

Administration responds to Commission's report

Since the report by the Commission on Residential and Social Life was presented, debate and discussion have continued on its conclusions, including the most recent APSA (Academic Planning and Student Affairs) committee meeting on April 6.

The portion of the minutes from that meeting pertaining to the Commission's Report are reprinted below. Students are reminded that the entire Commission Report is available by contacting Bernie Brown, V.P. of Student Affairs, Lance Schachterle, Assoc. Dean of Undergraduate Studies, or in the Reference Section of the library.

3. Administrative Response to the Commission on Residential and Social Life:

President Strauss shared his recent response to the Commission's report. Highlights from his comments include:

- The report's emphasis on community and a third tower was on target, however, a campus center will not solve all of the problems that need to be addressed.

- The President felt that in the Greek section there was more to examine than the issue of a closed social system and closed parties.

- President Strauss expressed concern about the rating system. The evaluation process is an important one, and should be tied in closely to the existing College/Fraternity/Sorority Relationship Statement. On this the President and the Commission have agreed to disagree.

If the IFC is comfortable with the rating system then they should proceed.

- The President suggested that deferred rush needs to be examined further.

- The emphasis on the Campaign for Diversity is vital. He stated that "we all have to recognize the importance of diversity in all areas of the campus."

- In the housing and safety area, a study has already been initiated to determine residence hall needs, and will be expanded into a campus plan to explore the development of a campus center.

- A priority based plan on campus safety is currently being developed by the Director of Public Safety, the Director of Physical Plant and Associate Provost for Student Affairs.

- In the campus space area, we are currently considering a proposal for

renovating our weight room into a fitness center facility.

Additional effort will also be undertaken in scheduling existing space in light of the restricting nature of fraternity parties.

- At the present time, we have escalated the planning for future housing and a campus plan. These plans are competing with other projects for college resources. It may be possible that funding for these projects could come from debt funding through federal support.

- The President commented on the recommendation of the Community Council and that it not be seen as a subset of faculty governance.

Following the President's comments, Chairman Horstmann asked for questions and comments. He also

asked for Committee members' responses on how to weigh the report.

Trustee Bill Densmore expressed pleasure with the balance of the report between faculty and community. He commented that the Fraternity Task Force attempted to do self-assessment without success. Bill Densmore suggested the need for monitoring by a third party and that self-assessment will not do it.

Trustee Gabarro suggested the replication of the function of the SEC as it operates in the corporate world. He also was concerned with the lack of content on tactical and rape awareness efforts. Trustee Gabarro asked how information on this topic is covered?

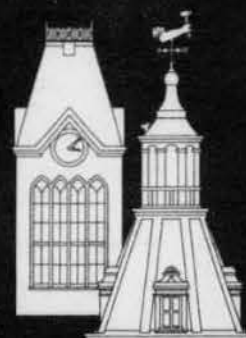
Janet Richardson, Dean of Student Life explained about the ongoing edu-

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Student course evaluation results readily available

by Ray Bert
Editor-In-Chief

Beginning sometime in A-Term 1992, summary sheets containing data taken from student course evaluations will be available in the Student Government Office. Details concerning how far back the records will be kept, as well as a method of making them both as available and manageable as possible, are yet to be worked out.

The course evaluations (the blue sheets) which students fill out for each class are, to differing degrees, presented by professor as important and not to be taken lightly. The circled

answers on the front side are tabulated and combined into a single summary sheet for each course and are subsequently incorporated into tenure and promotion evaluations. The information, then, passes directly to the hands of the At-Large Committee on Tenure and Academic Freedom, to serve as part of reference material gathered for the purposes of recommending or withholding tenure.

The written comments on the back side of the forms were conceived for the benefit of, and are viewed exclusively by the professor who taught the course. Presumably, suggestions and criticisms may aid professors in teach-

ing more effectively or reinforce which aspects are already positive from the students perspective. In this way, they may impact on future evaluations.

At present, the summary evaluations are available behind the reference desk in the library. They are neatly kept, arranged alphabetically by professor, with each term in a separate envelope. Yet according to Don Richardson, Reference Librarian, the evaluations are utilized "maybe once a week". While the evaluations can only serve as a guide, they are nevertheless a valuable student resource that is readily available.

The problem may stem in large part from a lack of "publicity". The location of additional copies in the SGA office may help to alleviate this problem to some extent.

Several other aspects of the issue of course evaluations are interesting. Worcester State College is currently embroiled in a dispute over access to student evaluations identical to our own. In their case, the students have no access to forms which they fill out. Partly as a result, many students receive them as a joke; faculty in turn do not show much respect for results from the evaluations. One professor there stated "From what I was able to see, the conscientiousness that the students put in for making out the evaluation is minimal at best, and the only time it really goes beyond anything minimal...is when the student has had

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some negative point he wants to make". Further, when asked by WSC's Student Voice if students should have access another professor replied, "No, absolutely not! None of your goddamned business." The restricted nature of the information seems to have created a vicious circle, with usefulness of the evaluations being a major casualty. Clearly by WSC's standards, WPI students are in the enviable position of not having to fight for the right to know.

A higher profile for the evaluations and increased student attention should produce an environment in which both students and professors will learn from and listen to each other, and the students' say in who teaches them and how, will become louder and more respected.

Specify your donation's destination

by Amanda Huang
Circulation Manager

"I dedicate \$1,000,000 for the building of a campus center at WPI," said a Mr. John Doe, an alumnus of WPI, in October. Come May, the check arrives at the alumni office without a note or any specification on the check. The check, simply made out to Worcester Polytechnic Institute and signed by John Doe, goes to "general funds" where it will be distributed to the library, the athletic department, ME department, and so on.

The lesson to be learned here is when giving money to WPI in support of a specific club, organization, or department, you must state it on the memo part of the check or attach a note specifying one's wishes or instructions. "Unless restricted, gifts can be generalized," added Stephen Hebert, Secretary of the Corporation. "If it's a verbal request, well, that's when it might fall through the cracks." That is, if a donor only happens to mention to the secretary where the money should go, at the time that the check was written and processed, the donor's wishes for the distribution of the money cannot be guaranteed.

This year's general solicitation by the Alumni Association included a check off preference list of items such

as the library, the athletic department, student government, etc. to encourage the donors to feel more closely connected with their gifts, informed President Jon Strauss. This process might reduce the need for "pocket campaign" where individual groups, such as crew, solicit alumni and parents for monetary support, added Hebert.

With the general solicitation, the amount of money that each club or organization receives is equivalent to

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-Hebert

the amount stated in the budget, "not dollar for dollar," specified Strauss. That is, if Mr. John Smith marked "library" for his general solicitation for his \$1000 donation, the library would receive at least the amount that had been established for the library in the budget, say \$800. The left-over \$200 from Mr. John Smith will go back in the general fund. Only after every group or department has gotten their share and then if there's any (money) left, say \$300, \$200 of it can go to the library.

The amount of donation can range anywhere from "\$1.00 to \$1,000,000.00 or more. We've gotten our share of donations of at least \$1 million. Our largest gifts have come from George Gordon (the library). The health club (renovation of the weight room) is made possible by alumni support," said Hebert.

There are two types of funding: annual funds and capital funds. Annual funds can also be called the "margin of difference between this or this much better," explained Hebert. It is unrestricted support of the current operations of WPI. Capital funds are irregular contributions for excellence. They are what made the Fuller labs, the Alden Hall memorial, and now the health club possible. Capital funds have totaled about \$63 million over the past 5 years.

"There's going to be a campus center. It will be sooner rather than later. We are working aggressively to resolve the funding aspects to best achieve all four (the needs of the mechanical engineering department, more quality housing, more parking, and a campus center) major projects," said Hebert.

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Encore going down forever

by Scott Runstrom
News Editor

To anyone who has set foot in a computer lab this term, it will come as no surprise that the Encore (WPI's mainframe computer system) is in trouble. There are few things worse on this campus than logging into the WPI system hoping only to read your E-Mail, and finding the system frozen, leaving you with no choice but to either wait for the system to come back on-line, or reset your terminal and risk losing all your messages. Few things worse, except of course having to do real work on a system that is both unreliable, and at times so slow that it would drive the most devoted of hackers to seek spiritual counseling. To everyone who is so fed up with the Encore that they have considered fixing it themselves, with a sledge hammer, there is some good news. Come September, WPI should have a fully revamped computer system, sans the Encore.

The problems with the Encore first started to appear back during C-Term

of this year. It began with one minute interrupts about once a day, and would come back up by itself. The problem was minor to begin with, but has gotten progressively worse. Allan E. Johannesen, of the College Computer Center (CCC) says the problem "seems to be disk related, but we recently ran 12 hours of diagnostics and didn't get a single disk error." At the same time, he admits, he has seen several instances in the past where disk problems were instantly fatal, and hung the system with no error messages.

The real problem is that no one can say for sure what is causing the trouble. The only thing the people at the CCC can do is to take core dumps after each crash, and send them to Encore for analysis. According to Johannesen, they have already "done a million of those."

Encore has replaced a number of hardware components, hoping to hit the defective system more by luck than anything else, but so far these efforts have proved ineffective. En-

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Best of WPI poll results are here!

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Campus Center-brick by brick

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This is the last issue of the year. Newspeak wishes you a great summer...

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Review of Contemporary Poetry: Live performance of Robert Pinsky

by Grace Sayegh
Class of '94

On Wednesday, April 15th at 7:30pm, The Worcester Country Poetry Association held a poetry reading. This poetry reading took place in Shrewsbury Public Library, and it featured one of the well-known poets of our time - Robert Pinsky. The program was well-attended, approximately twenty individuals were there. Consequently audience contribution such as commenting and asking questions made this occasion even more exciting and interesting. This fact also made the poetry reading informal, relaxing and, at the

same time, educational.

The program began with a brief introduction of the poet made by one of the Coordinators. After that the poet took a stand on the podium and began to talk about the main themes, ideas and historical background behind some of his poems. Poems such as "Long Branch, NJ", "Want Bone", "Pleasure Bay", "House Hour", "An Old Man After Kauafi" and "From Childhood Jesus" were read by the poet. Before each reading, the poet explained the general ideas that run throughout the poem, stressing what makes every poem unique in a sense from the others.

One of the main themes that seemed to run throughout most of Pinsky's poems, was the

idea of "artifact". After all, the poems portrayed Pinsky's ability to take a simple day to day, ordinary object, for example a shirt. Think of its ingenuity, its brilliance, the labor that went in to making it and even the stitches and thread that held it together. This stresses one of Pinsky's exceptional ability to get down far enough below the surface, to see the deep insides and examine them very carefully. As a matter of fact, this also portrays the poet's delicate, sensitive attitude to things surrounding him, which may seem to us insignificant.

Another theme which was highlighted, especially in the poem "The Want Bone", was the idea of dissatisfaction and greediness of the human nature in general. Pinsky admits over

and over again the human's constant feeling of inadequacy. This theme very closely compares with the prevalent theme of loss of values and identity, which is seen throughout Contemporary Poetry.

Over all, I think the poetry reading was a success. After all, it was certainly a unique experience. It increased my appreciation and understanding of poetry significantly and of Contemporary and Postmodern period in general.

I also found a great deal of pleasure in hearing a poet read his own work with the sounds and tones that he originally had in mind. I certainly encourage anybody who has a similar opportunity, to experience live performance of Contemporary literature.

Music Review

The Samples - "No Room"

by Jennifer Kavka
Features Editor

Many tapes have collected in the Newspeak office over the past year, whether they are by popular artists or recently put out by new bands. One tape, which was sent to me, sat on my desk for a long time until I listened to it. Along with this tape sat many messages from WAR records, a new record label in New York. With a few phone calls, I found out that WAR stood for What Are Records? and that their first band is The Samples. The Samples were originally under the Arista label but due to some disagreements, The Samples separated from the Arista label and took on the WAR label. With Arista, The Samples sold over 51,000 records and with WAR they have sold over 10,000 records in three weeks.

Their current album, No Room, contains

fourteen songs, all original, and all different. Most of the songs have a mellow tone to them. It is not dance music but some of the songs have a real catchy beat that you can't help but tap a pencil to. Some of the song titles appear to be melancholy such as "Another disaster," "Stone Tears," and "Pain" but when listening to them, the words are not depressing even though they tell a story. "Seany Boy (drop out)" is about a boy named Sean who drops out of school and why he should go back and stay at school. "Little Whale" is a really funny song about a whale. I had never heard a song that created the mood with background music and the singer's voice like that before. Other songs on this album are "Giants," "Suburbia," "When it's Raining," "Summertime," and "Taking Us Home." This album is definitely the kind of music one can study with or relax to. We will definitely be hearing more from The Samples. I have to give this album a 9 out of 10.

UMOC RESULTS

Congratulations go out to Pete Anamasi, this year's Ugly Man on Campus (you may recall that Pete won UMOC last year). Petewas nominated by his fraternity, AXP, and, as the winner of UMOC, has asked that the \$350 raised this year be donated to the National Leukemia Foundation in the memory of Timothy Tripoli. Congratulations also go out to Jenith Murphy (Delta Phi Epsilon), the first

ever female UMOC contestant. She came in second place. Thank you to the other nominees and their sponsors: Cory Beldon (ATO), Brian Kraft (SAE), Tim Lysaght (SocCom), and Michelle Thackston. Ugly Man on Campus is a competition sponsored every spring by Alpha Phi Omega, the national coed service fraternity on campus.

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SPORTS

WPI Student athletes honored at awards banquet

Student athletes were honored at WPI's annual varsity athletic awards banquet Sunday evening at Founders Hall.

Gabis, LeBoeuf and Tucker Win Senior Awards

Field hockey co-captain Kim Gabis, basketball co-captain Michele LeBoeuf and Greg Tucker, captain of the soccer team, each received the Varsity Club Award for their achievements, contributions, character, leadership and promotion of school spirit during their four years at WPI.

Gabis, a team co-captain, set the all-time New England shutout record (49) this season while leading WPI to a 17-2-1 record and a third consecutive berth in the NCAA Division III field hockey tournament. Her 15 shutouts this season also established a New England record. She was selected as a College Field Hockey Coaches Association (CFHCA) Regional All-American this season and was a CFHCA Academic All-American for the third straight year. Gabis a 1991 GTE Academic All-America second team at large choice in 1991 and is a candidate for the team again this spring.

Gabis was also a standout for three years on both the basketball and softball teams. A severe knee injury during basketball season cut her season short.

LeBoeuf, a center, was selected for the New England Women's Eight Conference first team and New England Women's Basketball Association All-Star third team after averaging 17.5 points and 11.3 rebounds a contest this season. LeBoeuf was also selected this past season.

Leboeuf also served as the captain of WPI's women's volleyball squad.

Tucker, a third team All-American and first team New England All-Star this season, as well as Constitution Athletic Conference "Player of the Year", tallied 54 points this season on 21 goals and 12 assists en route to a 13-4-2 record for the Engineers and a berth in the ECAC Division III men's soccer tournament.

Seniors Det Carraway of the women's cross country, track and basketball teams and Scott O'Connell of the men's track and field squad received the Patricia Graham and Percy Carpenter awards respectively as the WPI senior athletes who displayed the best example of sportsmanship during their career.

Carraway and O'Connell Capture Sportsmanship Awards

Carraway was a top finisher for the Engineers for the crosscountry and outdoor track teams while serving as captain in both sports. In basketball she served as the team's defen-

sive specialist and captured the team's defensive player of the year award. Carraway averaged 2.4 points and 4.2 rebounds on the hardwood this winter.

O'Connell, a four year letter winner, served as track andfield tri-captain. During his career

he scored consistently as one of WPI's top hurdlers. He was equally impressive in both the 110 and 400 meters.

McCabe and Roy Named Junior Awards Winners

Juniors Laurie McCabe and John Roy received the Poly Club Award as the outstanding female and male athletes in the junior class for their outstanding academic and campus involvement record.

McCabe was a starting forward on the women's basketball squad this winter and then moved outside as the starting catcher for the softball team. She averaged 5.4 points and 5.6 rebounds in basketball. On the softball field McCabe drove in six runs while committing only two errors in 27 chances.

Roy, a 190 pounder, earned All-America honors for the second consecutive year when he finished seventh at the Division III national wrestling championships. Roy posted a 23-2 regular season dual-meet record and was crowned champion at the 1992 New England College Conference Wrestling Association championships.

Jones and Wooley Earn Sophomore Awards

Sophomore Christie Jones and Jason Wooley received the Carolyn McCabe and Leo Jansson awards respectively as the top female and male sophomore athletes.

Jones, a member of both the basketball and softball teams averaged 2.2 points a game and handed out 46 assists as a point guard in basketball. This spring she batted .333 while driving in a team high 12 runners.

Wooley, the New England Small College Player of the Year in 1991, led the Engineers to a 7-2 regular season record and a berth in their first ever postseason football game. A tailback, Wooley rushed for 1,213 yards and scored 16 touchdowns this season.

Rice and Hawley Named Top Fresh.

Jennifer Rice and Tim Hawley received the Coaches' Awards as the top freshman female and male athletes.

Rice was the lone freshman starter on this year's WPI field hockey team that posted a 17-2-1 record and made a third straight trip to the NCAA tournament. Rice, a defenseman, was a key reason why Engineer opponents scored just five goals this season.

Hawley started in 20 of 24 contests, averaging 13.2 points and 4.5 rebounds a contest. A guard, Hawley also topped the Engineers in three pointers made with 34.

O'Connell Receives Managers Award

Junior Maryellen O'Connell earned the Coghlin Award as the best manager of a varsity sport. O'Connell received the award after completing her second year as a manager for WPI's wrestling.

WPI Sports

VARSITY SPORTS

Baseball (1-13)
22 April at Salve Regina 3:30PM
25 April MIT(DH) noon
28 April Anna Maria 4:00PM
1 May at Nichols 4:00PM
2 May Suffolk(DH) noon

Softball (11-5)
16 April at Anna Maria PPD
18 April at Babson L 14-8
21 April RIC W 3-1
23 April Brandeis W 7-0
25 April NEW 8 tournament

Women's Track and Field (5-0)
16 April at Holy Cross
18 April at Holy Cross Invitational
25 April Tri_States at RIC 10:30AM
2 May New 8 Invitational @MIT 10:30 AM

Men's Track and Field (6-5)
18 April USCG/Trinity/Tufts 3rd
25 April at Springfield/UMass Dartmouth/
Fitchburg 1:00PM
1 May WPI Invitational 3:00PM

Men's Tennis (4-5)
16 April at Nichols W 9-0
21 April Assumption PPD
23 April AIC W 9_0
24 April New England
25 April New England
28 April UMass Lowell 3:00PM

Golf (4-8)
11 April UMass Dartmouth 5th Of 9
14 April at Anna Maria w/ Worcester State
1:00PM Northeastern/ Tufts 3rd
16 April Mass Open
27 April Engineers Cup

CLUB SPORTS

Men's Crew
18 April Coast Guard/UMass Amherst
25 April Worcester City Championships
2 May New England

7 May Dad Vail Regatta
10 May Eastern Sprints

Cycling
11 April West Point
18 April RPI
25 April Eastern Collegiate
Championships

Women's Crew
18 April Coast Guard/UMass Amherst/
Wellesley
25 April City Regatta
2 May New England Championship
Regatta
10 May Eastern Sprints

Men's Lacrosse
22 March BU W 8-7
25 March Dean Jr. L 17-3
27 March at Bentley L 17-6
29 March URI L 11-5
01 April at UMass Dartmouth L 8-6
03 April at Brandeis W 12-9
08 April Northeastern W 10-9
11 April at Bryant L 5-2
14 April at UConn L 23-2
16 April Green Mt. W 10-9
20 April Nichols L 19-10
22 April Lowell W 14-9
26 April League Playoffs
30 April Mt. Ida

Sports Scores and schedules to be printed on a Tuesday are due in the newspeak office via_email (newspeak@wpi.wpi.edu) mail box 2700 or personal delivery. Stories are always welcomed as they fill the empty space around this box.

We are looking for A term schedules for club sports.... get them in now. We are also looking for articles for the first paper next year to push incoming freshman towards sports....any interested should contact Newspeak..

Any club sports who wish their results published here should send them to: **Newspeak**, box 2700, E-mail to newspeak, or call 831-5464. We would also like a schedule for each team so that we can publish the next week's events. In the interest of simplicity all swimming scores are rounded to the nearest whole point, but at the end of the season will be printed in complete form. As a point of information any articles on Sporting Events will be happily accepted. The deadline is Friday @5pm.

NEWS

Outstanding Researcher, Teacher & TA's

Professor George D.J. Phillies is recognized internationally as one of the world's leading authorities in the Dynamics of Polymer Diffusion.

With the work done at WPI, Phillies has brought a new vision to the field of Polymer Dynamics and has been most effective in identifying the significant and experimentally verifiable features in macromolecular diffusion. Through light scattering experiments and theoretical modeling he has derived a universal scaling equation for macromolecular self-diffusion. These experiments have laid the basis for his hydrodynamic theory, have provided confirmation of his model, and have profoundly influenced the thinking of researchers in this field. As a result, hardly a paper in the area of macromolecular diffusion appears without mentioning some aspect of Phillies's experimental or theoretical work.

Phillies's research is in the best WPI tradition. In his laboratory he has provided a research experience at the frontiers of an active field to both undergraduate and graduate students.

For his many contributions to creative scholarship, it is with great pride that George D.J. Phillies is awarded the 1992 Board of Trustees' Award for Outstanding Creative Scholarship and Research.

The Faculty Awards Committee and the WPI Board of Trustees have chosen Professor *Andreas N. Alexandrou* to receive this year's award for outstanding teaching at all levels, both for projects and in the classroom. As one student wrote: "In my four years at WPI, no professor cared more or gave more to the classroom than he did." Students indicated that his lectures are always lively, vibrant, and informative. Very difficult material is made

easy to comprehend because he always explains things so that a student can physically visualize abstract ideas. He presents material in a manner which not only brings new light to the subject, but stimulates the students to pursue their own higher understanding of the topic. His classes are not just lectures, they are interactive discussions crafted to draw the most out of the student. His enthusiasm for the subject is so enrapturing that student automatically become interested. One alumnus wrote, "I think his greatest asset is his ability to make students think and challenge themselves." In short, Andreas' teaching style makes his student want to learn.

"One thing I will always remember about Professor Alexandrou is his honest to goodness concern for the students," one nominator wrote. "It is very important to him that his students learn the material." Another said "I was amazed at how closely he follows each student's progress. He cares about every student, and takes the time to help those who did not understand."

Many nominators noted Andreas' outstanding project and thesis advising. He provides the guidance required for serious research, while still allowing enough independence to find new experimental directions. His opinions and advice are highly valued, and he is a great source of information and direction. Many felt that his projects are so successful because he helps create a clear and concise set of goals, and integrates the topics into his own research whenever possible.

One student's quote sums it up

best: "Professor Alexandrou exemplifies exactly what a teacher should be." Simply put: we agree!! For his devotion to excellent teaching, we proudly present the 1992 BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING to Professor of Mechanical Engineering, *Andreas N. Alexandrou*.

The life of a graduate teaching assistant is a culture of its own. I expect some of us look back fondly at the times when, as graduate students living just above the poverty level, we learned together, we taught together, and we socialized together, playing cards and drinking cheap beer. Many faculty members in this room got started in teaching as graduate teaching assistants and, if you were like me, you entered the classroom scared to death and largely untrained for the task at hand. Teaching assistant frequently deal more directly with the students than faculty members do, and such contact was appreciated by many of the nominators of this year's candidates. Comments such as: "always available", "concerned about the students", "very knowledgeable", and "communicates well" testify to the commitment to teaching of the many graduate students nominated for this award.

In a year which saw the number of people nominated and many with multiple supporting statements, two students stood above the rest. The co-recipients of the 1992 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award are:

Douglas S. Burns of the Chemistry Department
Aaron W. Laznovsky of the Computer Science

Department

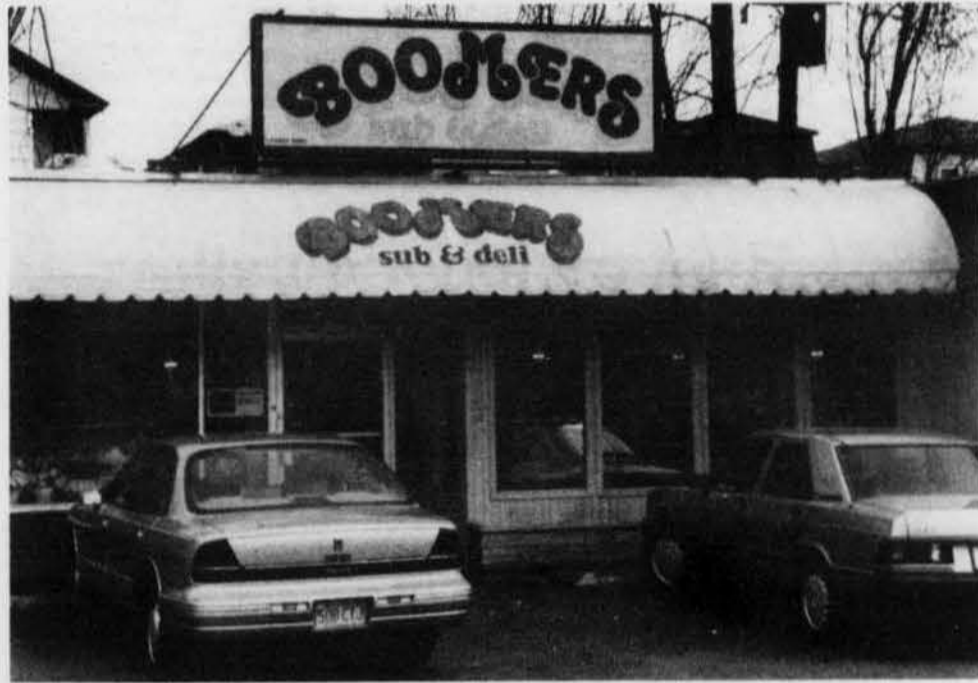
Douglas Burns is noted for his conscientious approach to teaching, his clarity of presentation, and the rapport he develops with the students. His briefings are often attended by other TA's who take notes as he proceeds for later use with their own sections. Described as a model graduate student, his service to the students and the General Chemistry program extend far beyond his work in his assigned laboratories. He has held regular evening help sessions for students and gives extra time to his teaching effort. And, as one student said, "he is a hell of a nice guy." Congratulations, Douglas, on being chosen a co-winner of the 1992 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award.

Aaron Laznovsky has served as a teaching assistant in several different Computer Science courses. Described as extremely knowledgeable, very friendly, very punctual in responding to student questions, and an excellent communicator, Aaron is most frequently labelled as available for help. He is willing to help outside posted office hours. One student stated: "He is always willing to take the time to review a student's programming work in detail, and to explain exactly what concepts the student needs to work on." Students are usually quite perceptive in recognizing when a teacher is genuinely concerned about them, and that characteristic certainly came across with Aaron.

Congratulations, Aaron, on being chosen a co-winner of the 1992 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award.

Results of the 2nd Annual Newspeak Reader's Poll

Photos compiled by Eric Kristoff and Sue MacPherson
An asterisk (*) indicates a two time winner



Best pizza

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| 1. Boomers* | 4. The Boynton |
| 2. Tech Pizza | 5. Little Cesars |
| 3. Gompei's Place | |



Best Chinese food

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Ping's Garden* | 3. Chopsticks |
| 2. China Restaurant | 4. Aku-Aku |



Favorite beer

People like all kinds- 27 received mentions. Then again, "they all taste like urine" also got a few votes.

1. Budweiser (and varieties)
2. Free (3 way tie) None Root
5. Coors
6. Sam Adams

Best campus social event

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Sewer Party | 4. Mighty Mighty Bosstones |
| 2. Traditions Day | 5. New Voices X |
| 3. Sunday night movie | (tie) Homecoming |

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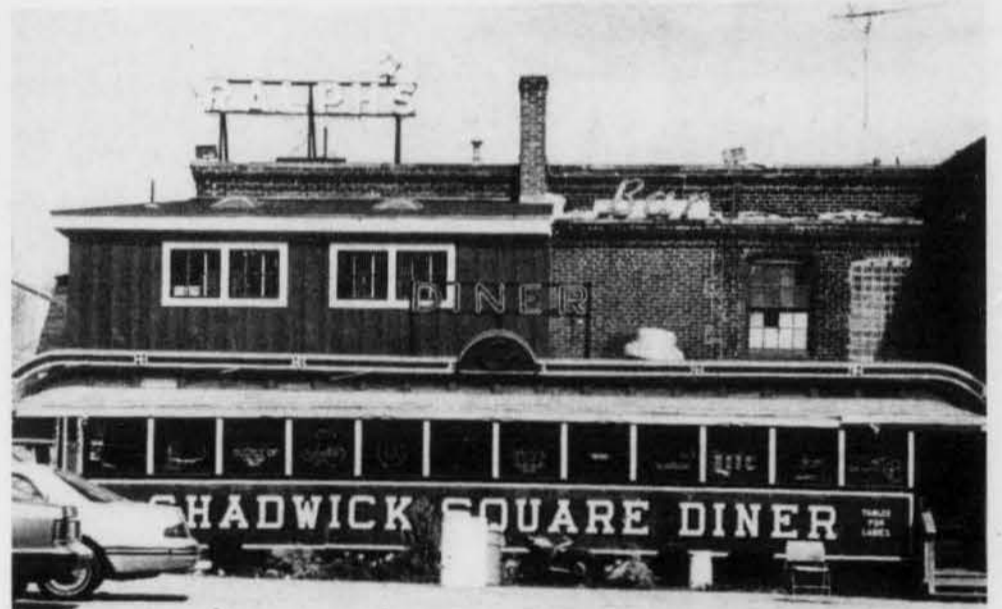
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| 1. WAAF (107.3) | 4. WCHC (88.1) |
| 2. WZLX (100.7) | 5. WBCN (104.1) |
| 3. WBRU (95.5) | |



Favorite musical performer

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Guns N' Roses | (tie) Billy Joel |
| 2. They Might Be Giants | 4. Jim Tyrrell |

Similar to last year, over 40 were mentioned with few getting more than 1 or 2 votes



Best local nightspot

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| 1. Ralph's Diner | 3. Coffee Kingdom |
| (tie) Firehouse Cafe | 4. Worcester Artist's Group |





Best place to eat at ridiculous a.m. hours

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| 1. Acapulco | 3. The Arch |
| 2. Denny's | 4. Kenmore Diner |



Best residence hall

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| 1. Daniels | 3. Founders |
| 2. Riley | 4. Morgan |

So, how many freshmen voted?



Best fraternity

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| 1. TKE* | 3. ATO |
| 2. Theta Chi | |

Best sorority

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| 1. Alpha Gamma Delta* | 3. Phi Sigma Sigma |
| 2. GDI | 4. Delta Phi Epsilon |

Best non-greek organization

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| 1. Student Alumni Society | 4. AICHE |
| 2. MASQUE | (tie) Newspeak |
| 3. Wedgerats of WPI | |

Best euphemism for vomiting

The most commonly cited:

1. Bootin'
2. Calling Ralph on the big white phone
3. Hurling
4. Blowing chunks
5. Praying to the porcelain god

And the creative ones in no particular order:

1. Involuntary protein ejection
2. Stupid thing to do while drinking
3. Presenting your MQP
4. Beer induced stomach flu
5. Liquid yodelling
6. Post-inebriation precipitate
7. Reverse peristalsis
8. "Not this again!"



Best WPI sports team

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Football | 4. Women's Crew |
| 2. Wrestling | (tie) Women's Lacrosse |
| 3. Field hockey | |



Best professor

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| 1. Professor Boyd (ME)* | (3 way tie) Professor Long (PH) |
| 2. Professor DeFalco (CE) | Professor Ma (CM) |
| 3. Professor Vick (HU) | 6. Professor Connolly (MA) |

Best feature of WPI

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| 1. Greek system | 4. Quality education |
| 2. The Plan | (tie) CCC Lab |
| 3. Male-to-female ratio | |

Worst feature of WPI

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| 1. Lack of Campus Center | 3. DAKA |
| (tie) Male-to-female ratio* | 4. Greeks |

Well, at least the education is good.

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EDITORIAL

Campus center: commitment or lip-service?

As the academic year 1991-1992 draws to a close, indications are mixed concerning the school's commitment to the construction of a campus center. The effort expended by the student body towards that end is unprecedented in recent memory, but the end is not yet in sight and the effort must be continued.

The campus center was far from the be-all and end-all of the report by the Commission on Residential and Social Life. In being the most radical change (by WPI standards), the most visible symbol and the largest expense, however, the center has continually been the focal point and the most obvious area of contention. Despite the Commission's report and the support for it by virtually all parts of the WPI community (in particular the most important - the students), few seem to be able to express confidence that the project will be carried out anytime in the near future.

Why? Feet-dragging and the attempt to shelve the idea seem the most likely answers. By whom? Difficult to say - but President Strauss and certain of the trustees

seem the most opposed. Despite lip-service paid to the report's emphasis on a third tower being "on target", any initiative for the sole purpose of the creation of a campus center has yet to surface. All mentions are within a larger "campus plan", which includes a campus center as only one of many possibilities.

The chosen reason to attempt to kill or shelve plans for a campus center is the lack of funds. In the April 6th meeting of the Academic Planning and Student Affairs committee (see minutes elsewhere in this issue), President Strauss, Trustees Levine and Horstmann, and Professor Schachterle all referred directly to the "problem" posed in raising funds in the traditional manner. Yet, when SGA president Rick Daigle asked that a committee be appointed to examine the funding problem, Strauss' only response was that "forming a committee at this time may be a bit premature." This implies that we are waiting for something else to happen - what? If the idea is directly opposed, then it should be expressed plainly (and then explained) - not hidden and

masked by delaying tactics. If the center is truly a high priority in Strauss' eyes (which is a huge assumption), then the only way it can be adequately considered is to begin to look for ways around the acknowledged difficulty in funding it. A first step must be taken. Failure to commit to that first step indicates a lack of desire, or a fear, of what lies at the end of the path.

That path still stretches in front of us, and we can force WPI down it if we try. The issue has boiled down to much more basic questions: Who does the school truly exist for? Whose needs is it truly serving? Are we willing to assert ourselves and make our voice so loud that nothing and noone can shout it down? Talk to student government, relay your thoughts, ask what they are doing about it. Find out what you can do to turn up the volume. Write to President Strauss or the Board of Trustees. Be aware, listen to what they're really saying to us - and we'll drag them kicking and screaming down the path if we have to.

BUILD a Campus Center!!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Condom dispensing sends the wrong message

To the Editor:

A current public policy issue of great importance is the promotion by some school committees of in-school condom access for high school students. Although the Worcester School Committee has rejected such proposals, the Wachusett Regional High School Committee recently voted to put a condom machine near the nurse's office in that high school. While often accompanied by a message opposing genital sexual activity by high school students, the argument for condom access in the schools is usually made on the basis of protecting teenagers from AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

In my view, the promotion of condom distribution in high school students on school premises represents inappropriate action on the part of such school committee members. While there is neither the time nor the space to present a full discussion of this topic (see--for example--the statement to the Chelsea School Committee of Prof. Edwin J. Delattre, Boston University's School of Education, on the proper role of high school educators in the era of AIDS), perhaps some of the issues should be cited.

The effectiveness of condoms in limiting the spread of AIDS is clearly one issue. Condoms are commonly acknowledged to be a rather poor method of birth control. Given their failure rate relative to human conception (which can occur on only a few days during the month), it is staggering to ponder the true failure rate of condoms when it comes to transmitting the AIDS prevention--on a per use basis--than it is for pregnancy prevention. When one adds in the

question of cumulative probabilities (from the frequent use of condoms), it is clear why we now hear and read of "safer sex" rather than "safe sex". Editorials have been written speculating about the law suits which will occur if schools are held responsible for implying to teenagers that condoms are successful as barriers to the transmission of the AIDS virus. (One might ask--presumably, rhetorically--those members of school committees who vote in favor of condom distribution in their high schools, which of them would KNOWINGLY have sex with an HIV positive person--even with a condom.)

Another issue is the advisability of the adults becoming cooperating parties in the performance of activities which are almost universally condemned by those on both sides of this controversy. Few adults espouse the position that genital sexual activity by (at least initially) unmarried high school students should be endorsed. Indeed, most decry the pan-sexual level of our society--in movies, on television, in the press, in commercials of all variety, in popular dance music, etc., etc., etc. But, of course, everyone--once again, on both sides of the issue--is terrified by AIDS. Do we "do good" by providing condoms--even though we know they will be used in activities which have a high probability of being educationally, psychologically--and now--physically, injurious to high school students? In more philosophical do the "ends" (i.e., attempted reductions in the rate of HIV transmission) justify the "means" (i.e., condom distribution in the high schools)--particularly when the effectiveness of the "means"

is so highly in doubt?

Perhaps the most important issue in all of this is the role of responsible adults in the "Age of AIDS". What are we telling high schools students when we provide access to condoms on school property? It can be argued that we are telling them that, in spite of our advice and educational efforts at promoting sexual abstinence for high school students, we EXPECT that they will be sexually active. That we do NOT EXPECT them to listen to knowledge and reason, but that we EXPECT them to be guided by their hormones. (Note: we are making this statement of our expectations in front of BOTH sexually active and sexually inactive teenagers.) Are we not undermining

our commitment to abstinence? Are we not undermining our conviction that abstinence is both practical and possible?

As parents, as well as teachers, most educators are very familiar with the powerful role of expectations when dealing with young people. Why should we not consider the messages we are sending our high school students in terms of the powerful expectation we are communicating to them? Is it impossible for a high school student to refrain from sexual activity in current society? Is it impossible that students will learn enough about the disastrous consequences of adolescent sex to avoid premature involvement? I certainly hope not.

I want to be careful to state that I am not impugning the motives or the intelligence of those advocating positions other than the one I endorse on this important issue. As I have noted above, what we all have in common is our high level of anxiety concerning the potential spread of the HIV virus among teenagers. I just wish to have the adult community consider its powerful role in communicating expectations regarding the possibilities for disciplined, responsible and intelligent behavior--even in the highly charged sexual environment in which we all now live.

*Prof. J. T. O'Connor
Management Department*

Alpha Gamma Delta supports the IFC alcohol policy

To the Editor:

Early last month, it was questioned at a Greek Council meeting whether a member of Alpha Gamma Delta residing at 15 Dean Street was violating the school alcohol policy if she purchased a keg for her apartment. This, however, is not a violation because Chapter funds pay for only one-third of the rent in one of the first floor apartments at 15 Dean Street. Therefore technically the sorority owns a "Chapter Room" rather than an "AGD House."

Similar to the policies of Delta Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Gamma Delta's International regulations prohibit any form of alcohol in chapter rooms or houses. Therefore, any person of age can legally purchase a keg at 15 Dean. However, it is realized that for a majority of the campus; faculty, students and even

sisters, this residence represents Alpha Gamma Delta. Consequently, at their last meeting of the year, Alpha Gamma Delta voted to support the Interfraternity Council's alcohol policy and have a regulation against kegs in any sister's apartment's above the Chapter Room.

Prior to this decision, the alcohol policy of the IFC, Panhellenic Council and WPI were reviewed carefully. In addition, the Chapter conducted an open discussion to address in detail the issue itself and to present both arguments. For instance, both our landlord and Internationals do not view 15 Dean Street as a sorority house.

On the other hand, any greek organization today must face the extremely important and frightening issue of liability. Unfortunately, having an association to an organized group, such as fraternity or sorority, can make

every member responsible for any number of misfortunes or accidents. As a result, risk management is becoming a necessity to most campuses and organizations across the country. Within the past year, much has been accomplished by the IFC and Panhel in regards to this issue, as will be in future by the Greek Council.

WPI's Interfraternity Council was one of the first colleges to adopt a campus-wide alcohol policy which affects the entire college community. Alpha Gamma Delta therefore decided to voluntarily abide by this policy and relinquish the right to having kegs at the apartments at 15 Dean Street. This decision was made, not as a result of any legal or liability issues, but rather in the spirit of the greek system.

*Kristy Sokal
Class of '95*



Global warming. Destruction of the rain forests. Toxic waste. These aren't the legacies we wanted from the "environmental" President. Urge George Bush to attend the U.N. Earth Summit in Brazil in June. Right now, the United States is the only major industrial power refusing to do its part. Ask the President to stop America's role as leading producer of greenhouse gases. Tell him to support the global treaty for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, ban the exportation of toxic waste, and save the world's rain forests. The President is the only person who can effectively lead the struggle for our planet's future.

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COMMENTARY

Wrestling Viewpoint

by Brandon Coley
Newspeak Staff

Well, the lovely editor of *Newspeak* has informed me that because there seems to be very little appreciation of this column by the WPI student body, it would be a good idea to cut the article (and wrestling columns as a whole). Quite frankly that pisses me off. Not because my article is being cut, but because people have the nerve to say things like "There are so many things *Newspeak* doesn't have - yet it has 2 wrestling columns." Hey, look butt-heads, if you want more features in *Newspeak*, then why don't you get off your lazy asses and write some? It's about God Damn time people got off their fat bloated asses and tried to fix what's wrong instead of complaining about it. You say that the wrestling columns were *Newspeak's* worst feature? Well guess what dickheads - we were *Newspeak's* ONLY feature for quite some time. So, this being the last Wrestling Viewpoint, I would like to dedicate it to its fans - Craig, Chuck, Rob, Eric, Opus, Kevin, the other Rob, and, of course Steve. However, before I get too involved in bitching

about the slug-headed WPI community, let me get on to the final edition of Wrestling Viewpoint.

Before I present the year-end awards, lets cover this weeks' news: Sting cracked his ribs in a match against Big Van Vader not too long ago, and it is in question whether or not he will be able to compete at WCW's Wrestle War. Sting, as much as I hate to say it, is a pretty tough guy though, so I expect to see him there. Also this week, there were a surprising number of upsets in the Arena Reports. Repo Man pinned former WWF World Champion Sgt. Slaughter and Virgil pinned the Warlord. Also, it is my pleasure to inform you that Mr. Perfect may be turning good - and back to wrestling. At a TV taping 2 weeks ago, former champ Ric Flair was challenging Randy Savage for the coveted WWF World Belt. It was not a good night for Flair though, as Savage cleanly pinned him in less than 12 minutes. After the match, Perfect and Flair got into an intense argument, and later it was revealed that Flair had been partaking on tactics against the direction of Curt Hennig. Now, the WWF may cover this up, and you may

not hear about it for quite some time, but sooner or later, maybe sooner, we will be seeing Mr. Perfect VS Ric Flair. Now on to the awards...

BEST FAN FAVORITE: Hulk Hogan (40%)

Runners-up (tie): Sting and The Undertaker (20% each)

BEST RULE-BREAKER: Ric Flair (36%)

Runners-up (tie): Jake "the Snake" Roberts and Repo Man (27%)

MATCH OF THE YEAR: Randy Savage vs. Ric Flair at WrestleMania 8 (42%) **Runner-up:** Bret Hart vs. Roddy Piper at WrestleMania 8 (33%)

WORST MATCH: Bossman, Slaughter, Hacksaw, and Virgil vs. The Mountie, Nasty Boys and Repo man (30%)

Runners-up (tie): Beverly Bros. vs. The Bushwhackers at the Royal

Rumble and Virgil vs. Ted Dibiase at Summerslam (20%)

MANAGER OF THE YEAR: Paul E. Dangerously (33%)

Runners-up (tie): Bobby Heenan, Jimmy Hart, and Paul Bearer (22%)

WORST MANAGER: Jamison (54%) **Runner-up:** Coach (36%)

WORST TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR: The Bushwhackers (50%) **Runner-up:** The Natural Disasters (20%)

TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR: Money Inc. (50%) **Runner-up:** The Legion of Doom (40%)

WORST WRESTLING MOMENT: Virgil winning the Million Dollar belt (64%) **Runner-up:** Joey Marella DQ'ing 7 men the Survivor Series (27%)

BEST WRESTLING MOMENT: The Ultimate Warrior's return at WrestleMania 8 (42%)

Runners-up (tie): Flair winning the Rumble and Bobby Heenan presenting the NWA Championship of Ric Flair to the WWF (25%)

MOST USELESS FEUD: Repo Man

- Virgil (64%) **Runners-up (tie):** Badd - Morton, Pistols - Steiners, Hart - Warlord, New Foundation - Beverlies (9%)

FEUD OF THE YEAR: Macho Man - Jake Roberts (50%) **Runner-up:** Ric Flair - Roddy Piper (40%)

WORST WRESTLER OF THE YEAR: Virgil (45%) **Runner-up:** The Mountie (36%)

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR: The "Macho man" Randy Savage (30%) **Runners-up (tie):** Ric Flair and Bret Hart (20%)

Well, that's it folks. Here ends this weeks column and Wrestling Viewpoint in general. Just remember one thing - this may indeed be the last issue of Wrestling Viewpoint, and maybe even Inside Wrestling, but next year, beware the return of THE GRAPPLER'S CORNER!

As always, try not to flog yourself to death with a styrofoam cup on a string.

NEWS

APSA meeting minutes

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educational efforts, including rape awareness, safety and acquaintance rape. There is information provided through a comprehensive peer education program. Additionally, the Campus Hearing Board is publishing a Rape/Acquaintance Rape Policy, addressing both the areas of education and legislation.

Professor Schachterle shared with APSA that the Commission heard from Professor Shannon, who chaired the Board of Inquiry appointed by President Strauss to investigate the alleged rape last year in a fraternity. The Commission was struck by the inability of students to comprehend the problem. The Commission wanted very much to endorse the efforts by the Student Life Office in this area.

Professor Demetry asked if the college has looked into the strategy of using a campus center fee to support such a facility. President Strauss responded that as a private institution, any increase in total cost impacts directly on financial aid, consequently, an additional fee may not solve the problem. The President commented that the fee structures for campus centers typically appear in the public sector of higher education.

Professor Schachterle reported that the Commission heard from many students who interviewed alumni stated that they would respond to the campus center needs identified in the commission report. Rick Daigle, President of the Undergraduate Student Body, asked if the school would appoint a committee to examine the funding of a campus center. Concern was expressed that a 6-10 million dollar project is a lot to ask for from this environment. President Strauss suggested that forming a committee at this time may be a little premature.

The Community Council will continue to offer a venue for all constituencies to discuss any and all issues. They will oversee recommendations of the Commission, and press on the ones that are not being responded to. They will interface with the President's Cabinet on a year round basis. The Council will be in place by A term 1992.

Trustee Levine congratulated the Commission on their report. He commented that the costs of a campus center could not entirely be funded by fund-raising. If this is the case, he would have difficulty voting for a campus center, unless it was coupled

with a plan to reduce college expenditures. We have to do things in a more cost effective way. Additionally, more debt service will make things more difficult.

Trustee LoVetere suggested that we need a fundamental cost structure on how we are doing business. The secret being the first to come up with a new cost structure in the 20th century.

Trustee Horstmann stated that the campus center may not compete well on the list of campus needs. It might be eliminated from the regular stream of capital projects, unless we find non-traditional ways of financing the project.

Rick Daigle stated that the campus center must be viewed as an investment if we want to attract a diverse

population of students who will consider this in their decision about college.

Trustee Densmore suggested that we look carefully at our functional needs and that we are careful about hiring an architect to design what is seen as a utopia. We must be creative in pondering places to gather.

President Strauss commented that one of our approaches will be to examine the first floor areas of the buildings surrounding the Quadrangle, and how they are currently being used.

Professor Schachterle added that the Commission did not examine the financial side of the project. It will be worthwhile looking at what other institutions have done, and what is practical for WPI. Also, it is necessary to look at creative ways of financing.

So long Encore...

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core has already replaced all four CPUs, all five memory boards, the ethernet card, the system control cards, and the mass storage control card. Johannesen still believes that the mass storage control card may be the culprit, and that the new card might just be as bad or worse than the first one. He is led to suspect this due to the fact that the system hung almost immediately on the installation of the new card, and crashed completely a mere five minutes later.

In addition to hardware replacement, the CCC has changed back to an older operating system release in the hopes that the problem was software related. This was only hope from the beginning however, since the problem showed up over two months after the latest software upgrade.

Encore is still trying to correct the problem, but according to Johannesen, doesn't really have enough resources available to fully tackle the problem. The CCC is therefore doing its best to address the problem for the time being. Many applications, including mail storage and readnews, have been moved off of the encore to the Decstations. In addition, the usr files were recently moved to the Decstations, relieving the Encore processors and freeing up a lot of memory. It was hoped that this would help treat the problem, but so far it has not been very effective.

What has happened, therefore, is that the Encore has basically become a client of the Decserver. All files are now served from Decstations. The

Encore remains the main time sharer, the mail server (mail is exchanged on encore, but stored on Decstations), and is still the nameserver for wpi.wpi.edu. In addition, the Encore retains many software programs, such as the IMSL mathematical computation program.

Allan Johannesen says that the school had expected to replace the Encore by January of next year, and these problems are just expediting that process. The school had been happy with the hardware concepts of Encore, but somewhat disappointed with its software maintenance. The school has already ordered a new Dec-5100, which will be here in about two weeks. When it arrives, this Decstation will replace the Encore as the internet nameserver wpi.wpi.edu, and act as the mailserver and main timesharer. This Decstation will be much more reliable than the Encore, but have just over half the computing power. The Encore will therefore be retained for the meantime as something to login to to use the various computational programs like IMSL. According to Johannesen, it will "be moved off to the side and named something unprintable."

During the summer, the school is looking into buying a Dec Alpha to replace the Encore for high level computing. The Alpha will remain off to the side as something you login to to use high level computing programs. When this happens (probably over the summer), WPI will bid a final farewell to the Encore. ...and good riddance.

WORLD NEWS

Riots shake-up Los Angeles

by George Regnery
Newspeak Staff

On April 29, a jury acquitted four policemen who were videotaped over a year ago beating a black motorist, Rodney King, with their nightsticks. The jury handed down acquittals in all counts except one, which was a deadlock. It has not yet been determined if there will be a retrial. The United States Department of Justice has said that the officers may be tried for violating King's civil rights.

The Jury was located not in Los Angeles, but in Ventura County. A change of venue was issued because the defense argued that the police officers would not be tried fairly in Los Angeles. The jury consisted of six men and six women, including a Hispanic and Asian American. However, there were no blacks on the jury.

The verdict sparked riots throughout Los Angeles, and other major cities as well. In Los Angeles, 44 people were killed and 2,000 were wounded in riots. Fires burned throughout the city, and damage was estimated to be over \$200 million. Korean stores were especially hard hit, as relations between Koreans and African Americans have been increasingly tense.

On Friday Evening, President Bush addressed the nation and said that there was no room for hatred, and that he could understand why people were disappointed with the verdict. However, he sharply condemned those using violence to express their anger. Bush announced that 4,000 federal troops would be deployed to Los Angeles to help police.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights, police were outnumbered, and looting and vandalism were rampant. Many police had to protect firemen that were fighting the numerous fires set throughout the city.

On Friday night there was much less violence; national guard troops and police officers were enforcing a dusk to dawn curfew throughout the city.

The L.A. Lakers basketball playoff games were postponed because of the riots.

Other news

• President Bush and Arkansas governor Bill Clinton both won by wide margins in the Pennsylvania primaries on Tuesday. Both men are almost

guaranteed to face each other in the November election. They may be joined by a third candidate, H. Ross Perot, a Texas billionaire.

According to Bush campaign adviser Charles Black, Bush will probably not engage Clinton until after Labor Day. However, independent groups will probably pick up the slack.

Perot has said he will run if his supporters put him on the ballot in all fifty states. So far, he is on the ballot only in Tennessee, but supporters have enough signatures in 14 other states, although they must still be verified. Many states have a time span for signature collection, which have not yet begun. The first deadline is Perot's home state of Texas; supporters there claim to have enough signatures.

President Bush was criticized by many campaign reform activists, because of a dinner that was held for the Republican party. For a price, one could sit with a cabinet member or have their picture taken with the President.

• A white police officer in South Africa was sentenced to death by hanging for his involvement in an incident in 1988 in which 11 blacks were killed. It is unlikely that he will hang, however, since South Africa has imposed a moratorium on the death penalty.

• There were massive strikes in Germany last week by government employees. By the end of the week, the strikes appeared to be easing. The employees are demanding an increase in wages.

• Congress failed to override Bush's "gag rule," which prohibits abortion counseling at federally funded clinics. Bush has never had a veto overridden. Abortion opponents suspended demonstrations in Buffalo, NY on Wednesday, saying they were taking time to regroup and pray. Abortion rights activists staged numerous counter-demonstrations in Buffalo, and most analysts say that this is the reason that Operation Rescue has suspended their operations.

Operation Rescue has said that it will be blocking clinics in Houston while the Republican convention is taking place.

NEWS

Arthur Butler bids farewell to WPI

by Shilpa Shroff
Class of '93

As you walk into room 305 in Atwater-Kent, you are greeted by a warm smile and a gumball machine filled with M&Ms. This is a familiar sight for many electrical engineering students visiting Professor Arthur Butler. The end of D-term 1992 will also mark the end of Butler's tenure at WPI. During his brief two years, Arthur Butler has affected many students through his enthusiasm for teaching. His presence at WPI will greatly be missed by both colleagues and friends.

Arthur Butler graduated from WPI in 1984 with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. As a student, Butler went through a similar system to the one currently in place, which involved a sufficiency, an IQP, and an MQP. In addition, the comprehensive competency exam was still being administered. "The competency exam was a good opportunity for a student to show his understanding of the material introduced over the four years," Butler stated.

From here, he went directly to graduate school at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. There he spent six years getting his Master's and PhD. Degrees. When asked about the transition between the two schools, Professor Butler replied, "I was unprepared for the amount of time the professors dedicated towards research. Although this in itself isn't bad, it does take away from the time a professor can provide assistance to his students." Graduate school, Butler feels, provides the students with more confidence through greater knowledge in their chosen field. Thus, he is a great promoter of pursuing a graduate level degree. CMU also required him to serve at least a semester as a teaching assistant, during which he said he learned a great deal about the responsibility involved in teaching.

In the fall of 1990 Arthur Butler made it back to WPI as a part-time faculty member. Although Professor Butler has only been teaching for a short time, his approach and dedication to the principles of teaching have made him both well-liked and respected. Butler, who feels that learning transcends grades, commented that "Anyone can do the work and get the grade, but it is more rewarding and meaningful for both the student and professor when the material is understood." His modus operandi in the classroom combines what he learned during his time as an undergraduate at WPI and

as a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon. WPI's focus on teaching students how to learn became a primary tenet of his teaching philosophy, as did accessibility, which he found poor during his graduate work: "It is important that all professors provide time, beyond the fifty minutes in class, where students can ask questions. This kind of interaction helps the students understand the material better, even though it leaves you open to hundreds of interruptions." As can be seen through student evaluations, this MO is working. Butler is consistently well above average in nearly every facet of the evaluation. His success can be attributed to how he interacts with his students. When first meeting Professor Butler, it is hard to believe he is a Doctor of Electrical Engineering, owns his own company and has taught for two years. Instead, he comes across as a fellow student who must struggle through classes like everyone else. Yet he still commands the students' respect, primarily because he respects them. The unassuming air and genuine concern that Professor Butler possesses makes his office a welcome place where electrical

engineering questions can be raised and answered.

As a consequence of his unique approach to the student-teacher relationship, Butler has become a catalyst in making mediocre students more enthusiastic. Most would classify Professor Butler as a motivator, since he attains excellent performance from the students by instilling them with confidence that "they can".

When asked how it felt to be on the other side of the classroom, Butler said, "It is probably just as difficult if not more. Being the teacher, you take on a great deal of responsibility. There isn't a day that you can be unprepared for a lecture; you are responsible for creating relevant homework assignments and being available if students need any help. There's more to it than meets the eye." He feels that overall WPI is doing its duty, providing students with a competitive education. "However," he says, "the system needs to change how faculty is evaluated." He feels that it is important to have peer evaluations, where the teaching professor is evaluated by another member of the department who has attended

the lectures. "This would help show the department what teaching methods work and provide positive suggestions to the teachers."

After May, 1992, Arthur Butler will return to working with the company he established prior to coming to WPI. The company, Electromagnetic Solutions, develops software that evaluates electromagnetic fields through finite element analysis, in addition to other integrating software packages. Being the modest person that he is, Butler stated, "I don't want my company to become a multi-million dollar corporation. I just want to be able to get it off its feet and like what I'm doing." Although he has enjoyed teaching very much, he feels that it is time to move on. "If I could teach a class the way I wanted and still have time to devote to my company, I would. But, one should not suffer because of the other."

On any given night, driving down West Street you can see a light shining brightly on the third floor of Atwater-Kent. Arthur Butler is probably diligently typing away on his computer. His dedication to the students of WPI and his enthusiasm for teaching will be greatly missed.

What a bunch of hams

by Amanda Huang
Circulation Manager

"Yeah, 4 or 5 runners were throwing up all around me, not to mention the other 10 or so on the bus," described a member of WPI Wireless Association.

On Monday, April 20, before the crack of dawn, WPI Wireless Association, better known as the Ham Radio Club set out for the 96th Annual Boston Marathon. "There were 45 volunteers, all hams," explained President Clint Wise (code NIKCO), "at the Boston Public Library. We were debriefed by the Club's Trustee Robert M. Taylor (code NAIQ) on the race's operating procedures. We were, technically, the Marathon's main form of communication as we volunteered our services as amateur operators."

After the debriefing, the Wireless Association went off to separate assignments. Wise and Secretary/Station Engineer Carl Morgan (code NIICZ) reported to net control to set up antennas. Correspondence Officer Dan Goodwin (code KAIRHM) and Brent Hiller (code NILSH) worked one of the sweep buses

and Vice President Marc Frieden (code NIKPJ) was on another. Sweep buses picked up run-down and injured runners from each Red Cross Medical stations to transport them back to Boston. If necessary, the hams would request for ambulances or any other form of help. Repeater Controller Chris Pistel (code NIKJD) reported to Doctor Scarlet and then to Hopkinton to act as first responder on one of the sweep buses.

When the race started at noon, Wise went with Doctor Lawrence, an orthopedic, to the finish line at the circle where the runners come into to cool down. If Doctor Lawrence needed help with runners in wheel chairs or runners who are hurt, Wise, as the doctor's walking telephone, would radio in for help.

"There was this one guy who had been throwing up for 25 minutes, 23 miles into the race. He was doing really bad; he was seriously dehydrated and needed an ambulance. The sweep bus that I was on went to one of the Red Cross stations to get a paramedic to check out the guy. I radioed into net control to get an ambulance. We waited there with 20 to 30 exhausted and dying runners who were or had

been throwing up also until the ambulance got there. The weird thing was that as soon as the ambulance got there, the guy said he didn't want medical treatment. However, as the ambulance was about to leave, another dehydrated runner tripped and sprained his ankle. So the call for the ambulance was not a waste after all," described Goodwin.

"It was a lot of work while were doing it all, but looking back on it, it was pretty fun. Also, being right there at the finish line was pretty exciting," said Wise.

"To know that you might have saved a person's life, it was worth it," proclaimed Goodwin. "Volunteering - that's what ham radio is all about. It's good to know that I could come through when I was really needed. It gave me a chance to deal with thirty-some people needing my help all at the same time and to know that I could handle it," exclaimed Pistel.

The six WPI students received cool green wind breakers for all their hard work, not to mention the great satisfaction from volunteering the very needed time and operating knowledge.

OUTLAND

by Berkeley Breathed



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Well, at least we write one of them...

Worst feature of Newspeak

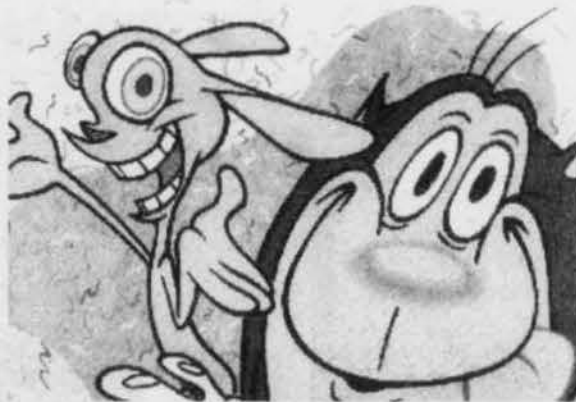
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CLUB CORNER

Alpha Phi Omega

Hi! Congratulations to our new brothers: Helene Anderson, Jeff Baron, Shelly Berenstein, Kevin Davis, Aaron Domina, Tricia Gagnon, Amy Gilman, Kathy Jacques, Sangita Jha, Jason Makofsky, Eduardo Mendez, Dean Mikuszewski, Scott Runstrom, Brian Smith, Dawn Varacchi, and Dan Wright. Have a great summer, everyone, and try to be at Sue's July 17-19; Jen.

Now can I go back to the "Happy Little Chadly you once knew!"...New Voices is over, I want my-life back...I no longer have a life...Within every point of existence is the chance for truth and the chance for falsehood...Pledge service project, what pledge service project...It was there, you just missed it...Two weeks!...That was an evil grin, Sylvia...Graphics=no free time...Stuff due tomorrow=lots of work!...Exams, Aaaaahh!...What did you do with Sasha in the rain?...Dave, why did you tie Sasha to a chair?...Beat the rush, confess now. Report to Officer Schletzky for termination... Recycle! Recycle!!...Nice job pledges on that service project...Sorry again about your sleeve, Jen...You're forgiven Brian... Volleyball was great!...For a minute there I thought we were real brotherhood...Trainwreck!...Congratulations, Jenith, on being 2nd in UMOG...Congrats Pete Anamasi for being the Ugliest Man on Campus...A little rhyme: "I am sick of the New Voices clique"...I couldn't

have said it better myself...Are we really a brotherhood? ask yourself...Great spiritual publicity!...And if we are, are we an OPEN brotherhood?...It is stress time, hug someone...Great idea, I'm available...Peace and cherry pez...NRA- feel that stress leave.

AIChe

Well, I'm back again - sorry for the absence last week. I'd like to start off by congratulating a few chem eng's:

-Sue Moser: The 1992 Senior Excellence Award for extra-curricular activity.

-Robin Cnossen: The graduate student community service award in memory of Edwin B. Coghlin '23.

-Kevin Dahm: The 1992 WPI Salisbury Award

I'd also like to congratulate those who participated in the MQP presentation competition, especially the 1st place winners Sue Moser & Jen DeMarco and the 2nd place winners Melissa Paddock, Rachael Forgit, Rob Barilone, and Kevin Dahm.

I'd like to thank Sue for getting everything set for the Red Sox game. It was awesome! "What's a Green Monster?" (Ask Nancy) And I hope you all realize that the Red Sox uniforms are more "luminescent" than the White Sox's. (Thanks Mere) "When does this term end - oh really!"

The BBQ was also a great time! Thanks to

all those who helped out. Jen, are your cheeks a little red? ___ break! And no, I don't like to move a whole hell of a lot! Thanks to all of the professors who showed up - I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. So now Kim's not nervous anymore, Sue's going to Cornell, and Justin's got a bunny in his room. Good luck on finals, have a great summer, and see ya next year.

To all the senior chem eng's, good luck in whatever future you've chosen - grad school or jobs!

Lens and Lights

SUMMER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It has been a good year. We are almost out of debt and we are using the DISCO BALL and Quick Chace (tm) again. It is too bad that we were not able to have a spring picnic but we had more fun at Holy Cross. We are going to need all the help we can get over the summer in moving, repairing and cataloging equipment. Plus we have events... FUN events! Just think of it, working the Soundcraft in your graduation gown or being the first to put a giant scratch in the new Alden floor.

The good news for all you returning members is that next year, we will have a home and a cave. And even better, we will have a really cool class 3 event on the quad! Plus cool training events! And a spring picnic+2pi (1 term phase delay)! Party on Garf.

The last quotes of the year: "It was a Theasco.

Cyc!" (pronounced psych) -Dude "They practice safe jazz" -Kemble "Run him through the Dolby-D filter, it filters out the excess noise." -Dude "dooo-da to do dadada Bogen dododo and waaaa" -Kemble "Camlocks to Radio Shack" -Dude "We ran out of duct tape" -Dave "We're not amplifying them!!!" -Aaron "Are you going to have stacks at the wedding?" -Dude "We mic'd them while they were playing" -Kemble "It seems that Dude got all the quotes this week" -Dude "Aaron jumped back when the lights lit up!" -Dave

Top ten uses for Gaffers tape: 10) Holding up heavy lights. 9) Stage repair. 8) Gaffer balls! 7) Speaker cone repair. 6) Bread-boarding. 5) Gaffer funnies. 4) Keeping sheep under control. (See any former TD.) 3) Film splicing. 2) Silencing unwanted guests. 1) Gaffing.

Finally, on behalf of Lens and Lights, we wish that the members who are graduating have a enjoyable and prosperous life out in this brave new cool world.

SocComm

Thanks for a great year! SocComm really appreciates all the help it gets from it's members. We couldn't have done a single show without you.

Good luck to everyone on their finals and have a great summer. Get psyched for next years awesome SocComm events! Keep an eye open this summer for any acts you think SocComm should bring to WPI next year!

GREEK CORNER

ΑΓΔ

Hi everyone! It's the last week of the year (and my last column), so I hope everyone had a great year! Thanks to SAE for a great social last Friday. Thanks to everyone who participated in the car rally Saturday. We had a lot of fun helping out! Thanks also to ATO for a great time Saturday. Happy Birthday to Nickie and Jane. Hope they were a lot of fun.

I'd like to end this column by saying goodbye. For the seniors, congratulations! After four years of hard work, you're finally out of here! Everyone else, have a great and relaxing summer. Always remember the good times we had this year and look forward to the good times that lie ahead...

ΔΦΕ

I can not believe that another school year has already (finally) come to a close. Memories are running rampant through all of our minds. BGFH, finger painting, (i.e. body painting-thanks to FJJI), turpentine, and bleach (I'm surprised we still have faces Sharron), FFF, "Here's to pledge...., Spaghetti again!?! How many roses did you get Kim?, NANANANANANANANA Ching MANNA MANNA MANNA Ping, Purple hair, SINGING AND SIGNING. If you jump over the banister at Zete will you survive?-OH Yeah, Let's do the time warp again, Wanda who? a pinning, "I'm a D Phi E at heart! I shall never go out with anyone in a fraternity (Shannon), Major in pitch!?!?! Really???, "NOT!", 3-man, reshif, obobobobob, McDonald's-Climb the tree Amy and Lisa, 2 trips to the beach, Pizza, Fake??? What do you mean it's fake I left a party for this, I lost my shoe I can not do jumping jacks in the snow without my shoes, Giraffe, Nothing like a little bit o' Irish in ya, PERMAGRIN, sardines and baby food, TENNIS, Shoulder pad bra, Study hours, Snow, Zhenith, What up? I lost my keys and my jacket, Has anyone seen my DAKA card?, Pool balls, Julia-how about explaining Providence? Gotta love our "adventures", Val...I'm going to miss all of your abuse and help - Amy B.

And to all of our Seniors---Good luck in the "real" world, we love you....

JSL
CRD

ΣΑΕ

I would like to begin this week's article with a hearty congratulations to our intramural sports team. With a second placing in the track meet and a semi-final showing by our soccer team, D-term sports at SAE have been very successful. But how could I forget our first place showing in floor hockey? Maybe I just didn't have hope. After all, wasn't it Spinach Head who said, "Our B-team beat your A-team, our A-team is going to kill you." Nice call. Where was KJ Thursday night, benched or scared? Anyway, good job Blue, you all played well. Best wishes to our seniors in their endeavors after graduation. Grad school is starting to look like a pretty good choice, but I do hear OGCP has openings available at McDonald's, Domino's and B.K. To all those interested, get psyched for the Murph at Home this year. It will be a blast but it won't be the same. Room picks are done (Thank God) and we did get some interesting combinations. Room Obscure: Gibbs, Gooner and Froggy, Room Macho: Papp and Pete, Room Altitude: Chase and Wurm, and Room Super Macho: Al and Charlie. I also here that Pudge, Crowell and Frank will be sharing a room on the Hill. Sphincter got himself a new Ass as well as a new roommate this week. Youkstetter was the obvious pick for an Ass. Nice campaign, Dave. On a more serious note, even though we did not win best chapter on campus this year, it's good to know that SAE still continues its tradition of campus involvement and scholarship. This year alone we have had two brothers initiated into Skull, and we had two R.A.'s on campus, five members involved in ROTC, involvement in varsity soccer, basketball, baseball and wrestling, not to mention club sports like WPI LaX and Hockey. We have had nominees for outstanding Greeks and our past President, Rob Raftery, won outstanding Greek leader this year. As far as community service, we helped Fiji raise close to \$1500 for Doug Horvath and on our

own raised over \$2000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Sometimes it's not surprising to be one of the top five chapters of the biggest national fraternity in the world.

Five Apples
See Ya Next Year.

TKE

Yeah, boy the last column of the year! I'm happy to say that our B-team hockey was in the play offs, and that I scored the winning goal in a great game in which we cam from a deficit to a 5-5 tie. It's too bad we lost, and the goal I scored was for the other team. Well, I guess that's why I played B-team.

Soccer is a different story, we beat Fiji 6-0, but then suffered a close loss to Theta Chi, 2-1. Oh well, we'll get back next year. And in track, a couple of guys ran got us some points, but I'm not sure how many.

Since this is the last column, I'd like to take this time to say congratulations and good luck to all the seniors; Chris Bonvin, Jason Byrne, Oliver Claus, Bill Cramer, Chuck Collins, Peter David, Marc Davidson, Chris Haley, Jeff Hemstreet, Mark Sevier, Kevin Quine, Four of which are graduating in 3 1/2 years!

Also I feel it necessary to give out an end of the year award. Prior to this week, the race for D.O.Y. had been close, there was the phallic flag hanging, and anyone hitting on the bearded one. But in light of recent events, I think we all agree, D.O.Y. goes to....(drum roll).....Eeeeeephus!

Congratulations to Angelo and Bahlz who skipped a level and got a belt in Karate.

And what a way to finish up the year, a farewell concert by our very own Apothecary!!! You guys are great.

ΘΧ

Ahh, yeah...Lets move like we have a purpose. Here it is the end of the year and I still don't have enough credits to qualify as a freshman....Some of the more interesting quotes of the week:"So what if he's passed out in his seat, let him drink"... "I was jumped by four, no wait five guys, yeah thats the ticket"... "I've never thrown out a major sporting event before"... "Is anyone here man enough to admit they threw the rock, I didn't think so"... "I would never even try to fight the lead singer from Motorhead"... "Dream another dream, this dream is over"... "Why would we want to party with them anyway?"

Continuing with the local news: Daigle quits store 24, finds more challenging job as an entertainer who lights body parts on fire...Nicka given the golden pig award in the first house veto...Coyle tries more exciting places to do his thing and enlists Daigle's help for an "extra cool" effect...Sal's Mustang voted Epsilon Emergency Evacuation Extractor and will soon be equipped with a reindeer/pugilist detector...

This being the last article there are a few things that still need to be said. First congratulations to our two newest brothers: Dennis Cimbal and Anthony D'Anna. Second I'd like to impart a few words of wisdom to the seniors who will be leaving. After four years of hell you are now ready for the real world but before you leave take some time to have a last bit of fun. Don't leave with any regrets or remorse; Remember a very wise man once said "These are the good old days"...Have a good summer and until next time, goodnight teenagers. SMP

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Riley 4th, where the women are women and the men wear cups.

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Mama I'm coming hooooooooooooome!

"How I love those Alpha Gams!"

Scott, thanks for being my best friend.

Homework assignment???? What homework assignment?

Trish - This is not the end, this is not the beginning of the end, this is only the end of the beginning.

I still don't have a summer job yet! Augh!

Newspeak will run classifieds free for all WPI students, faculty, and staff. Free classifieds are limited to six (6) lines. Ads of a commercial nature and ads longer than six lines must be paid for at the off campus/commercial rate of \$5.00 for the first six lines and 50 cents per additional line.

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To all you Alpha Gams here over the summer, party on!

Found in Stratton Hall: Men's winter jacket, size M, UAI Sport, multicolored — black, white, blue, green. Has 3 pins on the front. Men's summer jacket: size L, Woolrich, purple with green and orange. Claim in Math Office (SH 108) between 8:00 and 5:00.

Nope, still don't have a summer job. Are they hiring on Highland Street?

Is the jury blind! Someone get them glasses.

Heidi, remember -- you always have a place to stay. And a friend. Thanks, and I'll miss you.

Stay tuned in over the summer: United States Federal Government vs. the L.A.R.D Lets hope the feds can finally get something right!

I got screwed in diff eq.

Clint Wise please call Denise Minerva..... She has been looking for you. -q

Ren, are you down with TKE? Yeah, you know me! I'm gonna miss you. Smile, it's gonna be 7 more weeks, love ya lots, Amanda.

Naked Riley 3rd is the BEST!

Scott, Polly, Schwinn, Pokey, Scott (B.S.) - I love you guys!

Road-trips (to my house this time!) free Chinese food-like-for REAL!

Sarah, thanks for being the best roommate. I love you, Me-and-her. (Hi, Chip.)

Well guys the year is over....I can't believe....Think of all those good times...(and bad!)....Keep up the good work Tony! Good luck out in the "real" world,

Dave! Greg...what more is there to say...and George change your name back!

To Dizzy, just think you actually survived one year as my roommate

Al, Bill, Jeff: roommates present. Tony, Paul, Greg: roommates past. Good luck guys. It wasn't always smooth but it was always interesting. I'm glad to call you all friends.

To Newcomb, been a nice year man, hope you eventually get back....

One year of Daniels 3rd was sufficient. What is D term's going to be.

Remember we all did not survive this year.

Congratulations Stacey on your b.s.

Big George... best luck...

Acapulco 3rd left forever!

Hey Carol...remember to call ME this summer....If you're not to BUSY! :)

Mystery Science Theater 3000 repeats end in June! This good news brought to you by the TOM SEVO FAN CLUB!

We want you! To audition for The Recruiting Officer, M.W. Rep's A term show. Tonight from 5-8 in the Green Room.

Kristin- Sorry about your underwear, please forgive me.

Hey Fozzy- don't worry about it.

Daniels 4th rules forever!

Shelly, have a great summer. I'll miss you. You were the best little brother- Pina Coladas and "Girl's Nights Out."-Jen

Happy Birthday Eric (you're not 21 yet!)

It's been a year, not a good year, not a bad year, but a year nevertheless.

Well, Sue, it's been interesting. I hope I'll see you next year. _Eric

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POLICE NEWS

April 23, at 1528 hrs., a fire alarm was received at Police Headquarters signaling a fire in Fuller Laboratories. Responding Officers discovered someone had tampered with a sprinkler valve, activating the alarm. (Worcester Fire Department was summoned to the scene.) Officers were able to shut down the system, preventing major water damage. There was a small amount of flooding, but no fire. The investigation into the valve tampering is continuing with the Worcester Fire Department.

April 24, at 2230 hrs., WPI Police received a complaint concerning someone smoking marijuana in a dormitory room. Investigating Officers queried the persons allegedly involved, and a small amount of marijuana (roach) was confiscated.

April 26, at 2125 hrs., a call was received at headquarters reporting 3 teenage black, or hispanic males cutting the lock off a 10-speed bike parked in front of Gordon Library. Responding Officers discovered the broken lock and recovered the bike, but did not apprehend the suspects, who allegedly fled through the Library. Calls were made to contact the owner.

April 27, at 1103 hrs., Officers responded to a small fire in a laboratory in Salisbury Labs. The fire was extinguished by a laboratory technician. There were no injuries and no damage to property.

April 27, at 2250 hrs., WPI Officers and EMS personnel responded to a call involving an intoxicated student causing a disturbance at a fraternity. WPI Police and Worcester Police Officers placed the subject in protective custody and transported to WPD.

NEWS

GAP survey results

by George Regnery and Brant Smith
Newspeak Staff

From April 22 through April 24, the Global Affairs Party ran a survey by the Daniels mailboxes and in the Wedge. A total of 328 people completed the survey. The purpose was to determine how the WPI community felt concerning major issues of the day. The survey was divided into four categories: The environment, the Economy, U.S. politics, and World Politics.

The first portion of the survey focused upon the environment, which is becoming an increasing important issue in the world. The first question asked how much taxes should be raised, if at all, to clean up the environment. Ninety-one of the respondents, or 28%, said that they felt taxes should be raised by 3% or more while 19%, 61 people, didn't want to see taxes raised. The second question showed that the majority (55%) of students at WPI feel that companies should pay for their own cleanup. The third question asked who was responsible for the current environmental problems. Most people (57%) felt that private individuals were only "a little" responsible for existing environmental pollution. People at WPI seem to feel that it is the government and companies that are more responsible for pollution with companies declared significantly responsible in 81% and government 65%, of the survey's. The environmental part of the Global Affairs Party survey showed that 37% of the WPI community had refused to buy something because it wasn't recyclable.

The second part of the survey asked a few questions about the economy. According to the respondents, the government debt and overspending are the biggest problem for the United States economy. A surprising 42% of the respondents stated that as the largest source of difficulty for the U.S. economy followed by problems with our education system (20%), and lack of competitiveness (14%). Respondents said that both the U.S. lack of

competitiveness (68%) and unfair Japanese trade practices (65%) were to blame for the large trade deficit of the United States. There was a slim margin (41%-33%) in favor of future implementation of tariffs and other actions if the U.S. trade deficit continues. When asked about the economic differences between industrialized nations and the Lesser Developed Nations more people thought that the gap was widening. Few people (20%) thought that they would have to work abroad sometime in their future but 77% welcomed the idea.

Of the candidates running the U.S. politics section of the survey respondents declared George Bush the WPI Presidential winner getting a meager 23% of the vote. The choice garnering the most support in our presidential race was "None of the above" with 32% of the vote. Over 41% of the respondents were pro-choice. Only 8% said it should never be legal while 48% said it should be legal under certain circumstances -- 28% if the people involved (e.g. both parents) agree, and 20% thought it should be legal only under certain legal circumstances such as rape. Most people at WPI are either not registered or registered as independents. Only 15% of the respondents stated they were registered Republicans, 13% Democrats. Finally, 74% of the WPI community favored some kind of term limits on our Federal Congressmen.

In world politics the WPI community feels that the United States should either be giving less aid to the former Soviet Union (38%) or nothing at all (25%). Only 29% of the respondents favored the \$24 billion, or more, over 5 years in aid the President Bush has proposed. And for the last question of the survey 47% of those responding to the survey feel Japan should be encouraged to rebuild its military, while 31% disagree.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a copy of the datafile containing the entered results please contact Brant Smith (box 2945, email brant) or Ajay Khanna (email wizard).

Competition for Fulbright Grants opens

The United States Information Agency (USIA), the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (BFS) and the Institute of the International Education (IIE) announce the official opening of the 1993-94 competition for Fulbright Grants and other grants for graduate study abroad in academic fields and for professional training in the creative or performing arts.

The purpose of these grants is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. Fulbright Grants are funded under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 through an annual appropriation made by Congress to USIA and by foreign governments, universities, corporations and private donors. Fulbright Grants are available for study or research. Travel grants are available to selected countries to supplement maintenance awards from other sources that do not provide funds for international travel or to supplement the applicant's personal funds. The BFS, composed of 12 educational and public leaders appointed by the President of the United States, establishes criteria for the selection of candidates and has final authority for the awarding of grants.

For all grants, applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a

bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant. Creative and performing artists are not required to have a bachelor's degree, but they must have four years relevant training or study. Candidates in medicine must have an M.D. or equivalent (e.g., D.D.S., O.D., etc.) at the time of application.

All applicants are required to have sufficient proficiency in the language of the host country to carry out their proposed study or research.

Full grants provide round-trip international travel, maintenance for the tenure of the award and tuition waiver, if applicable. Travel grants provide round-trip international travel to the country where the student will pursue study or research. All grants include health and accident insurance.

Complete program and application information is contained in the brochure, "Fulbright and other grants for graduate study abroad, 1993-94."

Interested students should contact Prof. Hossein Hakim, the Fulbright Program Adviser on campus, located in Project Center for brochures, application forms and further information. Applications will be reviewed on campus prior to being forwarded to IIE for the October 31, 1992.

What's Happening

Have a great summer!



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We're outta here!!

A poetry(?) reading: Of 'Nam and Nurses

by Adam Egdall
Class of '95

On April 29th at 7:30PM, I, along with two WPI colleagues and one from Holy Cross, attended a poetry reading by Terry Farish at the Shrewsbury Public Library. The reading was advertised as Terry reading her own works. Upon arrival, I was very amused, as were my companions, with the absence of an audience aside from three Shrewsbury Library poetry groups and ourselves, who attended to fulfill a requirement of our class, EN 2233. Hoping this reading would be somewhat intriguing I was very happy when Terry started her speaking with a suggestion that we, the audience, should feel free to interact and talk about everything after each section was read. This seemed very open and warm but also altered the effect of the talk.

At almost 7:40, Terry was introduced by a fan of hers, one of Shrewsbury Library's very own poetry club members. After a brief introduction, Terry, approximately 5'6" and a mere 100 pounds, took her place behind a podium which hid her entire body and part of her face. Standing on tippy toes she started her explanation of why she writes and what she was about to read. This is when the fun began.

As she went on about her schooling and past, all that rang through my head was, "What am I going to write about for class? I'm attending a poetry reading and the poet just told me that she doesn't write poetry, never has, and therefore won't be reading it." The assignment, which by the way you are reading, was originally to write a review on what we saw but I was perplexed. Would I be graded poorly for writing about a novelist when I supposedly listened to a poet? I decided not to worry and enjoy this reading, it being my first.

Ms. Farish was born in America and went to school in Texas and England. When attending college in Texas she enlisted herself as a Red Cross "Nurse" and traveled to Vietnam in 1969. Her writings and readings are based on her experiences in Vietnam and later on in life as she went to Cambodia. Her background seemed interesting enough at the time but later in her reading when the "audience" began a discussion that led into a history lesson it became less and less attractive.

Her first reading was a short paragraph story concerning a librarian, which Ms. Farish has been for over fifteen years. This librarian, in a matter of one and one-half hours, manages to meet a man, travel to his apartment, eat some oatmeal cookies he prepares for her, kiss him at least twelve times and then steal some cookies to return to work with. Her writing style was very different and interesting but the sexual innuendos were comparable to that of Penthouse Forum and seemed very out of place at the time. She proved in later reading that this was just the beginning.

Her first book, *Flower Shadows*, was the focus of her readings. This book is based in Vietnam in 1969 and is about four women who enlisted as Red Cross "Nurses" and were sent to bases around the country to entertain the men. Their only purpose was to provide the troops with recreational activities as the government felt this would raise morale. I am still contemplating what Ms. Farish considered recreational activities but that I will leave up to the reader.

Her reading of parts of this novel were shaky, choppy, and very unsteady as it was apparent she skipped parts either less important or too explicit to read. (I tend to think the latter of the two was the case 90% of the time) Her first anecdote from the novel concerned all four of the women as they dressed in Santa outfits, wearing nothing underneath mind you, as it was too hot. In this apparel the women served Christmas rations to the men until one of the women fainted and that was the complete story. It seemed empty and lacking of a point. Ms. Farish was not very talkative about why she read this but only went into a lecture on the beliefs and interests of all governments involved in the war. As this article may sound confusing, so was she in the same manner.

The second and last part of this novel read was more interesting. Two of the "Nurses" (quoted as I question their means of "healing" the men after hearing

what their jobs were) were taken on a helicopter ride around Nam by a pilot as a Christmas present. During flight, the helicopter hit a string set up by Charley, causing it to crash. The main points brought out during this crash were the fact that the pilot's head was spun about like an owl looking behind himself, and his eyes remained open even after his death. This was a scenario that one of the nurse passengers felt worthy of a picture so she snapped one. All in all I found this section both grotesque and weird.

I have read many books depicting life in Vietnam during the war and have also read quite a number of poets works, many thanks to EN 2233, and Terry Farish was definitely not what I was used to. Aside from the facts that this "Poetry reading" consisted of sexually explicit chronicles of a librarian, Vietnam war stories, and History and Geography lessons I would say that it was an enlightening experience.

I recommend any of Terry's works to those interested in Vietnam or who enjoy very descriptive sex stories. I would also suggest going to one of her readings if you have trouble speaking in front of people as she would make you feel much better about your abilities, or lack thereof, as hers were horrendous. Overall, as you can plainly see, I did not have a good time Wednesday night but would like to say that Terry Farish is one of the most intriguing characters I have ever had the opportunity to meet.

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