname at and to both Mindy and KP for being chosen for the all tournament team at the state competition for volleyball.

ΔΦΕ

Let me start out by saying that this has been a great week. Sigh. Congratulations to our new members! We love you all!! Whatever happened to Institute Pond, guys? Amy, Gail, and Rach, you get what you give... I hope you had fun cutting all those letters out, and running around Wednesday night. I know I did! How long did it take to find those key in the leaves? Congrats to Lisa, as well. You're still dry... watch out!!!

Thanks Sig Ep for the social Thursday. It was great to see the Bentley chapter again. We loved the chants. 3 what tied in a knot? GREEK EXPRESS is here in the wedge TODAY! Go get some new letters. A hat would be nice. See you all at TKE on Saturday.

Congratulations to everyone we presented with "snap" bids. We hope to see you all at our upcoming Rush events.

There's not much more to say this week, I'm tired. I was up late last night, I should have been studying for my test, but... Oh, I forgot this last week, anyway... Joe, I wrote in the 3rd, just because I knew it would confuse you. How many time is it now that you have been mentioned here? And how many in your own column? Billy Joel was incredible. And Brad, Rachel does know more than three lines.

FLII

Hello everyone, I'd like to begin thi's weeks column with a quick update of my stats. I'm 5 for 10 on columns and am working on a three week streak so don't stop me now. Anyway, CONGRATULATIONS to our new pledges and good luck in pledging (God only knows you'll need it).

Well, first I'd like to present the "King

Bottom Fisherman Award" for this year. This award is proudly presented to the brother who has gone above and beyond all expectations in the field of ridiculous hookups. Contestants are judged not only on physical appearance and weight class of their loves, but also on location of hookup. It's a painstaking process, and the winner should be proud, hold on, I was just handed the envelope with this year's results. I know our contestants are nervous so I'll dig in. Second runner up goes to the bro who put in a great effort but just didn't have what it takes and the winner is Moss. Our first runner up is Swine for his many years of dedication and hard work, making this year's winner of the King Bottoms Fisherman Award. J sealed the victory with this weekend's performance when

beautiful fish).

Moving on, Caules is back to his old tricks with Ann Mary(an old flame). When interviewing Mike about the matter his only comment was "I'm just in love.... and everything." Godfrey, who happened to be walking by, quickly backed Mike claiming he too was in love.

he hooked a 300 pounder, twice. (God that's a

Remember guys tomorrow night is the faculty mixer so look nice and get the house ready. Seniors get your butts up the hill for pictures and congrats to Godfrey for the prescreen and Ripple for the interview.

Finally, to the cheesehead that writes the column to OX, stop ending with "sport's cup...lead.. nuff said"and let history do the talking. Eh heh retired cup last year and gonna do it again Eh hem. Sorry, it's that damn cold acting up again. Well til next week "God Luv Ya OX"

ΛXA

Hello from Kappaland. In Sully's absence at NACA J has written a little something for all of you. Well for starters we are still looking for the dog that practiclly killed Crash Spadazzi this week. To continue on the animal thoughts Thanksgiving dinner has been flying around the second floor this week, but only after relieving charges upon the high iota's car. To all new members keep track of your bricks and your new bigs.

To DeePhi EE his dad's is white silly. By the way check out this week's ad more to follow. What else can be said except that we collected 46% of the national total in the LCA food drive. For those who don't know we collected almost 64,000 pounds baby pounds. That's about 71,000 bags of dorito's or what room six eats in about a week.

To our aM's
Clutch Thank you!!!
Gator Nice tie
Dao BDU best dressed under pressure
Gabe Shut Up cuz you talk too much
Reardon number 9?
To the Bro's
Warren \$11 snack!?
Shat Nice 35
pete wicked

ΦΣΣ

It's pledge time, it's pledge time, it's pledge time galore...

You are the pledges that the sisters adore. Cathy, Laura, Cindy, and Lynn-Don't get caught without your pin! Heather, Robin, Dawn, and Jess-With Darlene, you better not mess! Amy, Liz, Bethy, and Lee-Wear your letters with pride for all to see! Kimmy, Kristen, Marie, and Jen-Do the Sphinx to the left again! Diane, Alison, Amy, and Ann-Who's your Hairy-Chested Man? Nicole, Jasmine, Karen, Erika, and Heather,

All of the Phi Sigs are psyched on you!

All of the sisters know that we've been blessed,

'Cause you 25 pledges of Phi Sig Sig are the BEST!

HUGE hellos go out to Dianne Elderd, Lynn Asato, Emily Peters, and Becky Kiluk (who did great jobs as Rho Chi's), Erin Larson and Darlene Prochniak (Panhel officers). You guys can finally wear letters! Great job on rush, Darlene! Pledges...we love ya'!

KEEP UP THE PHI SIG SIG PSYCHE!!!

$\Sigma\Pi$

We've been so out of control lately at the Pi that we didn't even have time to write the article. Infact, this one just barely made it in. Firstly, lets welcome our pledges. We think you guys have got what it takes.

We were happy to enjoy a Saturday morning breakfast with Theta Chi including eggs, fruit, sausage, donuts, and all the other crap we found in the fridge.

The winter season is approaching, and Phi

and Steve were gracious enough to give us our first snowflakes. Congratulations to Joey for a lovely rush. I wonder which will wear away first; the stench of the pond, or the 20 hash marks on his arm.

Everyone was knocked out at our Halloween Party, including George O'Toole Foreman who made a cameo appearance.

Len has been feeling a little happier lately with the help of Anheuser Busch and the Psychic Friends Network.

Hersh Burger mollests collies. See you next Tuesday, The Pi Guys.

ΘX

Ahh, Yeah...This past week has been yet another winner. From a lecture over poor work attitude to a call from a person with great expectations for the modern American male whose interests include all leather products, women over 50, and pygmies wearing cashmere boxers carrying pink umbrellas. Thanks, but no thanks, maybe next time. Congratulations must go out to our 30 new pledges who will no doubt become solid brothers of Theta Chi. They are as follows; Glenn Avery, Alan Belniak, Tim D'Souza, Mike Dupont, Lee Gentile, Paul Johnson, Bob Judd, Steve Brunnelle, Victor Bravo, Mike Hager, Matt Kealey, Mike Todd, Matt Braga, Joe Beauchemin, Brent Russ, Keith Hubbard, Steve Casarano, Scott Letourneau, Jason Kavanagh, Bill Spratt, Chris Seveney, Josh Baker, Kevin Osborn, Mark Mathieu, George Downey, Steve Lach, Andy Pluta, Josh Coombs, Chad Mosier, and Myles Walton.

Soundbite Central..."D'Anna is permanently sad but its his parents fault, they should have gotten his mother off her crack habit earlier"..."You know its a good hangover when you have to grab the grass to keep from falling off the earth"..."Darts, Darts, and more Darts"..."Ryan will eat it, Ryan eats anything"..."I think they have Cannon Envy but at least they don't throw like girls"..."Plastics is the wave of the future and the source of unbreakable and incredibly tasty cups"...Finally I just want to congratulate Woody on one hell of a Rush...Don't you just hate it when people ignore you. Like when they don't respond to you and you suddenly feel as though you are the door mat of life. That really is rock bottom, what's up, read your own, that's what it's there for...take us home GP1.

TKE

Welcome once again to the TKE Corner. First of all, congratulations go out to our 21 New Members: Eli Anderson, Greg Arifian, Justin Brande, Emilio Ciasullo, Keith Daniels, Mike Desjardins, Derek Devernoe, Bill Dooley, Jeremy Dowdall, Matt Dowling, Evan Ehring, Mike Freely, Kirk Jalbert, Andy Kohn, Mitch Koziol, Sahai Sisti, and Carlos Soriano. I know you guys are enjoying yourselves so far, and hope you continue to.

Tonight's IFC meeting its right here at TKE.

Coming up soon December is our annual
Faculty Christmas Party, still in the planning
stages right now by the Brad Hoc committee.

Last weekend we stripped and waxed all the tile floors until you could see your reflection. This weekend we finished up with the wood floors. The house has never looked better.

Dead Irishmen in coffins hear the strangest things, such as..."He's not really dead, is he?", "He can't be dead?","Look! Rigormortis!", "I wonder if this hurts","What happens if I kiss him?", and the real killer, "It's too bad you died, I wish we could have gone out, I'm a great [date]" (Well, almost).

Oh yeah, thanks a lot to AGD for painting on our driveway, it was just the touch we needed.

Well, this was my last column the Newspeak, it's been a lot of fun this past year, but maybe I can finally get to work on my IQP. Tomorrow are elections, and I'll be breaking in the new guy right away. Until then.....

ΖΨ

I asked an expert on these things, and she said that yes, a forty foot anaconda could in fact swallow an ox. Do you think a horse would make a silly hat? Do you think Mika would make a silly hat? Speaking of Mika... Mika, nice hand. Lucas, nice neck. Sean, nice room. Brenden, nice stew. George, buy another Fred of Sam. Murph, nice life. I don't remember his exact words, but it was something like "I have to wake up to go golfing." How many calzones does someone have to make before they're considered a productive member of society. The best thing I heard in the kitchen this week was that someone should paint a fish on the floor by the sink where the puddle always is. And while I'm on the subject... Brenden didn't get laid this week, but that's okay, neither did I. I have only one thing left to say... Nyquil rules! - Chops.

The Sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma would like to congratulate our 25 new pledges:

Jennifer Adams
Laura Bielitz
Lee Blouin
Heather Bryer
Robyn Buturlia
Dawn Campanelli
Jessica Cram
Cynthia Fusco
Amy Gaitane
Elizabeth Herman
Elisabeth Jaskal
Catherine Jzyk

Lynn Kearnan
Kimberly Landry
Kristen Magnifico
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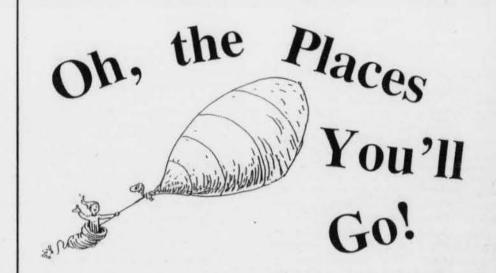
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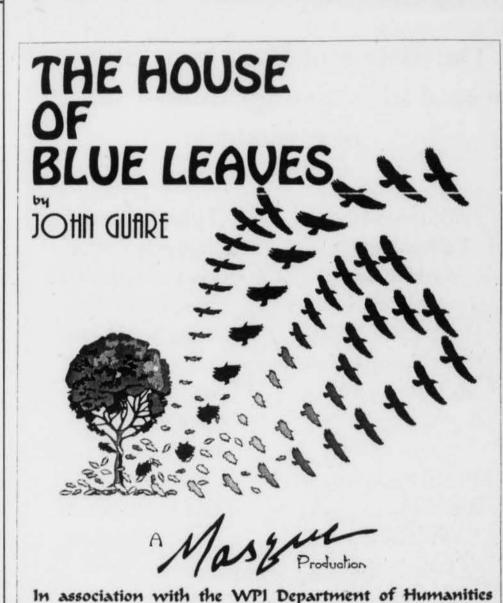
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CLASSIFIEDS

94 Phi Sig Sigs on the wall..

Good luck, Jocelyn! We know you'll do

Whaaaaah! We want our chain back!

We're sitting on top of the World.

So is that long-term or a one night stand ??

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Oh where, oh where, has our little keg gone, oh where, oh where, can it be?

Bob Dylan sings REM.

It's Thursday night and who feels like studying ???

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Look folks -

Finally, a real race to vote on...

DW- You got that guest list yet!?

Bruce - chemicals, chemicals, chemicals

Brian - How's that food? :-) We wish you a speedy recovery. Get well soon.

CLUBCORNER

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Center, CT, 06250. If you pre-register, the cost is \$7; at the door, it's \$11.

December 4th-Gladden Fest. More information will be given as it becomes available. We just ain't got it yet.

Remember to pre-register your spells and DI's (if you wish to cast them) for ALL of these events.

Until next time.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team is off and running (in 22 secs). Let's hope we can all stay healthy, and for those of you who aren't, heal soon! First off, lets hope everything gets straightened out with Shelley, including her nose. Hopes of quick return for Amy G. (good

luck at the doctors), and for Cindy, we need you on the court, not the bus storage!

Ok let's start bragging about how great the team really is, and how well we did against Wesleyan! It's Kim Landry for three...wait a minute am I talking about points or fouls? I love ya Kimmy! I think Sir Charles would have a tough time rebounding against WPI power houses like Danielle, Kristen, Cathy, Jen L., and Mindy! You guys are a down low force! Jenny, Alison, and C.J. awesome job running the point. The three of you really took control. Kudos go out to Becca, and Amy R. for just being all around great players. Tricia Pignone...you amaze me! Ryan, keep up the good work. Oh yeah, we have coaches too. A big welcome for an ex-Clark player Michele Maxwell, the word ex is extremely key! And of course Coach Henry, hope you're having as

much fun as we are!

Well, being my first time doing this I hope it's OK. Maybe I can write better than I shoot!.....Alright, so I can't do either. Let's have a winning season. Don't forget to come and watch the city tournament at Clark on Nov. 20 at 1pm and November 21 at 3pm. Hope to see many fans (WPI of course).

See ya!

Laura B.

P.S. Let's run for the boarder!

Women's Tennis

Hey, now that the tennis season has been over(sad) for a few weeks, I thought I'd surprise you(yeh) with a final column.

Well to sum up the season, I thought I would jump on the bandwagon and make one of those Top Ten Lists. So here goes:

Top Ten Reasons why WPI Women's Tennis is SO COOL!

10. climbing ladders

9. sesame street sing-a-longs 8. serves and sit ups

7. circle sits

"No trees and bend your knees"

5. cannonball tennis (kaboom!)

4. marshmallows

3. MAIAW championship

2. winning record 7-4

1. TOGETHER!

Well the list could go on forever, but I didn't really want to mention the word "toilet" in it. It's been a great season - one that I will never forget! Thanks!

Well that's all folks!"

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1994-95 RENEWAL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

The 1994-95 financial aid application process for renewal applicants involves some changes, although many aspects of applying are the same. Take this opportunity to prepare yourself for the new forms and procedures.

There are still two forms, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Financial Aid Form (FAF). You will receive an application packet in your campus mailbox at the beginning of CTerm. The packet will contain a FAF and WPI upperclass application (folder). If you do not receive an application packet in your mailbox, contact the Financial Aid Office. It is your responsibility to obtain submitthe proper

An important change this year is the RENEWAL FAFSA. If you filed a 1993-94 FAFSA and you are a dependent student, you will receive a RENEWAL FAFSA at your home address between now and the beginning of January. THIS RENEWAL FAFSA IS YOUR 1994-95 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID and YOU MUST FILE IT to be eligible for any federal, state or institutional aid.

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Students from CT, ME, MA, NH, PA and VT must file the RENEWAL FAFSA by April 1, 1994 to meet the state grant deadlines. RI residents must file by February 15, 1994 to ensure FAFSA receipt by March 1, 1994.

Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have questions or concerns about the forms or procedures for 1994-95.

POLICELOG

Monday, November 1

2:47am - Assist/Robbery-Assault: Officer to Stoddard B to assist WPD regarding report of robbery and assault which occurred on Highland St.

Tuesday, November 2

4:57pm - Suspicious person: Strange person at Bookstore asking many questions.

Wednesday, November 3

6:18pm - Neck Injury; Alumni Gym.

Thursday, November 4

10:04am - Student from Daniels called about Fire in bushes.
10:07am - Custodian from Daniels put fire out in bark mulch.
3:44pm - Malicious mischief: Reported by Stoddard A student.
7:00pm - Noise complaint: 16 Elbridge St. smashing car.

7:05pm - Medical: Laceration of finger, 16 Elbridge St.

Friday, November 5

2:03am - Suspicious activity: Report of two subjects apparently trying to push start a dark colored motor vehicle along Hackfield Road.

4:53am - Report of possible armed robbery just occurred at 15 Regent St.

7:00pm - Noise complaint: Salisbury St. fraternity

7:14pm - Fraternity advised

10:21pm - Noise complaint: Dean St. fraternity

10:50pm - Noise complaint: Founders 2 party involving 5 rooms

11:44pm - Medical response: 15 Dean St. eye injury secondary assault.
11:55pm - Disorderly person: Fuller apartments

11:57pm - Officer reports fight in progress, Fuller apartments.

Saturday, November 6

12:18am - Motor vehicle accident: Schussler Road, parked vehicle rolled into another.

12:21am - Assist: Becker PD reports fight in progress.

12:30am - Disorderly persons: 16 Elbridge St.

1:56am - Assist/noise complaint: Officer reports party at Dean St. fraternity shut down by WPD due to noise complaint.

2:09am - Disorderly persons: Complaint of disorderly persons, Boynton St. fraternity.

12:22pm - Fraternity disturbance: report of naked man being carried by men heading for Institute Park.

12:48pm - Report of non-WPI students playing basketball at Ellsworth basketball court.

1:34pm - Report of fraternity disturbance: Beer bottles being thrown at their house.

Sunday, November 7

1:32am - Medical response: Daniels 3rd floor women's room, unresponsive individual.

1:54am - Officers and EMS clear Daniels Hall, patient transported to Hahnemann Hospital.

2:05am - Disorderly persons breaking glass in library parking lot.

2:13am - Disorderly persons at Salisbury St. fraternity.

Monday, November 8

7:30am - Report from Hahnemann Health Services that their front door was egged and that there were also orange peelings left there.

9:18pm - Medical emergency: Student in Founders hurt his finger and requests an ice pack.

Officer and EMS respond.

Tuesday, November 9

2:40am - Malicious mischief: Watchperson reports damage to vending machine in Atwater Kent.

9:05am - Report from custodian at Founders about student on wall near library near, student

What's Happening

Tuesday, November 16

6:00pm - Venture Forum, "Market Identification and Strategy." Salisbury Labs 115.

7:00pm - Lecture on crisis in Bosnia as part of Islam Awareness Week "Bosnia - Ethnic Cleansing in the Heart of the Civilized World: The Real Story." By Saffet Abid Catovic. Perreault Hall, Fuller Labs.

7:30pm - Clark University: Film: "Simple Men," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320. \$4.50. Also shown 18, 20, 21.

Wednesday, November 17

11:15am - Chemistry Colloquium: "What Can be Done to Reduce Air Pollution?" by Dr. David Ham. Goddard Hall 311. (Coffee at 11 am).

1:30 to 3:30pm - Technical Creativity Seminar, Lev Shulyak, Technical Innovation Center. Worcester, SL104.

2:00pm - Lecture: David Epstein, director, MIT orchestra, Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at WPI, Lower Level Gordon Library.

4:00pm - Teleconference: "A New Institutional Vision: Change From the Inside Out." TV Studio. Fuller Labs.

Thursday, November 18

8:00pm - Masque presents "House of Blue Leaves." Alden Hall, \$2.

8:00pm - Holy Cross play: Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest," by the Alternate College Theater, Fenwick Theatre. \$6 admission. Also shown the 19, 20, 21 at 8:00pm.

Friday, November 19

7:00pm - Holy Cross film: "The Firm," Kimball Theatre, Admission: \$1.50 students/\$2.50 general public.

8:00pm - Masque presents "House of Blue Leaves." Alden Hall, \$2.

Saturday, November 20

7:00pm - Holy Cross film: "The Firm," Kimball Theatre, Admission: \$1.50 students/\$2.50 general public.

8:00pm - Masque presents "House of Blue Leaves." Alden Hall, \$2.

Sunday, November 21

6:30pm and 9:30pm - Film: "Casablanca" Perreault Hall, Fuller Labs. \$2.00.

Monday, November 22

7:00pm and 9:00pm - Holy Cross film: "No Way Out" Hogan Campus Center, room 519. 8:00pm - Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble Concert, Hogan Campus Center Ballroom.

was going back and forth on top of wall, she was afraid he might fall.

3:18pm - Robbery: student on 4th floor Riley reports money taken from his room.

8:58pm - Medical assist: EMS requested for injured finger. Riley and EMS and Officer respond.

Wednesday, November 10

1:56am - Suspicious act: Report of person selling sneakers out of a van in Goddard parking lot.

7:08am - Disturbance in Alumni Gym, large crowd non-students.

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