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The successful path through loss involves recognizing and experiencing our reactions and working at coping with them. "Time does heal all wounds, but only when we tend to those wounds do they heal properly."
College graduates will see hiring expansions this year, study says

by Dee-An Darbin
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — College graduates will see hiring expansions this year, study says because of the high levels of complex, critical thinking skills, Gardner said.

"Employers are looking for students who have higher levels of complex, critical thinking skills," Gardner said.

Graduates who understand Internet commerce and know computer graphics programs or programming languages such as JAVA remain in high demand. But hiring of computer science majors will not be as intense as in the past two years, Gardner predicted.

"Not only is the labor market poised to expand, but all academic majors will benefit from the increase in hiring levels," said Phil Gardner, the study's author.

"This is very good news for college graduates. If they are qualified, they should find a job," Gardner said.

Gardner surveyed 320 employers nationwide, focusing on manufacturing, finance and professional services. In every region of the country, more than half reported that labor markets were "excellent" or "very good."

As in the past, employers said they are seeking solid communication abilities, computer aptitude and leadership and teamwork skills. This year, employers also put more emphasis on public speaking and presentation ability.

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"I do not find much of Poe's life interesting, though his works are certainly. But this was a definitive history of opinions of Poe's death. It went into great detail about what could have happened to the great Edgar Allen Poe. This book was marvelously put together by the author, John Evangelist Walsh. A great deal of effort was indeed put into the writing, but a claim in the introduction of having the answer to the mystery of Poe's death left much too be desired in the pages."

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"The measure started in the Senate, where it was passed as part of the budget package. When House and Senate leaders meet to reconcile their separate budgets, the interest deduction plan was worked into the final legislation without any change."

"The state estimates that the tax deduction will cost the Massachusetts government about $6 million per year."

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A Christmas Carol brought to life by local theatre company

By Lisa Lebeda
Director of Writing Workshop

It's not the wheel, but it has been reinvented just as often. Nevertheless, Charles Dickens' 1843 masterpiece A Christmas Carol, produced globally and in every medium from cartoon to hypertext, emerges light but fresh in Trinity Repertory's 23rd annual performance of the Adrian Hall and Richard Gunning interpretation.

Performed by two adult casts (designated "Ivy" and "Holly") and four casts of children, A Carol Is Trinity's most popular offering, with 53,000 tickets expected to be sold this year.

Tom Buckland's Victorian prosenium theater heroically transforms a 20-foot deep, 50-foot wide stage into a seemingly traditional setting through which director Mark Lerman, Perishable Theater's Artistic Director, presents a postmodern Carol—a moment that is distant enough to laugh at, but close enough to be fully recognizable.

In this "Ivy" version, Scrooge, played by a mischievous Fred Sullivan, Jr. can barely contain his joy—whether he is preparing to scoop up a deathbed coin or chasing beggar children from his door. The production's lightning pace suits his good-natured rush to glee, making his redemption more of an unveiling than a transformation. This Scrooge wants to party.

As Marley, Peter Husovsky delivers the play's strongest rendering of tormenting regret and serves as the perfect foil to Scrooge and both Christmas Ghosts. (There is no Ghost of Christmas Future.) While the Ghosts of Christmas Past (Mauro Hartman) and Christmas Present (Stephen Berenson) are more entertaining and entertained than frightful, they nevertheless invoke spiritual estrangement.

A toe to tophat white Hanntan takes Scrooge on a bicycle ride through his past, where an artful use of cloth magically invokes the bustle of a textile mill. But the snow that falls on the past is beyond Scrooge's grasp.

The fur-collared Present presides over a dance scene that is a cross between the Los Angeles Olympics and mall holiday displays. Populated with grinning, gyrating Christmas ornaments, this garish Christmas Present frightens the visitor with a giddy wave of anticipation: finally Sullivan can laugh at loud, secure in the self that has been released.

And we can laugh with him. A Christmas Carol at the Trinity Repertory Company, Providence, through December 26. There will be a completely different cast at some performances. Tickets $27-$42. Phone (401) 456-0000 or visit http://www.trinityrep.com/About/index.html.

The Sounds of Science—an eclectic mix celebrating Beastie Boys' ambition

By Jon Fassnacht
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—It's hard to believe the Beastie Boys have been together for almost 20 years.

This fact is celebrated in the boys' new 42-track anthology The Sounds of Science, spanning the group's career from its 1981 debut as a New York hardcore punk band into its present incarnation.

No one in the business can claim to be more ambitious and eclectic than the Beastie Boys. Proof positive was the back-end ambition and eclecticism of the band's CDs, including three newly recorded songs for the collection.

If anything, the unreleased songs are even more far-reaching in their influences. "Country Mike's Theme" and "Railroad Blues" are quasi-country songs. "Twenty Questions" is a bossa nova and "Netty's Sic" featuring the one and only Biz Markie is a cross between the Los Angeles Olympics and mall holiday displays.

The celebration of Scrooge's redemption arrives on a giddy wave of anticipation: finally Sullivan can laugh at loud, secure in the self that has been released.

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"Bodhisattva Vow" and the disrespect of the band. The essays help the listener better understand the music by offering insights on how and why the songs were recorded, along with humorous stories.

They also show just how much the Beastie Boys have matured from the snotty, beer-guzzling brats of "Fight For Your Right" fame into the mature brats of today, right into the group and b-boy completists.

Still one of its fortes, though. The line "goatee metal rap please say goodnight" in "Alive" proves this.

Due to the extreme range of material on The Sounds of Science, every song won't appeal to every listener, but the combination of hits and rarities makes the collection a worthy purchase for listeners just looking into the group and b-boy completists.

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They killed everything: GWAR plays the Palladium

debbie Shea
Newspack Staff

The tension of anticipation in the Palladium on November 5th was palpable. The audience, eager to see the band they had heard about, was waiting with bated breath. The opening act, a local band that had just released an album, played for about an hour, building the excitement. At last, it was time for GWAR. The band members, dressed in their usual eclectic and exaggerated costumes, entered the stage to the sound of their signature song, "Blood of the Nations." The crowd erupted into cheering, and the energy was electric.

GWAR was led by singer MikeYoshida, whose gravelly voice and charismatic stage presence captivated the audience. The lead guitar, Stevie Grim, threw a memorable solo that had the crowd on its feet. The rhythm section, including Chuck Dukowski on bass and Bobafett on drums, provided a solid foundation for the group's sound. The band's keyboardist, Lizzy Borden, added a unique element to the music with her keyboards.

GWAR's songs were a mix of heavy metal and punk rock, with a surprising amount of melody and variation. The band's setlist included hits from their latest album, "Ambition," as well as some older tracks that were equally beloved by the fans. The crowd sang along, moving to the complex rhythms and powerful choruses.

GWAR's performance was not just about the music. The band's costumes and stage presence were designed to be as entertaining as the music itself. The band members interacted with the audience, inviting them to participate in their performance. The lead singer, MikeYoshida, invited the audience to sing along to "Blood of the Nations," and the crowd responded with a powerful chorus.

The show ended with the band's signature song, "We Hate You," and the audience left the Palladium with a sense of awe and excitement. GWAR's performance was a testament to the power of music and the bond it can create between artists and fans.

Ani Difranco: To The Teeth

catherine raposa
Newspack Staff

Ani Difranco is a unique artist who has been making music for over two decades. Her music is a blend of folk, rock, and punk, and she is known for her powerful vocals and raw emotion. Her latest album, "Little Magic," was released in 2019 and has been well-received by fans and critics alike.

The album features 12 songs, each with its own unique sound and message. The lead single, "Little Magic," is a highlight of the album, with its catchy melody and upbeat rhythm. The album's other songs explore a range of themes, from personal struggles to political issues.

Ani Difranco has always been known for her strong stage presence and her ability to connect with her audience. Her live performances are often intimate and personal, with Ani engaging directly with the audience. Her music has been a source of inspiration for many fans, who have found solace and comfort through her songs.

Ani Difranco's music is a testament to the power of music to bring people together and to inspire change. Her commitment to her craft and her dedication to her fans is evident in every song she writes and every performance she gives. Ani Difranco is a true music icon, and her latest album, "Little Magic," is a fantastic addition to her already impressive discography.
Swinging to the music: The Big Bad Voodoo Daddy at Avalon Ballroom

by Natalie Chin

Business Manager

The night ended with me being in absolute euphoria. That is the only word that pops into my mind when trying to explain the amount of fun that I had being at this concert. First and foremost, if you don't know the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, here's some background you might like to know.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy is a "neo-swing" big band that plays "forties music with a nineties twist." Scotty Morris, lead vocals & guitarist, formed the group in 1990 including Kurt Sodergren, percussion, Dirk Shumaker, string bass, and Andy Rowley, saxophone. In 1992, Morris was inspired by an autograph from Albert Collins to name the band "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy." By 1995, Glen "The Kid" Marhevka, trumpet, was picked up along with Jeff Harris, trombone, Karl Hunter, saxophone & clarinet, and Josh Levy, piano.

In that same year they were offered a part in an independent film named "Swingers," where they performed several of their hit songs that captured the audience's attention. Quickly after the release of that movie, the band's popularity rose and they released their self-titled first album in one of WFNX's free concerts at the hatch shell (a.k.a. the Esplanade or the dome thing by the Charles River). I was home for the summer and they were promoting their self-titled CD during Thanksgiving break. People of all ages showed up, some were dressed in Forties clothing and swinging away to the music. After that outdoor performance I became hooked to their music. I started to appreciate the revival of swing music with a little kick to it.

My latest encounter with Big Bad Voodoo Daddy topped all other previous encounters, for I was able to go backstage and meet the band. Truthfully I was scared out of my pants, I had absolute no idea that I was going to get backstage passes. The only information I received was that I got two passes to the concert with a chance to take photos—that's it! It was held at the Avalon Ballroom on Lansdowne Street, Boston during Thanksgiving break.

The show got underway with The Princes of Babylon opening the event. Their style of music didn't quite fit the whole atmosphere, but it did give the audience a little spunk in the toe-tapping department. When Big Bad Voodoo Daddy started to play, the whole joint was up and swinging. Like before, people of all ages showed up. Most came to the concert decked out in forties outfits, from the top of their fedora hats, down to the spectator shoes. The floor was covered from front to back and on both sides with couples dancing to the music. With the kind of music that Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was playing, there was not a soul in the club that wasn't moving in some form or fashion to the music. The sound was that powerful, it just lifts up your spirits, make you smile and chuckle and just carries your body to the beat of the drums and the rhythm of the horns.

Once the show was complete, I was about to leave when there was an announcement that the passes in my possession would allow me to meet the band. I followed the line that went upstairs to their personal back-stage lounge area and was overwhelmed at the fact that the band members were standing around mingling with the lucky few who got to see them in person. I hesitated for about 5 min. until I got the courage to ask Kurt, the drummer and autograph photo with him. It was so much fun, once I got into the motion, I just started going around and asking for signatures and pictures of whoever was available. However the greatest honor that was imposed on me that night was the fact that one of the band members was gracious enough to offer an interview.

At first when I approached Dirk for an autograph and picture, I thought I was going to say hi, get the signature and picture with him and leave him alone, but he was very kind in talking to me for a longer period of time. When I told him that I received the pass through WPI he immediately asked if I would like an interview with Scotty Morris, but I was totally content talking with him, and quite frankly felt more comfortable. Unfortunately I didn’t have a tape recorder with me and couldn’t record the conversation and felt stupid taking notes in the middle of talking with him, so all I can say from the informal interview that I had with Dirk Shumaker is that ... they are great!
**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**

**Indonesia's New Leader: Presidential election a special moment in history**

by Kreinna Dewantara Gezali

Class of '02

More than a month ago the 20th of October 1999, the people of Indonesia were all set to witness a democratic election. This time we were to witness a special moment in history. The elections was the new president of Indonesia was being chosen and the country was to witness democratic election.

There were three candidates at the beginning of the campaign for the presidency. They were Megawati Soekarnoputri, who is the daughter of Indonesia's first president, Sukarno; then B.J. Habibie, the then president of Indonesia at that time, and finally Abdurrahman Wahid, who recently was being broadcast live from Jakarta, the capital.

Habibie had won, the consequences could have been explosive. Habibie, who took over Indonesia’s leadership in Soeharto stepped down in May 1998, is opposed by thousands of pro-democracy students on campuses around Jakarta. Thus, this makes Megawati the favorite because the people of Indonesia are all set to witness a democratic election.

Due to this reason, the blind man Cleric, Abdurrahman Wahid, or better known as Gus Dur, who is on Megawati side, has decided to be a candidate himself in the election in order to help Megawati. By doing this, Gus Dur was hoping to take on some of the voices that were on Habibie side so that they would be divided, thus this making Megawati the favorite.

However, one day before the election day, Habibie resigned himself from the presidential race. This was due to the fact that his justification about the banking scandal (Balli Bank Scandal) and the disaster in East Timor was being rejected by the People's Consultative Assembly.

Hence, this left Megawati Soekarnoputri and Gus Dur as the only candidates for the presidency. Once again, the highest percentage of the popular vote in Indonesia, Gus Dur health conditions were not very promising.

Yet, surprisingly, Gus Dur won the election for the president. With 373 voices on his side, Gus Dur beat Megawati, who only got 313 voices. Thus, this makes Gus Dur the fourteenth president of Indonesia. Many of us believe that the reason for Megawati’s defeat is because of her lukewarm personality. She and her Democratic Indonesia Party were too arrogant, they were too convinced that their party would become the winner as they had already won the highest percentage of the popular vote in the June elections out of the 25 parties in Indonesia.

Fortunately, after the Democratic Indonesia Party won the election, the People’s Consultative Assembly, the People’s Consultative Assembly, and the president are sworn in on the same day. As he was being sworn in, Gus Dur was expected to be the vice president of Indonesia after beating her only rival, Hamzah Haz, who comes from the Islamic Party.

To date, both Gus Dur and Megawati Soekarnoputri have done a very good job in bringing unity to Indonesia. Despite the economic and political crisis that Indonesia has had for the past 3 years, and let’s just hope that they will also bring unity and prosperity for the people of Indonesia.

**Feast for the body and mind: International Dinner 1999**

by Hajira Begum

Class of '02

What could be better than to spend an evening with friends, engaging in an insightful and meaningful conversation about the world, culture and art? And what could be a more unique experience than the International Dinner in a unique and delightful multi-cuisine dinner? That's what the International Dinner is all about. Every year, the International Dinner presents a small raffle to benefit the People’s Consultative Assembly.

The International Dinner has grown the work of the Young Women’s International House, 28 Trowbridge Road and Founder’s Hall, where it was first held, and has been shifted to the more accommodating Founder’s Hall.

The International Dinner also has a Food Drive associated with it. This year the ISC is contributing to the Henry Lee Willis Neighborhood Center, a refuge for anybody needing food and temporary shelter. The donation of one non-perishable food item at the door will automatically permit entry into the ISC raffle.

Topics for this year include: a sumptuous multi-cuisine dinner with food from China, Iran, Korea, Japan, India, Germany, Vietnam, Turkey, Egypt and the US performances portraying the intricacies of different cultures: some selected elements from the Columbia, Lebanon, Israel, Canada, and Turkey and so on. Together for an intriguing, entertainment-filled evening. Tickets are available for $6 for ISC members and $9 for non-members at the International House, 28 Trowbridge Road or call at X6030 for more information.

**OPINION**

**WPI should be on leading edge of solar powered cars design again**

by Eric Kenney, Nathan Starbuck, and Steph Castellani

International House Members

When you think of a car, an image can appear of a metal shell with doors and windows, that allows one to travel from place to place easily. But what about the car of tomorrow? What do you think the car of the future looks like? Is it a car covered by solar cells, and one which never requires gasoline? Now, the time is the time to investigate the new advances in solar powered cars.

WPI was one of the nation’s top schools in science and technology, but for the most part it neglects one of the most promising fields of the future: solar power. However, this was not always so. WPI once embraced this rapidly advancing field. In fact, in 1990, several WPI students chose to do their MOP on this topic. They did not simply do research in this field, but instead chose to build a racecar fueled entirely by the sun. This car was entered in that year’s Sunrayce, a competition open to the nation’s top technical colleges and universities to see who could master this new technology. Competitions such as MIT, RIT, and the University of Michigan, WPI’s car, the Starduster, placed a respectable 14th out of 32. This journey took the Starduster from Orlando, Florida to Detroit, Michigan and took over 106 hours to complete. During this trip the car managed to attain 36 mph solely under the sun’s direct rays and energy stored in batteries, refreshed by unused sunlight.

Solar powered cars have many unique features that allow them to function as efficiently as possible. The bodies are made from a fiberglass composite in which the absence of the heavier metals found in conventional cars allows for a lighter and more efficient car. Due to the extremely lightweight construction of these cars, they are more than compatible to the drafts caused by larger vehicles and are often pushed around. To combat this, cars use a series of fins to keep them in the air. The most efficient way to combat this is to have wind tunnels before being allowed on the racecourse. Solar powered cars are basically driven using the solar energy they gain from photovoltaic cells, cells that convert the energy into electricity which is stored in the battery. But only effective when the sun is shining so the car must also have another source of energy. Wind energy. With the help of the impurities by the solar cells, the cars are able to function during the night. These batteries are some of the heaviest parts of the car, with the possible exception of the driver. The solar cells, the most important part of the Solar Power car, continued to powered...
Greek image tainted by irresponsible chapters

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to the article last week concerning the problem with the MIT chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We would like to assure the WPI community that MIT and LSU behave irresponsibly.

Through the media, these chapters are instantly linked to every fraternity and sorority. It is our hope that people understand these accidents are isolated events, and that there are Greeks on college campuses doing good things for the college and its surrounding community. It is unfortunate that the media focuses on the bad news rather than the good services that Greek organizations provide. As the WPI community knows, Greek life on this campus is an important part of the Worcester community. Greeks sponsor events for the children of Worcester, raise money for various charities, and help the Worcester community in several other ways. WPI’s Greek life is working toward changing stereotypes.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Home, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Announcing the 2000 Editorial Board

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SOLAR POWER

the design, are arranged in any number of ways. Some of the cars coat the entire surface with cells, while others incorporate a series of fins to maximize the exposure to the solar rays. Since even the newest solar cells are capable of only about 20% efficiency, a larger surface area of solar cells is required. This increases the energy intake and allows the car to not only move faster, but also run longer.

When considering the possibility of solar power cars, the impact on the environment must also be investigated. Because these cars run solely off the sun’s rays and the energy converted from them, there are very few environmental hazards. In fact, the only toxins that are produced come during the manufacturing of the solar cells, but these small amounts of chemicals are rather insignificant in relation to the poisons released by conventional vehicles. The solar cells allow for a virtually limitless source of clean, non-toxic energy.

So next time someone asks you what kind of car you would like own, do not just simply think of the one car you always dreamed of riding in, but think of the possibilities that solar powered cars can have. Not only are they the newest form of transportation and a jump for technology, but they have so many advantages over the cars of the present. Perhaps WPI could even revive its solar powered racetrack team, and once again compete in these futuristic races.

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Legal and Social Issues Group
On Tuesday Nov. 30, Det. Richard Lauria from the Massachusetts Police Dept. spoke on his 18 year experience with crime scenes, especially his expertise in forensics. The group was taught basic investigation techniques like fingerprinting, blood spatter, footwear identification, and tool mark cases. He also spoke on the latest technology in identification and responsive attitudes in officers. It was a great discussion for those of you who caught it. Our next meeting is December 7th. Be there

Christian Bible Fellowship
This week we will be holding Tuesday Night Prayer in Founders Hall at 9:30, and we will also be holding Friday Night Fellowship in the lower wedge at 7:00. If you are interested in either of these activities, or have any questions about Christian Bible Fellowship, please feel free to e-mail cbf@wpi.edu for more information. We would love to see you there. "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise." Proverbs 10:19 (NIV) When you are not careful of what you are saying, you begin saying things that you do not mean to say. If you allow your tongue to run wild, it will manifest your every thought into words. We all struggle with sinful thoughts, but we do have the power to contain those thoughts and keep them from harming others, just consider every word that comes out of your mouth, and if it will help or harm others.

Newman Club
You can tell the season is here by the amount of activities we have going on! Hungry? Pasta and Video night will be this Friday at 5:30 pm. Suggestions for a movie can be mailed to newman@. Caroling at St. Francis will be December 14; meet in the wedge at 6:00 pm. The gifts for Christmas giving tree are due either Friday the 16th at the religious center between 4:00 and 6:30 pm or at Christmas Mass. Christmas mass will be on Sunday 12th at 9:00 pm with caroling at 8:30 pm. All are invited to Christmas mass. Continue to pray for Father Scanlon, Father Roberge and all that are in need of prayers.

NT Users
The NT Users group met this past Thursday. Among the topics discussed were more formalized plans for upcoming events and information on the status of various organization projects. The upcoming events that were discussed included a Windows CE presentation during C term and the possibility of holding Visual Studio tutorial. The various club projects that were discussed included the upcoming arrival of the new lab machines, and the arrival of all of the books for the lab’s library.

All members are reminded to pay their dues and to feel free to present any ideas pertaining to the lab, development projects, or events to the officers or bring them up at the next meeting. Also anyone interested in membership or who has any questions can direct them to: ntofficers@wpi.edu. Also keep an eye out for the NT users group web page at www.wpi.edu/NT.

SGA
SGA has been working hard lately in closing up this year and preparing for the next. Two special funding requests were approved at the last meeting, and preparations for the Holiday Extravaganza were dealt with as well. Planning for the new Senate session has begun. There is a new SGA web page, which everyone is encouraged to check out: http://www.wpi.edu/~sga. Remember that the SGA Suggestion Box in the SGA office is available for anyone that has suggestions for how the school can be made a better place. If you are interested in becoming involved with SGA, come to our next meeting: Tuesday night, December 7th. Good luck with finals, and SGA wishes everyone a good holiday season.

GREEK CORNER
Phi Sigma Sigma
Lately, Phi Sigma Sigma has been very busy with their new members. We’re very proud of our girls and all of the dedication they’ve shown to our chapter. Keep it up! On another note, we sold licenses in the mailbox last week as a fundraising event. So, to all of you out there that purchased them, thanks for the support! We also had our formal on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Thanks to Melissa Morgan and all others that helped to make it a success! This week, we will be wedge sitting to collect money for a charity event on Saturday, Dec. 11th. The event is a Christmas party for the underprivileged children of the Friendly House, co-sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE). Please come by and donate. Phi Sig and SAE will also be sponsoring Tommy Boy in Perreault Hall at 8:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 10, with help from SocComm films. Tickets are $1 and proceeds go to the Friendly House.

Alpha Gamma Delta
Welcome to the Alpha Gamma Delta New Member Class of 99-00! Rachel Ryzał, Rachel Coates, Katie Lambert, Katie Gardner, Kate Mirtle, Caitlin Harvey, Jill Duffy, Jillian O’Toole, Maia Auff, Natalie Woodward, Samantha Isaacs, Julia Jones, Emily Gilbert, Lauren Wojtkun, Jami Ricard, Sara Swiatlowski, Jessica Fayard, Laura Paul, Mary-Helena Mclnemey, Amanda Maltese, Jen Persico, Christina Hancock, Kristen Lafond, Elizabeth Archambault, Celine McGee, and Alyson Ivester.

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Leadership conference committee

WPI's SGA formed a new adhoc committee this year. The committee's focus is starting a leadership conference for the Worcester Consortium. We have been hard at work since the beginning of the year getting everything organized. The conference date is Feb 5th, 2000. It will run from approximately 9AM-11PM. It will be geared towards all different types of student leaders with 2 keynote speakers, a hypnotist and several workshops ranging in topics. A few weeks ago, we added to our committee by inviting other schools to join us. There are now several schools in the Consortium involved. We would also like to welcome all student leaders at WPI to help us make this a successful event. Please contact Rachel Bowers (ara@wpi.edu) or Ernie Dimicco (sparhawk@wpi.edu) if you are interested. Our next meeting is Jan 25 @ 6PM. We will be meeting in the wedge. Come check it out and be a part of the 1st Consortium Leadership Conference of the Century!

Sincerely,
Sean Donahue, Sean Kowalk, Marybeth Frantz; Quadfair 8 Co-chairs

Library Reference Department Phone

The Gordon Library's Reference Department now has its own phone number! We now have a new phone number that will be considered the Reference Department number and will only ring in the Reference area. It is 831-6700. If there is no one in Reference at the time a call comes through, a voicemail message will kick in. In addition each Reference staff member has a unique 4 digit phone number now. Joanne Beller - 6162, Chris Cox - 6163, Don Richardson - 6161, Carmen Brown - 6159.

The holy month of Ramadan

Starting December 9th of this month, over one billion Muslims throughout the world will be fasting the month of Ramadan, a special month of the year for Muslims throughout the world. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, which is a lunar calendar. Ramadan is a time for inner reflection, devotion to God, and self-control. Muslims think of it as a kind of tune-up for their spiritual lives. There are as many meanings of Ramadan as there are Muslims. The third "pillar" or religious obligation of Islam, fasting has many special benefits. Among these, the most important is that it is a means of learning self-control. Due to the lack of preoccupation with the satisfaction of bodily appetites during the daylight hours of fasting, a measure of ascendancy is given to one's spiritual nature, which becomes a means of pleasing God. Ramadan is also a time of intensive worship, reading of the Qur'an (the holy scripture of Muslims), giving charity, purifying one's behavior, and doing good deeds. As a secondary goal, fasting is a way of experiencing hunger and developing sympathy for the less fortunate, and learning to be thankful and appreciative of God's bounties. Fasting is also beneficial to the health and provides a break in the cycle of rigid habits or overindulgence. Fasting in Ramadan is obligatory on those who can do it. Sick people and some travelers in certain conditions are exempted from the fast but must make it up as they are able. The daily period of fasting starts at the breaking of dawn and ends at the setting of the sun. During these daylight hours, Muslims totally abstain from food, drink, smoking, and sex. The usual practice is to have a pre-fast meal called suhoor before dawn and a post-fast meal called iftar after sunset. The last ten days of Ramadan are a time of special spiritual power as everyone tries to please God and gain his blessings and bounty through devotion and good deeds. The night on which the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad, known as the Night of Power (Lailat al-Qadr), is generally taken to be the 27th night of the month. The Qur'an states that this night is better than a thousand months. Therefore many Muslims spend the entire night in prayer. Since Ramadan is a special time, Muslims in many parts of the world prepare certain favorite foods during this month. Ramadan emphasizes community aspects and since everyone eats dinner at the same time, Muslims often invite one another to share in the Ramadan evening meal. Muslims use many phrases in various languages to congratulate one another for the completion of the obligation of fasting and the 'Eid al-Fitr festival, which is a celebration marking the end of the fasting period. The most universal is Ramadan Mubarak, which translates to a blessed Ramadan.

The Muslim Students Association at WPI will mark this holy period with a special dinner on December 10th, 1999. If anyone is interested in Islam, MSA, or attending the dinner please email rara@wpi.edu.

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**Crossword 101**

*"Life's Hurdles"* by Ed Canty

- 1 Rude person
- 5 Fictional elephant
- 10 Dress
- 14 Romeo
- 15 Elit
- 16 Blood: prefix
- 18 Buenos
- 20 MS follower
- 21 Gets a head start
- 23 Dish
- 25 borealis
- 26 Takeoff
- 28 Billionaire Bill
- 30 Hackneyed
- 31 Parches
- 32 Dr. Seuss' cat apparel
- 35 "...that a shame"
- 36 Pitt & others
- 37 Alone
- 38 Droop
- 39 Thunder sounds
- 40 Dried the dishes
- 41 Greenbacks
- 42 Fails to catch the ball
- 43 Plan
- 46 Fundamental
- 47 Blind trust
- 50 Select
- 53 Greek pasta
- 54 Casting mold
- 55 Greek portico
- 56 Track gathering
- 57 Deal a low to
- 58 Rights org.
- 59 Ends' companion
- 60 "...the Horrible"
- 61 Pub serving

- 4 Tell on
- 5 Beholder's eye contents?
- 6 Can you spare__?
- 7 Belch
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**Quoteable Quote**

"Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."

...Erica Jong

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Friday 26, December 1999
11:00am - Check on the Welfare: Student lives at Sigma Phi, family has not hear from him in a week and a half, family has left messages so call was returned, dispatched placed a call to frat: only one student still there, he saw student on Wednesday: returned call to mother and explained that he was seen on Wednesday. Nothing open unable to check other sources for family. E-Mail was sent also.
10:44pm - Lockout: Stoddard C.
11:21pm - Lockout assist: Hackfield Road.

Saturday 27, December 1999
12:06am - Suspicious persons: Officer reports spoke with group of 6 subjects outside of Boynton Hall, check OK.
7:58am - Lockout: Riley 4°.
2:23pm - Trespassing: Approximately 15 non-students removed from Alumni Gym, per basketball Coach who needed to close it.
5:54pm - Lockout: Fuller Apartments.
9:00pm - Lockout: Founders 3°.
10:30pm - Rounds: RA from Stoddard was assigned Morgan Hall during break but was not given any keys, so Officer assisted him on his rounds of the building.
11:54pm - Lockout assist: Daniels

Sunday 28, December 1999
12:01am - Noise complaint: Complaint regarding disorderly persons in vehicle on Boynton Street due to Armenian Church function.
3:14am - Noise complaint: Disorderly persons from Armenian Church function, in vehicles on Boynton Street; referred to WPD.
12:36pm - Lockout: Founders 3°.
3:38pm - Lockout: Morgan 2°

Tuesday 30, December 1999
4:19am - Intrusion alarms: Trowbridge Road, likely due to power shutdown.
4:27am - Trouble alarm: Report of fire trouble alarm sounding at Elbridge Street due to power shutdown.
10:00am - Assist: Hackfield with Worcester PD and Fire for 1st floor resident.
10:52am - Medical: Goddard Hall, female age 52, chest pain.
11:09am - Transport to Memorial
1:23pm - Medical: Library second floor male student having seizure.
2:27pm - Jump Start: Officer assists.
5:16pm - Lockout: Institute 3°
8:18pm - Emergency Hangup: Stoddard B.
11:05pm - Medical response: Daniels intoxicated student.

Wednesday 1, December 1999
12:35am - Notification: Light on in vehicle parked in West Street.
9:42am - Jump Start: Elbridge
10:13am - Car Blocking: Student car in rear of Founders.
10:30am - Found Property: Becker PD, found a large black pocketbook in one of their dumpsters, student graduated in 1996, phone number was called and message was left to either call or come in to pick up bag.
3:50pm - Disorderly: Group of skateboarders disturbing by the fountain.
3:56pm - Group of non-students advised and left the area
4:00pm - Assist: Staff in Salisbury Labs requests officer for advice on possible damaged property in one of the labs
8:46pm - Medical: Daniels 2°, student has flu like symptoms.

Thursday 2, December 1999
5:41am - Welfare Check: Student asleep in Daniels Hall bathroom
10:14am - Medical: Daniels 4° floor, has a broken ankle, ankle swelling and breaking cast.
11:29am - Suspicious Van: White van on Salisbury selling stereo's out of van
1:52pm: Medical: Washburn Machine shop, male student cut the palm of his hand may require stitches.
4:54pm - Report: Plugged garbage disposal in Morgan Kitchen, called in by employee.
9:20pm - Lockout: Institute 3°

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