

CCC enforcing non-academic modem usage policy

by Jason Anderson
Class of '95

Due to the increased usage of WPI's network systems, the computer center has begun to enforce their policies on recreational network usage, according to campus officials. Several students have had their network accounts temporarily suspended due to "abusing" their privileges with non-academic activities.

"We are trying to keep the limited (modem) resources available to students needing them for academic work," said Greg Shapiro, Academic Systems Integrator for the CCC. These modems are directly connected to the WPI campus-wide network system, which has always been used to provide easy access to such facilities as electronic mail (e-mail), programming languages, and other engineering and mathematical tools.

According to Allan Johannesen, the computer center "didn't crack down" until the availability of modems became a problem this year."

Beginning in 1991, all incoming students were instructed how to use various features of the network, including e-mail, online news, and electronic "talking." This increase in student awareness has led to a strong rise in equipment use, resulting in the crowded situation of the network modems.

As a result, students perceived to be using their accounts for purely recreational pursuits have been either warned or temporarily suspended from using the network. No students have been removed from the system without prior warnings.

The actions being taken by officials are not unfounded; according to campus policy, "If you are dialing (the WPI network) for non-academic reasons, you must type *exec busy_signal* after you login... this is not optional." The *busy_signal* program serves several purposes, some of which are not immediately visible. Public information states that "this command will alert (a user) if

all the modems are busy," allowing the user to relinquish control of the modem to the next student or faculty member.

Policy also defines what is considered, by the CCC, to be "non-academic activity." These include

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reading news and online games. Games explicitly "are no longer allowed via modem." Games inherently take much more time to complete than other academic tasks, and as such are considered improper use of the modems. Reading news, as well, can occupy large amounts of time, blocking other users from the network.

However, one particularly important feature of the network, electronic mail, is also classified as a recreational activity. Although some

students may use it primarily as a means of communicating with each other on a personal basis, for many others it can prove an invaluable tool. From arranging meetings to discussing ideas, locating a professor or submitting information to a project advisor, a great deal of academic information is passed on through the electronic mail system.

The effects of running or not running *busy_signal* when you connect to the WPI computers by modem are rather extensive. By choosing to run *busy_signal*, you will be informed when all the campus modems are in use. You will also notify the system administrators, through a mail message, of the amount of time between when you were apprised of the situation and when you hang up the modem. In addition, *busy_signal* will not let you reconnect to the computers within one hour of your last session.

By refusing to run *busy_signal*, you may become subject to observation by the CCC. This can result in

direct warnings, or possibly suspension of your account under repeated surveillance.

This ability to avoid the *busy_signal* command creates some rather unbalanced situations. Users who heed protocol and run *busy_signal* often find that they are warned by the computer very soon after logging onto the machine. This is because not all students who are engaged in recreational computing admit using the system for non-academic work. "If other personal users confessed to their activities, the warnings would be more equitably split," said Johannesen. "I'm trying to get (the users) to share, but the children just weren't brought up that way."

In the past, users were able to use the modems relatively easy without the fear of *busy_signal*. Because of the increased demand, however, CCC is finally starting to enforce this policy. The next time you receive a warning from the CCC, it may be in your best interests to listen. Unlike past years, they are not merely sending empty threats.

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NEWSPEAK

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M.W. Repertory Theatre Co. performs at Gompei's

by Mike Caprio
Newspeak Staff

This past weekend, the M.W. Repertory Theatre Co. presented two one act comedies in the Riley function room at Gompei's Pub. Admission was three dollars, which one playgoer considered a bit steep, but the rationale for the price was to make up for the cost of production and, as one player put it, "M.W. Rep is poor [moneywise]." The shows, however, were far from being poor themselves; the plays enacted were student run productions of A.A. Milne's (of Winnie the Pooh fame) *The Ugly Duckling*, and Rich Orloff's *The Whole Shebang*.

The Ugly Duckling was a traditional fairy tale story, with a pleasing comedic twist. In it, a not-so-startlingly-beautiful young princess is convinced by her father, the King, to participate in a ruse to convince a handsome young prince to marry her by replacing her with her handmaid. The ironic twist at the end was in the substitution of the prince with his own attendant, for similar reasons. The timing of the players was quite good,

and the comedy came lightly and smoothly. Newcomer Jeff Chause gave a sterling performance as the King of the land.

The second production, *The Whole Shebang* presented a pretty surprising concept - picture the universe as an MQP, and you get the general idea. Chad Council, as the "Student", creates the heavens and the Earth and brings along two earthlings to speak at his project presentation - except they

aren't the two people he was expecting. Instead of two wonderful yuppies, he ends up presenting two "average" people, much reminiscent of the lead characters from *Roseanne*. Tom Carr played an excellent average white American male, complete with bathrobe and wisecracks.

In all, an excellent production from a well-organized troupe of players; another success for student-run theater here at WPI.



NEWSPEAK PHOTO/JASON PHILBROOK

Recently purchased by WPI, Salisbury Estates houses students and staff, as well as numerous other Worcester area tenants.

A complex transaction

courtesy WPI News Service

WPI has purchased the 108 unit Salisbury Estates apartment complex adjacent to Institute Park. The two-bedroom townhouses, on a 6-acre parcel, were built in the mid-1950s. They were foreclosed earlier this year and were owned by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) at the time of the sale, purchase price was \$4.3 million. Kelleher & Sadowsky Associates Inc. of Worcester was the listing broker for the transaction. Closing was Sept. 30.

About 25 percent of the current occupants are WPI students, faculty or staff. "The property will remain on the tax rolls," says Robert W. Gailey, vice president of business affairs and treasurer. "We will honor all leases of existing tenants and want to assure those now renting that we intend to be a responsible landlord."

Record turn out for SGA elections

by John Grossi
Sports Editor

The Student Government Association of WPI would like to thank the 325 people who voted by electronic ballot in the first electronic voting on our campus. This turn out is three times normal for SGA elections during A-term, and this does not count the paper balloting on Friday which is still being tallied. The program had some problems that were a result of clerical errors and inexperience with this sort of thing at SGA and software failure and hardware failure on the Digital end of the system. The program was up for 51 out of the 72 advertised hours due to these problems. SGA would again like to thank all the people that have made this possible, the CCC UNIX system administrators, and our programmers Ralph Valentino and Eric Rassmussen.

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NEWS

Campus Center: The Bryant College visit

by Kevin Parker
Editor-In-Chief

Last Friday the Campus Center ideas committee visited Bryant College's Campus Center in Smithfield, RI to look for more ideas to incorporate in WPI's Campus Center. Their tour was conducted by Rick Dankle, the Union's Director. Bryant's Center was chosen both because its student body is composed of 2500 undergraduates (comparable in size to WPI's student body) and because the Campus Center has been nationally recognized for its design.

The committee found several attractive features at Bryant's Center. Among them was a lot of open-air spaces which allowed for a lot of sunlight in the building. In addition, to provide for student groups who did not need office space, they have "office lockers." These lockers consist of two drawers underneath a storage shelf. Also, all of the Center's food service was located in one space. To promote variety in food service, they have both outside franchises and their own food services in this area.

One feature of Bryant's Center which impressed the committee was how well-kept the building appeared. It opened in 1986 and "it still looked like it might have opened a month ago," commented Janet Richardson, Dean of Student Life. In particular, their furniture was a bit more expensive but the students have treated it well. This showed the committee that "if you give people something of high quality they will take care of it," said Richardson.

Richardson believes the trip was useful for the committee because it solidified some of the comments they have heard from the groups they have met with on campus. Bryant's Center showed the need to stress variety in food service and meeting spaces. The tour also emphasized the need to use a lot of glass and light and not waste space when WPI's building is designed.

Currently the committee does not have any more Campus Center visits planned. They will present a description of their committee and its mission at today's Community Council meeting at 4:30 pm in Perreault Hall.



NEWSPEAK PHOTO / CRAIG JOHNSON

WPI's new police truck was involved in an accident Thursday night at the corner of Highland and West. The driver of the other vehicle was arrested for driving without a license and failure to take proper care when turning.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Review: The Age of Innocence

by Terri Sacco
Class of 94

Martin Scorsese, in his current film adaptation of Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize winning 1920 novel *The Age of Innocence*, beautifully brings to the screen Wharton's often subtle but biting commentary on 1870's New York high society. He uses very detailed costumes, sets, and props to portray the opulence of New York society in the 1870's, and he very effectively mixes live action with a voice-over narrative by Joanne Woodward, which is taken verbatim from Wharton's novel.

Archer is engaged to May Welland, the stable, young, beautiful girl from the Manson Mingott family. She is everything society dictates a young, handsome lawyer from a good family (the Newlands and Archers and Van De Lydens) should

have in a wife; not a relationship, not for love, but a possession, a showpiece.

Countess Ellen Olenska, May's cousin, is also from a good family, but is surrounded by scandal. In this society, the heart, the emotions do not count. Logic dictates that May is the correct match for Archer. Archer has no free will; he is not the Captain of his Soul. He was born into this society; his destiny was determined at birth. He could not marry Ellen Olenska, even though he loves her, because she is married but separated, and to divorce would be scandalous. She is unconventional, different, out-spoken, educated; she has a mind of her own and she speaks it.

The characters are different shades of grey; no black or white. Countess Olenska is rumored to have lived with her husband's male secretary for one year in Europe after he helped her escape from

her unhappy marriage. When she returns to her family in New York, she is gossiped about, but still allowed to rejoin her family. Her grandmother, Mrs. Manson Mingot, even wants her to move in with her. When a party is thrown in her honor everyone invited sends regrets except Jackson, the well-known gossip who funnels all his information to everyone who is anyone.

This snub insults a good family and Archer steps in by going to the Van Der Lydens, the most influential family in New York and asks them to intervene on behalf of Ellen. It is alright to gossip about Ellen, but not to insult the family.

Wharton's tone is not bitingly satirical. She is subtle; she criticizes the falseness of society. Scorsese portrays her subtle humor in a very poignant, realistic manner.

Wharton uses colors, flowers, and nature as symbols in her novels. Scorsese incorporates flowers and colors and images into this film. As the dutiful fiance, Archer has Lilies of the Valley (a white, pure, unpleasantly-scented flower) delivered every morning to May Welland. Lilies

symbolize simplicity, purity, reliability. However, upon Ellen's return to New York, he sends her flowers to cheer her up: a dozen Yellow roses, which symbolize passion, friendship, and beauty. They are perfectly formed, have a beautiful scent, are vibrant and bright. They are perfect as buds and perfect when they are in full bloom.

The ending of the film is no fairy tale romantic ending. Archer, as a widower at age 57, goes to Paris with his grown son, where Countess Olenska has been living for the past 30 years. Neither Wharton nor Scorsese tells the audience what has happened in the Countess's life, only in Archer's. Archer cannot go to Ellen, even after May is dead and they are both alone. He still cannot go against convention. They do not live happily ever after, and Archer walks away from Ellen's apartment without ever seeing her. The film ends with the camera panning away from Archer as he walks, head bowed and shoulders bent, a man defeated emotionally by the society that ruled him. Scorsese leaves his audience wanting for more, but understanding why they cannot have it.

African beat comes to WPI's campus

by Javier Diaz
Newspeak Staff

African beat comes to WPI's campus through an initiative from the Music Department at WPI, sponsored by other organizations on campus. Beginning this Wednesday, the WPI community will enjoy the opportunity of having an African Percussion Ensemble Workshop completely free of charge.

The first meeting of this workshop will be held on October 13th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in Spaulding Recital Hall, in Alden Memorial. Prof. Richard Falco, Director of Jazz Studies, mentioned that all the subsequent meetings will be held on every second Wednesday of the month. "Everyone is invited," Prof. Falco asserted. He was glad to mention that one does not need previous experience in drumming to participate in this workshop, and instruments will be provided.

The African Percussion Ensemble Workshop will fall under the guidance of James Heffernan, as instructor, and the Ghanaian drummer Ramcy Mettle, as special guest. During Black History Month, in February, Mettle will be the featured artist during the ensemble performance. Last year's musical program for the Black History Month was a success, according to Professor Falco. "We had WPI students to open the program and the participation of *Cabildo*, a professional Caribbean group with residence in New York

City," he said. The music department is planning on having the same program for this February.

A brief biographical description of the workshop's instructor appeared in "WPI this Week," on October 7th. According to this description, James Heffernan is a WPI alumnus who graduated in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He also holds a B.S. in mathematics from Assumption College. Heffernan is a pianist who was active in WPI's jazz program. He spent two years teaching math and electronics in Ghana, where he also studied African drumming. The ensemble began meeting informally last year under Heffernan's direction.

Professor Falco mentioned that WPI has purchased a drum ensemble (a family of drums) to be used in this workshop and thereafter. He also commented that the workshop brings "a non-western perspective on music." "I wanted to expose the WPI community to a new musical culture," Professor Falco said. He was also glad to mention that WPI students seem excited to participate in this event, and that this workshop has received a great deal of support. The organizations sponsoring the event are: WPI Global Program, WPI Fine Arts Committee, Student Life Office, SocComm, Black Student Union, and the WPI Jazz Group.

For further information or comments, contact Professor Richard Falco, Director of Jazz Studies, at 831-5794. His office is located on the second floor of Alden Memorial.

Electric Insiders

So You Want to be a Hero

by Andrew Watts
Newspeak Staff

Quest for Glory: *So You Want to be a Hero?*

Sierra @1992

Retail Value: \$30

Required: 80286 or better, VGA/EGA Graphics, Hard Disk Drive (about 10 MB), and Mouse (the box says recommended, but I don't see anyone playing the game w/o one.)

Recommended: Sound Board

Rating: ****1/2

Alright, Famous Explorer here, (you can call me F.E. for short). Yes, it's time for your thesis work here at the Academy of Heroism. Your assignment is to go to this little barony called Spielburg, and help out the general populace. You really should talk to everyone you see, even if not

all of them are really friendly (that is, unless they are twelve feet tall, have a glinting blade which is oozing with blood, and decide to kill you for fun. At this time, run for preservation of life and limb). Killing everyone you meet is not necessarily the way to become a hero, son, if you remember the lessons of watching Sir Lancelot in his quest for The Holy Grail, and how foolish he looked after doing so. Now, go out there and make the Academy proud.

This game was also done in 1987 or 1988, under a simpler system, which is still available in even older games, such as King's Quest I-IV. The game is well done, however it can get quite repetitive and make one lose interest. It is not the most difficult of games, which can help an amateur get into the game quite easily. Sound boards can't be recommended enough for this and other, more recent games.

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Field Hockey (6-1-1; 0-1 NEW 8)

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Volleyball (6-13; 0-4 NEW 8)

Despite their plummeting record, the team has been progressing. The team played well, despite losing to Eastern Nazarene 2-1, Connecticut College 2-0, Wheaton 3-0, and Babson 3-2. Senior co-captains Kim Millin and Kathy French have been the story for the Engineers. French ranks third in the New England Women's Eight standings in kills per game with 50 kills in 18 games, is fifth in blocks with 16, and is the conference leader for the second consecutive week in digs with 62. Millin is third in setting with 82 assists. Mindy Plog also has emerged as a team leader, ranking fifth in the

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WPI Crew competing on the Charles

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5 Youths Fours	40	10:20am	16:26.6	19:06.24
6 Grand Masters Singles	60	10:45am	18:54.3	22:41.94
7 Youth Eights	51	11:25am	14:58.58	17:10.41
8 Senior Master Singles	60	11:55am	18:32.08	21:25.91
9 Lightweight Fours	61	12:30pm	16:27.4	18:26.97
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Play volleyball to help the homeless

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WHY: The Mustard Seed, located on Piedmont St. is run by volunteers who provide food, clothing, medical attention, and faith to those in need. We need your support to provide additional shelter for the homeless at the Mustard Seed!!

WHEN: Saturday, October 23, 1993 (Team will be scheduled to play for 1 1/2 hours)

WHERE: WPI Alumni Gym
INFO: Teams should consist of 6-12 Players. Our goal is to raise \$200 per team through sponsor donations. Prizes will be awarded to individuals and teams that raise the most money for The Mustard Seed!

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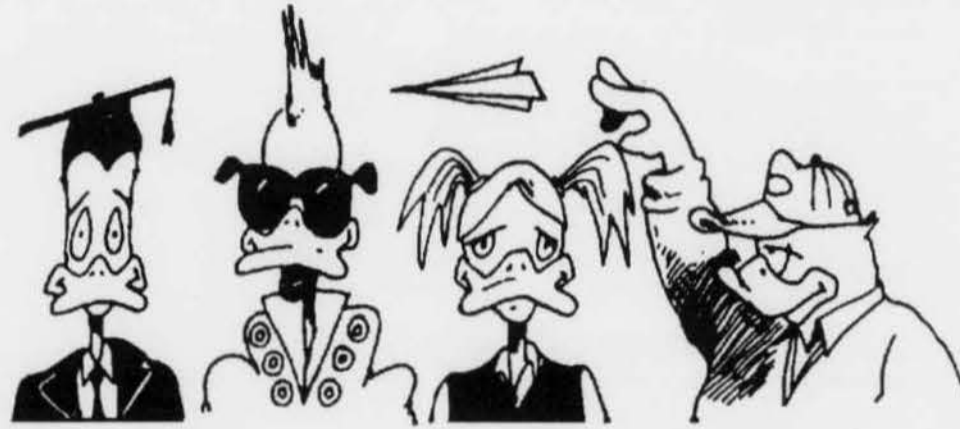
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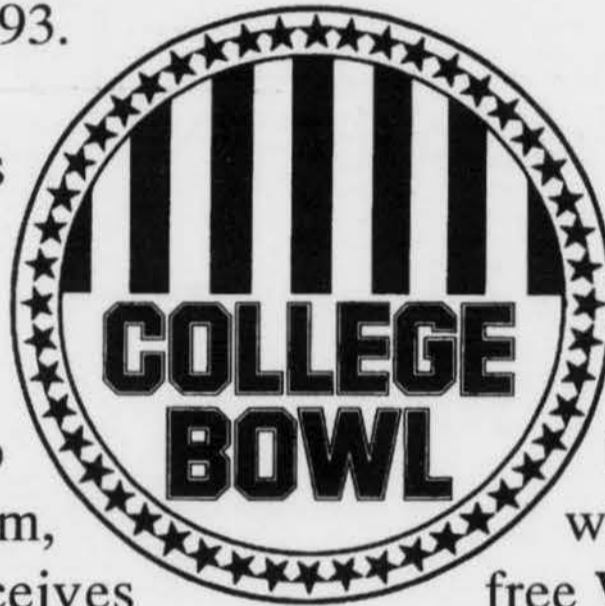
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COMMENTARY

TFM

Computer lab courtesy

by Megazone

Hello all, it's the last week of the term. Hope everything is going well, good luck on finals. Well, *Newspeak* asked me to cut back on the Column's length, apparently it's just too much. Ah well, so be it, guess my treatise on world peace has to go... But I've heard from several users, apparently TFM has done some good. Remember, all of the old columns are available in '-tfm'.

This time around I thought I'd focus, once again, on lab etiquette. There seems to be a problem lately with people MUDing in some of the labs, especially garden. There is no rule against MUDing in the labs, as long as there are free terminals. If people need to do work, and the lab is full, people running non-academic processes, like MUD, should give up their terminal.

However, the biggest problem isn't with full labs, though it will be an increasing problem during finals week, it is talking. Many times MUDders play together in groups, which is no problem. The problem is that they tend to talk to each other, loudly, in the labs. This makes it hard to accomplish anything useful. I've had my walkman on and still been able to hear the students MUDing from across the room. This is just plain rude.

If you need to work together, sit next to each other so that you don't have to shout. Also, there is no need to exclaim loudly when you've found the treasure, slain the dragon, etc. I'm sure most of the people around you don't care. Here's a novel thought, if you're on a X terminal, open another window and use 's' or 'snd'. No one else need hear about your exploits. (Does it seem like I don't like MUDs much? I don't, too many people fail out of WPI each year because of addiction. Too many friends.) There are many options better than yelling in a lab.

I realize that as finals week is here, more people will be looking for a way to blow off pressure. MUDs can be useful in that respect. But also keep in mind that many of your fellow students will be trying to finish off their work for the term at the same time. With everyone stressed out, there is likely to be less tolerance to such outbursts. Lab monitors have the right to ask users to leave a lab if they are causing a disturbance. If you have a problem with noisy students, first ask them, politely, to quiet down. If that fails, go to the lab monitor. There have been a few instances of MUDders laughing at fellow users who ask them to quiet down. That kind of disrespect is not tolerated.

There is no need for any of this, however, as long as everyone who uses the labs acts in a

considerate manner. I don't mean to make MUDders out to be the ultimate evil, but so far the majority of complaints in the labs lately have been related to MUDing. WPI's policy is fairly lenient compared to some other schools. Anyone can game in the labs, as long as they relinquish the terminal immediately for anyone waiting. At one time games in the CCC were only allowed on the three terminals closest to the desk. Don't abuse the freedom you have now, or you may not have it for long.

There is also a '30-minute' rule. If there is a line for the terminals, users must relinquish their terminal after half an hour, whether or not you are doing work. The computer system is a resource we all must share, and everyone is equally entitled to their time. This rule holds for all members of the community, faculty or students, regardless of what type of work you are doing. The only exception is for gamers, who must relinquish their terminal immediately. It is unacceptable to switch to work to hold onto a terminal. If you are waiting for a terminal and someone does this, report them to the lab monitor. If any user refuses to release their terminal after 30 minutes, report them to the monitor. The monitor has the authority to remove them from the lab. But don't abuse this, be considerate. If someone is finishing up, let them. And check the other labs first, there are several

around campus.

When logging in via modem, there are several additional rules. Games are forbidden from the modems, and that includes IRC and MUD. Any user caught running either of these will lose their account access. If you are running other, non-academic applications, you must first run 'exec busy_signal'. Programs such as 'talk', or any of the netnews programs fall into this category. Users caught running such applications without 'busy_signal' are subject to revocation of access.

The 'busy_signal' program was recently modified to make it more effective. Now it starts by warning the user who has been on the longest first, instead of everyone who is running 'busy_signal'. It will continue down the list until there are free modems. Also, if a user is warned and logs out, they cannot run 'busy_signal' again for 30 minutes. At that time the user can run it again, providing there are less than 25 modems in use. If there are more than 25 modems in use the user needs to wait for a full hour. This was done to prevent users from logging out and back in to get to the bottom of the warning queue. The modems become increasingly busy as the end of the term nears. So if you have work to do online, don't count on being able to do it from modem. It's better to plan to do it while the labs are open.

Remember, guerilla tactics, like killing other's processes or popping things up on their screen, are considered harassment. Any one caught harassing other users will lose ALL computer access at WPI. This can really hurt you, as many of the courses here use the computers. So don't take matters into your own hands, if polite requests don't work, ask the lab monitors.

As always, if you have any questions, contact the Help Desk. Come down to Fuller B21, email box5888, mail Box 5888, or call 831-5888. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for TFM, email tfm. That's all for now, have a good break.

Motoring News

Winter driving

by James Aduskevich
Newspeak Staff

Now that your car is prepared for winter, it's time to think about the driving itself. Driving in winter requires much more skill than at any other time of the year. The best way to learn is through experience, but that can be dangerous, so I'll give you a few basic ideas to try to help you on your way.

First I'm going to try to clear up some common misconceptions about vehicles in the winter. The only advantage of four wheel drive is that you are less likely to lose traction when accelerating. All cars brake with all four wheels, and most use the two front wheels for steering. If you have a four wheel drive, do not expect it to handle or stop better than a two wheel drive.

Front wheel drive is not as good in snow as some people think. The weight of the engine on the driving wheels helps, but if you are going uphill, that weight transfers to the rear. In light of this, if you have a front wheel drive and can not make it up a hill, try turning around and backing up. Sometimes the weight transfer makes all the difference in the world. Also, as with four wheel drive, expect the same braking and turning as other cars.

When you're out on the roads, remember

that everyone else has just as little traction as you do. Keep an eye out for people not able to stop before entering a road. Always try to anticipate where the other person will end up if they are not able to turn or stop correctly, and make sure you're not there. Expect the other person to be out of control and stay a safe speed and distance so that you can get out of their way.

The most important point to driving in the winter is to accelerate, brake, and turn slowly. The coefficient of static friction is lowered considerably when there is anything other than dry pavement, and a much lower force of acceleration is required to break traction. For all you non-physics people out there, that means that if you make any sudden movements, your vehicle won't respond, and you will keep going in the direction you originally were.

In order to get used to the way your car will act in the snow, go to an empty, unplowed parking lot, and try all the maneuvers you would use in driving. Be sure to get the permission of the owner of the lot before doing this for legality's sake. Start out slowly, and increase the speed until you start sliding around. Continue this until you feel comfortable with the way the car reacts. Remember that there are many different types of snow, so do not expect the speed you can drive to be the same, this

exercise is just to practice how to react when the situation arises.

The same as all other activities, practice makes perfect. Just make sure you practice before you get into an accident, and always keep alert. Good luck and happy motoring!

Just a Thought

Maybe it can't be fixed

by Stephen Brown
Protestant Campus Ministry

Two very different issues have gotten me thinking about the modern notion that you can solve almost any problem if you have enough information about the problem and can match the problem with the right technology. Around a school like WPI, I would think such a formula is gospel.

Our valiant American effort to feed the starving people of Somalia and help them build a stable government has recently taken on all the appearances of a Quagmire (read another Vietnam.) We have been there 10 months, many people have been fed, but the possibility of a stable government seems as far away as ever. When the President and the Secretary of State are asked to explain our mission in Somalia, they hem and haw and gather committees of experts to figure out why we should be there, it is time to worry.

A local issue is the creating of community on campus. WPI has recently heard from the Blue Ribbon Task Force that we need community on campus, there are committees to help explore its creation and a campus center is seen as key to establishing community a top priority for this academic year. There is an all campus meeting Thursday to discuss how to create community. Wonderful ideas all.

But it doesn't work that way. Problems don't always get solved because someone creates a mission statement, appoints a committee to do the necessary research and carry out the plans. But we keep trying to solve problems this way because we are believers in the Gospel of the Enlightenment. Bacon, Descartes, and Locke taught us that we can conquer nature, that using a scientific method leads to truth, and the individual is supremely important. Nothing, not nature, not religion, not groups are obstacles to solving our problems and building the Kingdom.

The problem with this Gospel of Enlightenment is the total dismissal of mystery, of folk tales, of rituals being seen as an equal path to truth. A writer in the Boston Globe put it this way: "Scientists have been properly wary of mystery, because appeals to mystery have often been cloaked in superstition and irrational prejudice. But the most finely honed act of human asking will benefit if only its practitioners expand their notion of the

truth to include more than meets the eye, trained or not." In other words, the truth may be found by something we discover by feeling something, by learning through the stories and experience of people...often in the most illogical and unforeseen ways.

For instance, this whole issue of community on campus. I have been in campus ministry for 15 years on five different campuses and on every campus the issue of community has been discussed, studied, debated, and looked at by Presidents, Deans, students, and a million committees. I have been to countless meetings, sat on numerous committees, and read endless reports on how to create community on campus. And I have never seen any "organized" formula or report or committee do anything that brought about anything that looked like community on campus. And I will bet my pension that even if a Campus Center gets built at WPI, it is no guarantee that there will be any more community at WPI than there is now.

I have experienced community on a college campus twice, and both times in small working groups who worked and played and loved together. One was the LRC staff at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio and the other is the Student Life Group at Worcester State. In both instances, the people not only enjoyed each other at work, but would go to lunch or dinner together, celebrated birthdays and other important events in each other's lives. They were a community because they worked at being a community!

You know how community will come to our campuses. Community will happen when President Strauss comes over to the Wedge for lunch with students on a regular basis or President Ghosh at Worcester state has lunch weekly in the Student Center. Community will happen when faculty invite students to their homes and students invite faculty to their floor for conversation. Community will happen when the Christian and Jewish and Muslim student groups work at getting to know each other and doing many activities together, not just once a year.

Until then, enough of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, plans for a campus center, and the Presidential speeches; scrap the committees workshops. They are just wasted energy and useless reports. We will be a community when we want to be a community.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ask not for whom the bell tolls...

To The Editor:

I enjoyed your amusing article in the Sept. 28 edition of Newspeak about the clock in the Two Towers Logo. Moreover, I applaud your keen powers of observation, tenacious research activity and indomitable "need to know."

In fact you have inspired me to come forward with the true, shocking, and unseemly story behind the clock with the changing face. You see, I'm the source you seek. I was there when it all happened. I'm the man who's responsible for the Two Towers Logos you've been examining.

It should be noted here as well that you are not alone in your quest for answers to the darkest secrets of The Logo. Many have wondered aloud about the other curiosity of this image—the backwards E in the Washburn weathervane. Some have suggested it

should be corrected. Nevermind that, with a weathervane, the E will always be backwards from someone's point of view. Why not ours? But incongruity will drive some engineers to distraction. (I know—most of my best friends are engineers.) A few have gone so far as to alter The Logo for their personal use—reversing the E with illustration programs on their home and office computers. But back to the clock issue at hand.

I can tell you that the time of 4:00 has poignant historical significance for the life of the Institute, and that the precise meaning is a closely guarded secret of the Skull Honorary Society, but I would be lying. But I really should say that the 3:09 version, precisely 51 minutes prior to the silhouette version's time, imparts a value, T, which will solve the most intractable equations. But that would be a fiction

as well.

It was Winter, 1988. We still toiled under the Reagan regime and Mike Dukakis was toying with my liberal heart. I was hunkered over my drawing table, working on a final rendition of the logo, and I came to the circle that would be the clock, it's damning vacatness stared back at me like the abyss, and I had to ask myself, "What time is it anyway?"

It was 2:15, but that's not important now.

I took a step back, and considered the larger picture and the outline of the Towers. Then I approached the problem the way a painter approaches a clean white canvas—with the third eye open, the right brain shouting "Geronimo!" and the left brain securely locked in a closet. Two strokes of the pen later, it was four o'clock. Because, to my eye, the 120-degree

angle the two hands form best complements the shape surrounding the clock's face.

This is also the short answer behind the 3:09 version of the Two Towers logo. I imagine the fellow artist I commissioned to render the outline drawing would tell you a very similar story. 3:09 was simply the way he saw it. While I noted the time had changed, I found his work to be (to borrow an engineering term) within tolerance.

Call it aesthetics. Call it artistic license. Call it BS. Or call it the revenge of a couple of Fine Arts majors on a community of proud engineers. I'm sorry, there just isn't a way to prove which time is "correct." This revelation will probably annoy a few of you, disappoint some others who may have been looking for Traditions Day fodder, and make not a whit of difference to the vast majority. But

hey, you asked. And (of course) I have a moral to this story.

In my business, the visual arts, there is no right or wrong, just degrees of success. Further, the definition of success is highly subjective and always changing. In this regard I think artists and engineers are polar opposites: left brain/right brain, speculative/empirical, ethereal/concrete. Yet I find engineers to have as much creative spirit as any artist. Go figure. Further I find this works in reverse. Scratch an artist and you'll find a technician, a theorist and a perfectionist (albeit with his own set of rules). So fear not the hordes of liberal arts majors destined for the doors of WPI. We have more in common than you think.

Michael Sherman
Graphic Designer
WPI Publications

COMMENTARY

Epimetheus Speaks: A horse of another color

The world is a very messed up place, in case you haven't noticed. If conflict is truly a natural, expected part of human life, we probably have the most normal world we can possibly get. Strife is an experience all people seem to have in common, political borders notwithstanding. And yet most of the conflict is itself inspired by human interactions, rather than through "natural disaster", or other similarly physical reasons. So, assuming people can control their natural biological processes to some degree, as shown in the overcoming of the basic survival impulses and baser desires during the course of everyday life - why is it that we have so much conflict? Why can't we do something about controlling it? "Why can't we all just get along?" asks Rodney King - a telling question indeed.

Individuality is what makes these conflicts unavoidable; individuality not only representing a difference in say, gender, or physical makeup, but also right down to fundamental patterns of

thought. Each and every human being has a different way of thinking than the next one; we all have our own subjective makeup that we may never be able to share with another human being, barring actual mind to mind communication. Every person has a different set of memories, and thus a different take on reality than everyone else. For example, I could look at a chair and think "Oh, it's a chair," and that would be the end of it. But someone else looking at the chair may think "My God! That chair is an antique Louis XIV original!" or even someone else thinking, "My Aunt Hattie had a chair just like that one." Three separate realities for the same chair induced by three different people. Neat, huh?

It follows that people, being inherently individual, are going to have a difficult time doing anything as a collective entity. Over the course of history, humanity developed lots and lots of methods of dealing with this problem - as

many methods as there are different types of government. Each of these methods has some particular practice or ideology that brings out the inherent common characteristics of all the people it governs; a theocracy makes everyone

believe that they are all equal under one divine authority, while a democracy makes all humans innately equal under the law. The trick is to bring out those common traits to make people more conducive to each other. A person thinks - "I'm an American, dammit!" or "We're all girls here," or what have you.

There have been disputes over what labels are valid and what labels aren't. Certain labels have an undefinable air about them that doesn't fit in quite right with everyone, or isn't as clear as a label like male/female. One of these labels is ethnicity. What does one mean when he says ethnic background? An example of an ethnic background might be Jewish, or Bosnian. The definition of "ethnic" is much too unclear for my taste; is it nationality being described, or religious background, or what?

There have even been those who have claimed that the Jewish ethnicity can also be described as a race of people, considering their history. What kind of implications does this have for the definitions of race and ethnicity? Let's consider Jewish history for a moment; the Jewish ethnicity began in the Middle East, in Israel, long long ago, in the times of the Old Testament. Various religious

practices defined these people early on, such that their culture could subsist and prevail; e.g. marriage within the religion, strict social codes, etc. These practices shaped the way the Jewish people lived their lives, in a way different than other neighboring peoples, which led them to be persecuted for not adhering to the standards of the others. So why then are they given the attributes of a race? For that matter, what are the attributes of a race?

Let's take a typical race. Oh, say, African-American. What does that mean, African-American? It means a person of color with heritage from Africa is now living in America. So what does this say? That a person with black features is considered African, and being African defines his race. Does this sound right? Okay then. So what about those people from Puerto Rico who have similar features? Or people from South America with dark skin? Are they "African-American" as well? Does this mean that it is mere geographic boundary that defines a "race"? Why not take it to its extreme and say that every country has its own "race"? Here is where the distinguishing between ethnic background and race becomes blurred, perhaps dangerously so.

And what is the point of distinguishing such features anyway? Why is it necessary to fill out what nationality/race/ethnicity I am on a form? Being Greek, does that mean I fall into the "other" when I fill in my race? Greeks aren't even considered on such forms; go to any Korean person and see how insulted they are when you call them Japanese, or how insulted a Japanese person

is when you call him Chinese - yet "asian" is a category on the form. Native American is considered one of the options, but the Indian nations were once as varied ethnically as any Balkan or Caucasian states. But is physical distinction that important a factor in determining the quality of a person? I don't think so, and neither I would say, do most Americans. Yet there is still this pervading feeling of detachment among all our different cultures; we're losing our connections with each other.

We are dividing and sub-dividing our culture into smaller and smaller ethnic groupings that, in the end, will only serve to destroy American culture as a whole. I'm not saying that it's bad to express your individual heritage, only that the American "melting pot" is no longer working as it once did. Our strength as a nation, our identity as Americans, is losing ground to the self-serving political aspirations of a few corrupt, manipulative legislators who play upon the differences of people to create issues and tension for their campaigns. I said before that I believed conflict to be inevitable - that doesn't mean that we need politicians playing them up to make their positions look more important.

Preserving heritage is one of the things I consider vastly important, if only to carry on the traditions that make up our selves. But those who would categorize you and twist your perceptions to their own ends want to take this self-pride to its extreme - in the end, we would lose everything that we hope to stand for as a nation; the opportunity to make things better for everyone (in the world, not just here), and the monumental task of preserving our past for our children.

Demosthenes

Recently in the pages of Newspeak we have been seeing a spate of letters from a member of the Institute's staff. This article is not a comment on this staff member's political opinions, and/or whether or not I agree with them, but rather on the method he chooses to express them and the effect that they can have on those who disagree with them.

People are supposedly better able to learn from stories than from lectures. I don't like to lecture because I am not qualified. Rather what I can do is express my observations of situations and try to draw some conclusions that are not so obvious. Admittedly it is hard to judge a successful article but it is not hard to judge an un-successful one.

I do not feel that a staff member of the Institute should be expressing their political views in a student medium. Why? Well, as I see it, any staff member or faculty could at sometime have power over the student, power to change their grades. And while all of the staff members I have met are ethical enough not to let political differences cloud how they deal with others, who can be absolutely sure? One of the major pushes of the last 20 years has been to make sure that someone does not get preferential treatment based on who or what they are. So back to this staff member that has power over your grades, are you going to tell him that you have alternate political views? Views that you know he/she does not like and protests actively against?

Some people may not care about this, and are willing to take the risk that this faculty/staff person will continue to treat them in the same way and will not try to take retribution due to these views in difference. But what happens if this staff member stifles some students who, not

knowing of this staff members high ethics, hold their tongues due to their fear of having this person for a class someday, or because they work for the computer center and could easily change grades? This may all sound extremely corny to you, but for some people I have talked to it is a real concern. The whole point of student mediums is to allow students to express themselves without having to fear retribution and castigation from the school and its agents (faculty and staff). As late as the Vietnam war this was a real concern on many college campuses, that the faculty and staff would take retribution against students for their contrary views.

So in closing, my plea is for this staff member to understand that by using student mediums to express his/her views that they could be stifling student expression in those mediums, and killing their designed use. Also by this staff member weekly using his/her Institute title they also make themselves an agent of the Institute and the views they express can be assumed to be the views of WPI.

Recently there was a story in the papers about what happened at one of the schools in the Pennsylvania State system. It seems a student was pro-choice and a professor discriminated against this student because according to the professor "this student's views were an offense against God and his morals". So the professor failed the student when the student deserved an 'A', because he disliked the student's views on this hot political issue. Sounds made up; it's hard to believe that this kind of thing can happen, but it does, even today. That is why it is imperative that the Institute's staff and faculty stay out of student political debates.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Student Government Association Minutes for the meeting of October 6, 1993

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:45.
- II. **ATTENDANCE:** Executive Council: Warren Smale, Pres; Barbara Doyle, VP; Amy Scott, Sect.
At-Large-Senators: Jen Keenan
On-Campus-Senators: Lexie Chutoransky, Cathleen Connelly, Ryan Daly, Nat Fairbanks, John Grossi, Christine Jesensky, Yolanda Larriu, Joe Laydon
Off-Campus-Senators: Erik Felton, Mike Pereira
Parliamentarian: Dave Wheeler

III. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** President Smale first announced to the Senate that he hoped that none of them had been offended by his letter in Newspeak. Next, he passed around an activities list for Senators to list all of the clubs, organizations, etc. that they are involved in. The purpose of this list is so that the PR committee can post this information in the office windows where students can read it and see "who" the SGA Senators are. Next the Senate was informed that the *SGAVOTE* program is only on "wpi" not on "bigwpi," and that the system would go down at midnight on Wednesday night due to some unforeseen usage problems. The system was based on having only thirty users at a time,

however there had been more than that trying to use it. Also, after only three days of voting, there were already more than three times the number of cast ballots than has ever been cast for any SGA elections. A letter of thanks will be sent to those non-SGA people who were integral in the development of the voting program. The next announcement was for the Community Council meeting Tuesday, October 12, at 4:30 in Perreault Hall. This meeting will serve as an introduction of the parties/focus groups that are responsible for pursuing each issue in the Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendations to the community, so that interested community members know who they can go to if they have ideas or concerns about any of these issues. The Senate was also asked to form plans on how SGA can get the community more informed, suggestions should go to Joe Laydon (PR committee chair). Some community involvement ideas that have already been proposed are to form **student focus groups** so that the **student body can form proposals** as to how WPI should go about **implementing those recommendations** from the **Blue Ribbon Task Force**. Volunteers to attend a luncheon with the WPI Board of Trustees, on October 15, were requested. Finally the suggestions that had been submitted in the SGA "suggestions box", were read, and Warren informed the Senate that these suggestions will be read each week.

IV. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Barbara had attended the President's Executive Staff meeting this week and she said President Strauss was not there again (he has not attended one yet this year). On the business side of things however, she said that she gave a summation of what SGA is currently trying to accomplish. One issue that was brought up was from the Alumni Office con-

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Community Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 4:30
Perreault Hall
BE THERE!
The FUTURE OF WPI
is in YOUR HANDS!

now almost enough people participating on the Van Committee to try and run the vans B-term. Senators will be kept informed of how the van situation progresses.

- Academic/Campus:

Campus Center: The committee will visit Bryant College's award winning **campus center** on Friday,

October 8, and the interviewing of community members is continuing. Plan ahead for the **December 6, Open Campus Meeting** where the recommendations of the Campus Center Committee will be presented to the WPI Community, this will be an opportunity for everyone to see what kind of consensus has been formed and for those who have not given their input to **get involved** and contribute their ideas.

Committee on Academic Policy: They have recently been discussing combining the Education Development Council and the Center for Curricular Innovation and Development (CCID). CCID was first formed by a grant received from the Davis Foundation and has previously been associated with more of an administra-

tive committee.

Committee on Academic Operations: They recently voted and passed a motion that replaces two sections MG 1700 with MG 4700 and 4701. The *Interdisciplinary Programs Division* has been trying to **restructure**, and **rename the Technical Writing** major in such a way as to give it a broader base. *Some Senators had questions and concerns about this because they felt that the new "title" was too broad and "WPI", and that perspective employers currently readily recognize Technical Writing and know what it means. They felt the vagueness of the new title would probably mislead perspective employers thereby hindering the job searches of Technical Writing majors.* Mike Pereira informed these Senators that the faculty would be voting on these changes at the next faculty meeting and that these concerns should be made public there if students wanted to have a say in this.

Community Council: Major topics are currently interfacing technologies with what resources we already have and what things WPI are needed.

Parking: At their first meeting they decided to develop a matrix of options and costs. The renovation of Higgins means that the school must provide an additional ten parking spaces for each new classroom or lab which will darken the parking issue even more.

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:00

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

News Update from GSO

*** Community Council Open Meeting (12 October 1993)**

An open meeting will be held to discuss the changes that will (or should) be made in WPI's plan. The Institute will be undergoing some big changes that potentially range from goals to curriculum, so come and let them hear your voice. The meeting will be at 4:30 pm on Tuesday 12 October in Perreault Hall in Fuller Labs (the CS building).

*** Next GSO Meeting (Wednesday, 13 October 1993)**

A change of venue brings the GSO General Meeting to Atwater Kent 218. As usual, the meeting will be 12 noon. So have lunch with GSO and help bring forth your ideas on the campus and the graduate experience.

*** APSA meeting with the Trustees (15 October 1993)**

The Trustees run this school, and they want a small group of grads to come forward to help give them a feel for the graduate student body. We've already set the groups that will meet with APSA, but if you are interested in such matters, contact Mike Shipulski at ship@wpi or ext 5177.

*** GSO Social Events: And lots of them.**

Laura Paciorek is working to bring you the opportunities for these trips, but she can't do it alone. If you are willing to help out with the organization of GSO social activities, please contact Laura at ljp@wpi or x5792.

Bowling at Auburn Ten-Pin, Saturday October 16th. If you're interested, contact your department rep. Reps should compile and forward to Laura. Cost will be \$6.00, plus \$1.75 for the shoes. We will meet in the wedge at 9:15pm and leave at 9:30pm. Dept reps please organize rides for your folks and talk to Laura.

Spooky World, Friday October 29th. \$7.50 per person. Tentative, if you have a favorite All Hallow's Eve place, then send your suggestions to Laura.

Medieval Manor, Friday November 12th. You must be 21 years of age. Cost is \$15.00 for a GSO Member, \$20 for a guest. Includes live entertainment and a Six (6) Course Meal [wow sez John]. More details

later.. we'll need non-drinking drivers to car pool. Will meet about 5:30pm.

Student/Faculty reception at Riley Commons [Goat's Head Pub for you old-timers! sez John], Friday December 3rd. 4:30 to 8:00pm including alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks. Invite your advisor!

Final Ping's Garden Fest. Friday 10 December. A follow-up to the greatly successful Chinese food fest last year (despite the blizzard!).

Wow... like I said, Laura needs you folks to help her organize and run all these things. Drop her a line at ljp@wpi or x5792 if you can help out.



*** Health Care**

A Health Care survey is being developed by the GSO, with a team led by Mike Shipulski, our president. If you have suggestions, or would like to help out, contact Mike Shipulski at ship@wpi or ext5177.

*** Campus Center**

The Campus Center will be built. What do graduate students want in it? If you have suggestions for the Campus Center, the GSO wants to hear it. For details, contact Laura Paciorek at ljp@wpi, or ext5792.

*** Parking Issues**

What is the problem? What's the solution? If you have ideas, please contact Marc Gomez-Casseres at marcgc@wpi, or ext5722.

*** UnCover and the Library**

Your comments and suggestions on the reorganization of UnCover charges are sought by the GSO. Contact oconnor@wpi, or ext5792.

*** Orientation Feedback**

What did you think of the Orientation for new grads and TAs? What would you like to see different. Contact marcgc@wpi, or ext5722.

*** Electronic GSO Information**

If you have questions about the GSO, feel free to contact the GSO at gso@wpi. Reaction will be faster if you do it by email, but if you must, the phone number is ext 5393. Many items such as the minutes of meetings are publicly available in ~gso/pub/.

CDC CORNER

Off Campus Interviews

We have stressed the fact that over 60% of you will get your job via off campus interviews that you set up on your own. Key to getting those interviews is selecting your list of target companies and finding the name of a logical person to contact via letter and following up with a phone call.

Your first problem is: "Who are my target companies?" In today's market, that may really mean "Who is hiring engineers in my field, in an area I am willing to live in?" Unfortunately, most students do not read the Sunday edition of *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune* or *Hartford Courant* be-

cause they seldom see positions listed for entry level engineers. This is a mistake! You should carefully search the paper of your choice, looking for interesting companies hiring senior engineers. If they are hiring senior engineers, they probably will also hire some entry level engineers who seek them out. Once you put a company on your "A" List, immediately write for their annual report as it usually full of information you need before trying to set up an interview. To get an annual report by return mail, invest 29 cents in this letter:

To President's Office, XYZ Company

Dear Sir: Please send me your annual report.
Thank you,
John Smith, WPI

Graduate Student Organization operating budget

Table I. Revenues

Item	FY 93 Budgeted	FY 94 Budgeted
Fall Orientation	2900	3400
Spring Orientation	1200	700
Dues	6900	7000
Special Carry Forward	NA	515
Total	11000	11615

Table II. Expenses

Item	FY93 Budgeted	FY 94 Budgeted
Overhead		
Duplicating	150.00	150.00
Supplies/Misc.	80.00	75.00
NAGPS Membership	125.00	125.00
Telephone	110.00	110.00
Publicity	0.00	150.00
Total	465.00	610.00
Functions		
Newsletter	380.00	0.00
NAGPS Meeting	300.00	1000.00
Student/Faculty Recp.	900.00	775.00
Graduate Excellence Award	150.00	150.00
Seminar Series	900.00	400.00
Meeting Incentives	470.00	480.00
Fall Orientation	2900.00	3400.00
Spring Orientation	1200.00	700.00
Activities School	2835.00	2900.00
Activities Summer	500.00	500.00
Departmental Activities	0.00	450.00
Graduate Handbooks	0.00	250.00
Total Functions	10535.00	11005.00
Totals	11000.00	11615.00

Follow up on Career Fair opportunities

Lots of you went to our first annual on-campus Career Fair. You looked good. You made WPI look good, too. We know this because many of the 30 companies interviewing told us this was "one of the best campus fairs they had attended and they will be back next year."

But, all of the good work you have done will go by the wayside if you don't follow up on suggestions that were made by the company reps. You were the one looking for a quality job and you must take the initiative. Many of you should be writing follow up letters that might sound something like this:

Dear Mrs. Smith, XYZ Comp.

Per our conversation at the WPI Fair, attached are three new copies of my resume plus my transcript. You had mentioned that you would forward this packet to Mr. Jones in the Aerospace Division with a note. I will call him in a week to follow up.

Thanks,
Sue Smith.

CLUB CORNER

APO

Hi all! Your friendly over-worked and under-loved (not!) Publicity Chair is here for another week of inside jokes and semi-informative fraternity information. Some Shout Outs: Mary L. (from Worcester State) Hola! Que tal? welcome to WPI's chapter... see we are better than ODU. Can I tell Derek and Dave Fass that too?. Gundy: Are we gonna continue this cards thing, I think we should. Kris Noel: I'll get your Zima I promise. The stuff is good. I will get you some slide film. Okay since we are not doing anything before the next 'speak, I'll tell you about my plans for October break. I am out of here on thursday to spend ten days with Mery!! first in Philly (meeting her parents) then in Indiana, PA. And in closing HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY MARC!!!!!! Leave it to say that something really really great happened to me this week, but Marc's got to tell it. YILFS -JSG

AIAA

Hey aerospace enthusiasts! Dr. Lindburg will be here Wednesday, October 15 at 5:00 in Higgins Labs 013 (in the basement). He will be speaking on his experiences at WPI and working on the Pegasus Satellite Launch System. So take a break from studying and come hear Dr. Lindburg. Also, the rocket launch is scheduled for October 31. If you have a rocket at home, bring it back over break. If not, Nick may have one you can borrow. Also, if you have a launching system, make sure to bring that too.

Don't forget our next meeting on October 28. Check your e-mail for time and place. The annual NE Region picnic is October 16. If you would like to attend, see Nick. It's a great place to make job contacts. See you at the meeting!

Bowling Club

B-term is almost here, and that means it's time for the Bowling Club to start again. Our second organizational meeting was last Monday night. If you couldn't make it and are still interested, send us a note at one of the addresses below and we will get back to you. As always, new bowlers are welcome to join the club on a recreational basis or the team on a competitive basis. Anyone who is interested and has not contacted us is invited to send a note to Brian Gibson, Box 2223 or Clark Cardimino, Materials Dept.

Team News: The Tri-State Bowling Conference's organizational meeting was held on October 3 at Western New England College. The main order of business was determining the league's tournament schedule for the 93-94 season. The tournaments will consist of 3 team games and 3 doubles games, with each school being represented by 6 bowlers. The host schools and tournament dates are:

- Sun, Oct. 31 WNEC
 - Sun, Nov. 14 Coast Guard Acad.
 - Sat, Nov. 20 U-Mass. Lowell
 - Sun, Nov. 21 MIT
 - Sat, Jan. 29 USMA, West Point
 - Sun, Feb. 6 WPI
 - Sat, Feb. 12 RPI
 - Sat, Feb. 19 SUNY, Albany
- Remember, practice, practice, practice.

Christian Bible Fellowship

Here we are in the midst of the final week of A term. It is hard to believe that last Friday night was the final Friday night meeting of the term. Friday the 29th will be our next Friday meeting. Prayer and Share will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night in Beckett Conference room (Fuller Labs), as well as meeting Wednesday the 26th (end of the first day of classes B term). Today at lunch time is the final AMD Honorary Luncheon (Founders DAKA at 11:30 a.m.). Have a great break!

"Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before." (Daniel 6:10). This verse gives us a great example from Daniel's life. I would like to focus specifically on the last phrase: "just as he had done before". When things went wrong in Daniel's life, he turned to God for help, but this turning to God was not out of desperation, but a continuation of what he did daily.

Like Daniel, we need to spend time with God daily. And while it can be easy to get distracted over a vacation, God still wants us to continue to spend time with him. I would challenge you to make vacation a time of growth in your relationship with God. Let God teach you what he wants over the vacation by starting or continuing a habit of spending time with him at least once a day.

Glee Club

We're in the home stretch. Where the hell did the saying "home stretch" come from anyway? There isn't too much important stuff this week. Don't forget about the Rathskeller party this Friday night. If you don't know what Rathskeller

means, find out. You'll be a fool to miss it. It will be the biggest social event so far this year. And I heard Ettore and Babb have challenged each other to a drinking contest. I wouldn't place my money on Babb. For all those Big and Little Brothers that weren't at rehearsal last Tuesday, show up tonight so you can meet your better half. There will be a series of Big Brother/Little Brother events next term. Other than that the term is basically over. If you're having trouble in classes, speak up so we can help you. Now on to this week's Top Ten. The Top Ten Pick-Up Lines for Friday Night.

10. Are those Bugle Boy jeans your wearing?
9. What's your name? What's your major? Blah, blah, blah...
8. What do you call three blondes standing ear to ear?
7. Hey, have you passed out yet?
6. Do I know you? You look like my aunt Marge.
5. Hi, I'm Brian Babb.
4. Excuse me, you're in my way.
3. Would you like to hear my new version of the Regis Alma Mater?
2. You have such a lovely pair of...uh...eyes.
1. You're not a lesbian are you?

If anyone's got ideas for Top Ten lists, let me know. Even if you don't have a actual list of ten items, just an idea will do fine. Good luck on your finals, and enjoy your break.

GAP

How's everyone? Time is flying! It's already the end of A-term!

We are sending five delegates to U-Penn Model UN in B-term.

We will be representing the country of Vietnam.

In C-term, Harvard Model UN is coming up! Well, that's about it. Have a nice term-break everyone. See you in B-term!

HSA

Saludos HSA! This is Ricardo (Sombra) coming to you in stereo. Yeah I'm a CS major. Yeah I dyed my hair. Yeah I've been flooding your email. Last week we had a meeting and a couple of events with LASO and The Black Student Union. Thanks to all who attended the events. Remember that Latino Week is coming soon, we have already organized most of it. If you want to participate and you haven't attended to one of our meetings please send us email to hsa@wpi or call Carlos Zapata (791-8573). There is now a mailing list (hsanews@wpi). If you send email to it, you will be mailing the whole HSA. Please make wise use of it, also check your email! It doesn't kill you to check it a couple of times every week. Let's use the WPI system to keep in contact with each other. Uno para todos y todos para Unix. For the freshman: This is final week. There are many people among us who still have the exams from last year. If you need some help don't hesitate to ask us. Good luck! Questions, suggestions? email hsa@wpi

Lens and Lights

Well, gang, this is the sixth and last club corner o' mine of the term (wild cheering amongst the membership, right?)

In the news... Holy Cross is THIS FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Now some of you freshmen are saying to yourselves, "I have finals on Friday, so I guess I can't go." WRONG! There will be vehicles transporting people back and forth, I assure you.

At tomorrow's meeting we will be nominating, electing and initiating the new secretary for B-term. For those of you who don't know, Derek Shute will be leaving us to do his IQP in Ireland, so come see him take out his frustrations on his replacement with the ceremonious passing of the keys!

And now, the somewhat cut list of the Top Ten Most Commonly Heard LnL Phrases

10. Duh!!!
9. F*#@, that hurts!
8. What?.....Oh!.....Never mind.....
7. You did WHAT with the camlocks?!
6. No!... No!... No!... No!... (usually said by the Medicus Unit(TM))
5. Denny's Trip!
4. CUE! (Usually said by projectionists in order to ruin the movie going experiences of innocent patrons for the rest of their lives (and to initiate that changeover thingy))
3. <Zorch> OW! (and if you're lucky the same LnL member (murmur...whisper.. Kemble) will be clumsy enough to do it again)
2. Oops.
1.

Due to a lack of space, this week's LnL Trivia(!) Question will be mailed out to lnnews sometime today.
Have a great break everyone.

Masque

So after most of the masque officers had been pestered all day, hopefully, Chad announced the

C-term show 4:30 Friday at the masque meeting. Just in case you're one of the ignorant masses out there who don't know what the musical is, finger masque@wpi and find out.

Congrats and thanks to all of those who brought us the wonderful M.W. Repertory shows.

The first read through of the B-term show, *The House of Blue Leaves*, will be tonight (Oct 11 @ 7 in the green room). See you there.

Top 10 reasons to be a part of masque:

10. Theo's waitresses
9. Power tools (and god said, "Noah, build me a set!")
8. SPANDEX! SPANDEX! SPANDEX! (thank you Ms. Hendrikson & H.B.)
7. Be forced to kiss, smoke, or perform sexual acts (on stage?)
6. See Professor Weeks' wife tear down their house. (thank you)
5. Sleep on the set (open to interpretation, right chris?)
4. CO-ED costume rooms.
3. masknews (A.K.A. I've lost my purse/keys...)
2. Meet (meat) interesting people
1. Cast Parties
0. Friends who don't suck (too much)

A few last thoughts...
Chad stop moping, it's only been 45 minutes ;) Amy find your purse and put a leash on it! Thanks Todd. (hypothetically speaking)
Thank you (whoever) for throwing that wonderful cast party.

Newman Club

Well I'm actually writing a club corner this week. Good luck to all on exams and on the end of the term. The video nights went well. This last one Father picked out was Groundhog Day, the same one that was playing 2 nights later in Perrault. Saved some people the money of seeing it on Sunday night. Our volleyball team is undefeated. Last Tuesday was the semi-finals and finals I haven't gotten the results yet, though. There's a lot coming up for B-term so get ready!!! We got more video nights, a hayride on the 19th of Nov. Christmas Caroling. Big brother/Big Sister and lots of other way neat stuff Carla - Steve missed you at the exec board meeting. He says that he got picked on instead. Anyone with a topic you'd like Father to cover in a sermon, please let him know. Have a great break and come back ready to work.

Science Fiction Society

This SFS Club Corner is just nine words long.

SocComm

Just a few more days...if you're all not too overwhelmed by your exams, there is one last thing to go to before vacations starts... On Wednesday, Oct. 13th, there will be an African Percussion Workshop in Spaulding Recital Hall, in Alden...The time is 6-7:30pm, and the price, well, there is none...If you are a musician, come down and try something new...And if you are not, just come down and have some fun...EVERY ONE IS WELCOME...There will be more workshops and performances coming up on the second Wednesday of each month... And the event sponsors are...Black Student Union, Student Life Office, WPI Global Program, WPI Jazz Group, and the SocComm Fine Arts Committee...When you come back from break, there will be a movie on Tuesday Oct. 20th - Indecent Proposal...6:30, 9:30, in Perrault... Also that first week we are back will be an L+L movie set - Batman and Batman Returns...This will be 2 bucks for each showing, and it begins at 6pm...In Perrault...Friday and Saturday (29th & 30th)... And on Saturday Oct. 30th, there will be a HUGE show - the annual Phil Ochs Tribute Festival...this will be in Alden Hall, at 8pm... And it's only \$2 with your WPI ID...And lastly, on Halloween, there will be a showing of The People Under the Stairs...scary stuff... This is in the usual Sunday movie place, at the usual time, for the usual price...

THE FIRST TEN PEOPLE WHO SHOW UP FOR THE HALLOWEEN MOVIE IN AN OBVIOUS COSTUME (i.e. no "I'm a fraternity brother/sorority sister" costumes, and no "I'm an engineering student" costumes) GET IN FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Society for Medieval Arts and Sciences

Sorry, but it's going to be short this week. The secretary has been just SO busy for the past week. Anyway, here's the deal. One word, short 'n' sweet: Dues. See the Prez, Chuck, Chris or Kris to get the lowdown on dues. They'll be \$5 and that will cover the entire year.

One kind of bad note: SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism) will not be able to do their demonstrations/workshops until after the Feast. Garb would be nice to have for the Feast, so we'll try to dig up some patterns for those who need it.

In any event, practices will still be down on the baseball field, so expect to do lots of fighting to keep warm.

SWE

Hello everyone. SWE held a meeting last Wednesday evening. We discussed a trip to Boston to see the movie "Beavers" in the Omni Theater at the Museum of Science. If you are interested in attending, contact Susan Bullock, box 1515. Also, our trip to Spooky World with ACM is coming up. This will be the first day of the B term (October 27). The cost is \$9.50, but it should be lots of fun, so again, contact Susan if you think you would like to go.

Rom Macon who is in charge of the Office of Multicultural Affairs is looking for volunteers to serve on a plurality committee which will explore diversity. You can contact him or Susan if interested.

We passed a motion to hold officer elections in December, with a training day in B-term. New officers duties then begin C-term. Start thinking about who you'd like to see as officers of SWE.

SWE would like to thank Jennifer Roy and Cornelia Demers for coming and sharing what they have done with engineering degrees. It was very informative.

For those sophomores and juniors looking for co-op or possible summer jobs, and seniors looking for jobs for after graduation, don't forget about the SWE Database. If you are already a National SWE member, there is no cost to you. All you need to do is contact Jeanne Sawtelle at Box 2924. The Database collection of resumes from SWE chapters nationwide. It is sent out to companies who are looking to hire. Contact Jeanne for an application. Also, don't forget about the SWE binders with companies located in the library. There are five binders with literature from companies that is handed out at the National Convention. Just go to the circulation desk and ask for them. They have been recently updated, so Seniors check them out.

That's it for now. Don't forget to get your membership forms and dues in to Jeanne. Our next meeting will be November 3.

Student Alumni Society

Well, Homecoming was a success! Tony and Jeremy actually pulled it off, Lisa! But seriously, everyone did a great job and we deserve to applaud ourselves (especially those people who blew up balloons all day!)

We'd like to offer a word of thanks to all of the groups who participated in the miniature golf hole competition; the golf holes looked great and were very popular. Congratulations to AGD for winning first prize!

Thanks to the Glee Club (yes, you do sing louder, but a bit off tempo), Professor Curran, and the Pep Band for our rousing rendition of the Alma Mater. We hope to sing it again at other events and bring back a forgotten tradition at WPI. Speaking of traditions, congratulations also go out to the Sophomore class, who defeated the Freshmen in the Rope Pull.

You might have noticed our new Student Alumni T-shirts - nifty, eh? If you would like to become a member of SAS and own your very own T-shirt (at the low, low cost of \$8), then come to our next meeting (TBA at the beginning of B Term). The Student Alumni Society is dedicated to fostering relations between students and alumni and preserving the traditions of years past (and even starting some of our own). This is a wonderful group to get involved in because we have so much to offer. And we have lots of fun!

What's coming up in the future, you might ask? Our community service project, for one. And don't forget C Term Survival Kits and D Term Traditions Day - I know that seems far away but it will be here sooner than you think! So look for postings of the next SAS meeting and get involved with one of the best clubs on campus!

Wedgerats of WPI

Hello all, last week of the term, time for finals. Happy Happy Joy Joy. Got plans for break? If you're going to be around, you might want to check out Ani DiFranco at UMass Amherst on the 22nd. You might remember her from the last Coffeehouse show last year, she's a fantastic performer.

On a very different subject, why do people bother yelling "WedgeRat" when they walk through the wedge? Hell yes, we're WedgeRats, I call myself a WedgeRat. Do you think it's an insult or something? Would a Zeta Psi brother (I picked them because the brothers I've known are cool) would be insulted/upset if I yelled "Zeta Psi" at them?

The people who hang out in the wedge aren't really different from anyone else. We're not one homogeneous mass of people, but rather a gathering of individuals. All different, with different interests, just like any fraternity or sorority. And we will support one another, help each other in school, or life outside of WPI, when we can, just like the Greeks.

GREEK CORNER

ΑΧΡ

Well, I'm back from my maternity leave, so Milla can finally go back to doing absolutely nothing for the House... Anyway, it's finals week, and only a few more weeks (technically) before the end of RUSH. We've had great success from our recent events (Casino nite, Millbury, Purgatory, and MNF), which reminds me. Joe, Maaco called and said that your car is officially TOTALED! This Thursday's event should be "huh huh...cool!", and there will be plenty of quasi-events over break for those rushees who hate their parents and don't feel like going home to them next week.

Congratulations to our first batch of bid recipients this year! For all of you other Rushees out there, don't fret, 'cause there are still plenty more bids to follow. RUSH ain't over 'til November 5th, so there's still plenty of time... (for John to drop more cash at the poker table!)

Now for bits of brotherhood gossip, it has been confirmed that SPOON was not only seen going to class, but also partying and picking up women. And if that wasn't bad enough, I've heard rumors that he was actually spotted giving away beer! This, of course, has not yet been substantiated.

Hey, Ski, how was that free cole slaw, anyway? By the way, the Worcester Art Museum called and offered you \$10,000 for the artwork you left in Friendly's! Maybe now you can afford room and board, you deadbeat!

That about wraps it up for the term, so study hard for those finals, Luke, and for everybody else, enjoy your break! (Remember, some of us aren't going home, so don't be strangers!)

ΑΓΔ

Greek corner number 7....That means A term is nearly over! Good luck with finals everyone!

And enjoy October break!

Well, last week was very busy! Monday was double vision with Lambda Chi Alpha, Wednesday morning was breakfast with TKE (not to mention Theta Chi's, Fiji's, Sig Pi's and SAE's rocks), Thursday was the Grudge match with TKE, Friday the rush event and social with FIJI, and Saturday the same with Sig Pi. Thanks to all the fraternities! Great spirit AGD's! Keep it up Kim, great job setting it all up.

No meeting tonight, but don't forget that when we come back, our first meeting is the night before classes start.

Also, make sure you come back with your squares for Annabella!

And, RUSH. Rush is next term. Let's keep up the psyche for the red, buff, and green!

Congratulations to Karen Goodell for winning the Outstanding Freshman Award. That's terrific.

Goodbye and good luck to all those who are going away B-term. We will miss you! Thanks to Wendy for the singing lessons. We're getting better!

Congratulations to KTD, Carla, and Erica for their softball abilities.

ΔΦΕ

Well, I almost forgot about this week's article, with everything that is going on. I had part of my philosophy final due today, so I was a bit busy this afternoon. No one even gave me suggestions, so this might not be too long...

Double Vision was fun... we came up with some good answers, right Gail? Last weeks article was written before homecoming, so I'd just like to say thanx to those who actually helped with the golf hole... I think that's a night we'll never forget. From the bricks to the Friendly's waitress' joke to Warren's

window's... and how could we forget those 13 long hours, Mike? I think we set a world record of some type. I just have one question to ask the 'graveyard shift'... why? Were we really THAT dedicated?

Good luck to everyone on finals this week, I know I'm going to need some! And good luck to all the sisters taking THERMO (I guess I'll include John in that one too). Don't forget that Donna's birthday is over break! Happy early Birthday, sis! I hope you can make it back for the retreat. I want to see big rock, so that's where my vote is going to.

National (without an "s") is coming at the beginning of B Term... thanx, Delphine, we'll help out. We'll have to have another taco night over here then. It's almost here, Lisa. Seventeen days 'til Formal Rush... hope to see everyone there.

Have a relaxing and safe break, and see everyone next Sunday for the retreat... Gail, I have a surprise for you, but I'm not telling what it is!

ΑΧΑ

Well the first term is almost over. Just a couple of days and a couple of exams to top off this stressful week. Sleep, eating, social life?? What are those? If you forgot what they are you'll soon have a chance to experience them all again next week. If you can't wait that long then come to Lunatic Night at the house on Thursday evening. You can take out all of your frustrations without risking bodily damage and if any brothers or rushees need help studying for exams (because you have procrastinated all term) then come down to the house. We'll have brothers available to tutor you in a variety of subjects.

Improv Night was a great success. Next time we should tape the event. Thanks to Smokey, Warren, Lefebvre, and Stanton for being such great sports allowing someone else to spread shaving cream and tooth paste all over their face. Well, they were good sports until the food fight started. Thanks for all the rushees who participated.

There are various sightings of Fred and Dino all over the campus yesterday. I wonder if it had anything to do with Caveman Barbecue. Coincidence? I think not. There's only one rush event left this term, Lunatic Night. Don't miss it.

Congratulations to us for winning the AXP Penny Wars, \$915.38 will be donated to charity of our choice. Now that we have won it won't be easy next time but keep saving your pennies for next time.

Well, this is my last Greek Corner article. I'm off to Cleveland for B-term to work with NASA. If you see LCA on any rockets or satellites, then you'll know I was there. Have a good fall and winter break and I'll see you all in C-term. It's been fun.

Ορδερ οφ Ομεγα

For all of you who didn't know/didn't care. Order of Omega had its second meeting on Tuesday the fifth of October. Since attendance was non-existent, except for the truly dedicated, I'll fill the rest of you in on what happened. Ted unveiled his incredibly detailed plan for Greek Life 101. Karla was unanimously chosen to be our chapter's applicant for the national Order of Omega's graduate school scholarship. She was chosen because of her tenacity, her dedication to our organization,

her intellect, her moral fibers, not to mention she was the only one present who is interested in going to grad. school. Everyone present was informed of our pin situation, it looks bleak to say the least. The biggest topic of the night was what to do for fund raising event during B term. Many events were discussed, but nothing final was decided because we lacked the guidance of our fearless leader who had to leave 5 minutes after the meeting started. It was hardly his fault, it's not like he was the one who picked the time and place of the meeting!!! I will try and give more notice for the next meeting and I beg of you to attend. One last note: Fred, Ted is hunting you down!

ΦΚΘ

First of all, we would like to thank all of the Alumni who came down and made homecoming a great weekend. We would also like to thank them for leaving the house in one piece and giving us an excuse for a week long dorm social. Bill, why did you have to kick Roland out. Was it to make room for you new found love or the widow? Either way next time don't stop with a right hook. Hey Peitzsch, roses can get expensive after a while. By the way, did the beating wipe the week long smile off your face or are you still basking in the glow? Good job nips: The min Quad may not have won any awards but it did provide hours of frustration for the kids, while entertaining the brothers. O'Sully shot down again (even with Paulino's help).

Finally Doug would like to further remind all Brother's not to call after 10:00pm!

Guz Proverb: It's better to have guzzed and lost than to never have guzzed at all.

ΣΠ

Welcome back to the Sigma Pi article. Newspeak found it difficult to believe that I wrote the words to Goodnight Saigon. Some guy named Billy has a song which is very similar, but he doesn't say "knives, knives, knives" nearly enough. So they wouldn't print that article. The next article, I forgot to write, but if anybody asks, it was Len's fault. It takes a big man to admit when he is wrong...and I am not a big man!

Well, many of the alumni came back home last weekend. It was refreshing to see that there is indeed life after Sig Pi. We will still find pleasure in drinking all night, gorging on chinese food, and insulting each other's masculinity, but now we'll have the added feature of kids who look up to us as role models. It's kind of scary to think we will influence the minds of the next generation.

ATTENTION: Be on the lookout for October babies. Tex and Squirrel were last sighted, dripping out of the shower with a mob of lunatics singing a chorus of Happy Birthday. If anybody has information leading to the whereabouts of Squirrel's mind, please report to the nearest bar...I'm legal now! We're still waiting for Baby Nathan to turn 21. And when he does, Worcester better look out.

This article was made possible by caffeine, tylenol, and Fletch, and Fletch, and a steak sandwich.

TKE

Welcome once again to the TKE Corner. Last Thursday, the house saw the messiest Rush event in the history of WPI, the 1st annual TKE/AGD Grudge Match. Leaving Thursday night were the most chocolate and egg-covered, whipped-cream, wet and puddinged people I've ever seen. Thanks to all who set up (and cleaned up!), the freshman guys ended up winning. (It was fixed!) Anyway, thanks to the (now soiled) women of AGD who came down and joined in the fun.

Last Saturday, we cleaned up Massachusetts Ave (the location of our old house) as part of the Adopt-A-Street Program. You may have noticed all these blue signs noting which fraternities and sororities own which streets in the neighborhood. Let's all help clean up and make them mean something, fall is here.

Don't forget about Sunday, when we all a blast in Brocton playing paintball. Man those things hurt.

Finals are coming, finals are coming! Freshman, come down anytime this week and study with the brothers of TKE. We've got test files, but better than that, we probably have someone whose taken the class you're in.

Well, we lost another one. Fitz pinned his girlfriend, now he's shopping for a really-expensive car to drive.

"Leveraged out in debt and about to go under any year now?" I don't think so. If you're gonna get nasty, at least try to be believable.

Last Thursday and Friday, Bill Slade, Associate Director of Chapter Services for Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity came by for a visit. He presented us with our Top TKE Chapter Award at dinner and hung out with us. Thanks for the T-shirt.

Until then...

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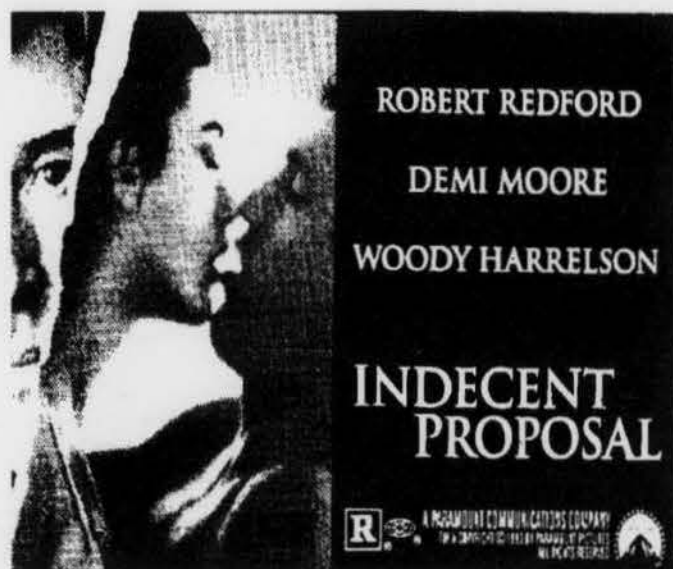
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TKE - Thanks for the flowers, Alyson and Danielle.

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Hey Sue....can we build a deck?
-Founders 107

Sue, want some more food outside your window? -Founders 107

A date. well.....uh.....that's a start.

California's breaking away

Homey, I punted my IQP!

"Hold me up oh Juka, Juka"

no? yes? No? Yes? NO! YES!

You LIKE????

FREE WILLY!

Happy Birthday to the girls in 207 !! - The guys in 208.

Happy Birthday to mon cherie!! Have a great one Polly!! - Joe, Todd, Kerim.

Happy B' day Polly !! - Kerim.

Happy Birthday Polly !! Don't drink too much. - Kerim and Joe.

Bonne Anniversaire Polly ! - French Joe.

Sorry, no stripper, but we have Bill! Happy B-day, Polly ! - MOTO !

Haha, you guys, one more year still... Happy Birthday, Polly and Sue. Love the one who's 21 (well kinda).

Hi Honey Bunches ! - You are so cute ! Love, Oats.

I know we're early but...Happy Birthday, Sue ! Love, Founders 207.

Congratulations Dougie Fresh! How long did it take her to convince you? Love, Lisa.

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Happy Birthday Polly! From the guys in 208.

MOTO! Happy Birthday, Polly! Lay-low! Low-lay!

So how is your PROSPECTIVE anyway?

Which couple is going to Christen the rug? Or has it already occurred?

Congrats to F1 for your second place finish in Div II Intramural Volleyball. You guys had style and grace !?!

What do Fletch, mowing lawns, spicy fajitas, and missing sisters have in common? Hopefully it will happen again.

The collection on my ledge is unique and is making me hungry, but not thirsty. Thanks guys! Made me smile.

Did Lars bound your hands too, Homey?

PMS woman is coming....beware..

Well folks, how's it look this week? Why? Because I can!!! -TS

NEWS

New entrepreneurial program for WPI students unveiled

by Kevin Parker
Editor-in-Chief

WPI is unveiling a new program, the Entrepreneurs Collaborative, in an effort to make students "employers not employees," says Donald Berth, Co-Director of the Entrepreneurs Collaborative. Berth said that this goal fits well with Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Francis Lutz's, vision that a WPI education should stress leadership and encourage stu-

dents to be future leaders on a global stage. Additionally, WPI is simply realizing that big employers are not hiring and students need another alternative. The new program will result in a designation of "WPI Entrepreneurial Specialist" on participating students' diplomas.

The literature which describes this program stresses that the Collaborative is for "inventive self-starters who dream of having their own business or heading new business ventures in

established companies, the collaborative offers a chance to learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur while pursuing an undergraduate degree." Berth hopes that the program will instill in graduates the desire to assume leadership responsibility at an early stage in their careers. The program is aimed at freshmen but upperclass students can also participate. An informational meeting is scheduled for today at 7 pm in Higgins Labs 224.

During this start-up year, the program will focus on seminars in B and C term to introduce students to alumnae and professor entrepreneurs and familiarize them with the concept of entrepreneurship. All four classes are invited to sit in on these seminars. During the sophomore year students will be divided into small teams to develop paper corporations. By their junior year the teams will present the plans for their corporations to a "New Venture Committee," which will advise and counsel the students as they proceed to implement their plans during a seven year simulation.

The aim of this program is to unite a group of ideas and projects which have been on-campus for a while. Among the goals of this program are preparing students for off-cam-

pus IQP's with alumni entrepreneurs and preparing students to be entrepreneurs and small business owners. Berth stressed that the Collaborative will not be limited to one department. The co-directors of this program, Donald Berth (former Vice President of University Relations) and Arthur Gerstenfeld (Professor of Management), are building a base of alumnae and professors who are already entrepreneurs in many different fields of engineering who will talk to students and sponsor their project work at on-campus and off-campus sites.

This program is unique to WPI. No other engineering school is organizing such an all-encompassing interdisciplinary program. Professor Gerstenfeld feels that "our vision [this program] will be a very important part of WPI in future years." He feels that WPI's advantage is that other schools are too regimented and can't break down the barriers between their departments to establish such a program. WPI already does that for its IQP and MQP projects. Gerstenfeld said that he "wouldn't be surprised if people come here [in the future] because they know it's [the Entrepreneur's Collaborative] is here."

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Expert to discuss world nuclear security

by Mark Beasley
Class of '94

The greatest single threat to United States security is the proliferation of nuclear weapons and technology. If you think we can rest on the laurels of Cold War victory then it may interest you to know that this nation has no defense against nuclear attack. SDI (Strategic Defence Initiative) has only served us as a political threat versus the Soviet Union, and will not be able to protect us from ICBM (Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile) attacks in the near future. Right now there are groups hostile to the "American Way" actively seeking to develop nuclear weapons to use against us. What can we do?

Former Ambassador Jonathan Dean, who served for many years as one of the principal US negotiators with the Soviet Union on arms control matters and is now an advisor on international security issues to the Union of Concerned Scientists, will speak on "The State of World Nuclear Security" at the First Baptist Church, Park Avenue and Salisbury Street, at 4pm on Wednesday, October 20. This talk is free and open to the public. Parking is available behind the church.

Nuclear Security will be a hot topic in the 90's and the next century, so if you want to get any idea of what is going on, I encourage you to take the opportunity to see Former Ambassador Jonathan Dean lecture next week.

Rossini's Stabat Mater this Sunday

courtesy WPI News Service

Rossini's *Stabat Mater* will be sung by students of WPI voice instructor Ruth J. Cooper on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church, 90 Main Street, Worcester. Accompanist is Lynn LaComfora, the Women's Chorale accompa-

nist for many years under Malama Robbins, and the accompanist for various other WPI events over the years. Admission is free.

Many members of the WPI community will be singing, including Jean-Pierre Trevisani '89 and Gordon T. Gurney '41, Carlos Gonzalez '93, Amy Palmer '96 and laboratory manager Paula Moravek.

Have you ever wanted to play a musical instrument or to just try something different? Then come to:

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What's Happening

Tuesday, October 12

1:00pm - Video: Ireland, WPI Closed Circuit TV network
6:30pm - Assumption College - Film and Discussion: "Fried Green Tomatoes." La Maison Auditorium. Free.
7:30pm - Clark University - Film "Like Water for Chocolate." Jefferson Academic Center, room 320.

Wednesday, October 13

12:30pm - Worcester State College - Film Series "Eight Men Out," and "Bull Durham," Student Center. Free.
1:00pm - Video: Paris, WPI Closed Circuit TV network
3:00pm and 8:00pm - Holy Cross Film "Sofie", Kimball Theater. \$1.50 with ID, \$2.50 general admission.
7:30pm - 1993-94 Margaret Klein Memorial Lecture, "Parenting with Humanity: Is it Possible?" Loretta LaRouche, Newell, Atwater Kent, \$5.

Thursday, October 14

12:00pm - Worcester State College Lecture and Performance: Cults-Blue Lounge, Student Center.
1:00pm - Video: Thailand, WPI Closed Circuit TV network.
7:30pm - Clark University Film "Like Water for Chocolate," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320.

Friday, October 15

LAST DAY OF A TERM !!!!

Saturday, October 16

7:00pm - Holy Cross: Film "Untamed Heart," Kimball Theater, Adm. \$1.50 with college ID, \$2.50 general admission.
7:30pm and 9:30pm - Clark University Film: "Like Water for Chocolate," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320

Sunday, October 17

1:00pm and 3:00pm - Clark University Film "Like Water for Chocolate," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320

Monday, October 18

7:00pm - Worcester State College - Lecture - "Weird America" Student Center Auditorium
7:00pm and 9:00pm - Holy Cross: Film "Psycho," Hogan Campus Center, room 519

Tuesday, October 19

7:30pm - Clark University Film "This Boy's Life," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320.

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 pm - First Baptist Church in Worcester: Foreign Relations Lecture - retired Ambassador Jonathan Dean discusses the status of world nuclear security.

Thursday, October 21

7:30pm - Worcester State College - Performance by Ventriloquist John Pattison, Blue Lounge, Student Center. Call 793-8731 for tickets and price.

Friday, October 22

7:00pm - Holy Cross Film "Strictly Ballroom," Kimball Theater, \$1.50 w/ID, \$2.50 general admission.

Saturday, October 23

7:00pm - Holy Cross Film "Strictly Ballroom," Kimball Theater, \$1.50 w/ID, \$2.50 general admission.
7:30pm and 9:30pm - Clark University Film "This Boy's Life," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320.

Sunday, October 24

1:00pm and 3:00pm - Clark University Film "This Boy's Life," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320.

Monday, October 25

7:00pm to 9:00pm - Holy Cross Film "Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein," Hogan Campus Center, room 519.

Tuesday, October 26

6:00pm to 9:00pm - Worcester State College - Newman Haunted House. Campus Ministry, Admission canned food donations.
7:30pm - Clark University Film "Strictly Ballroom," Jefferson Academic Center, room 320.

POLICE LOG

Monday, September 20

1:20am - Threatening phone calls: graduate student residing off campus calls regarding phone calls received, referred to WPD.
10:39am - Malicious mischief: student in Daniels throwing shaving cream down at UPS driver.
6:12pm - Student reports theft
8:51pm - Fire in front of Daniels, burning ashtray, Officers respond.

Tuesday, September 21

4:01pm - Medical: Third floor Salisbury: unconscious female, possible diabetic.
7:45pm - Medical Emergency: Student in Morgan requests EMS re: sprained ankle. Officers respond.

Thursday, September 23

12:37am - Medical - Stoddard B for intoxicated male patient. Officers and EMS respond.
1:13am - Medical - EMS called back to Stoddard B. Apparently concern still for patient's well being. Officer responds.

Saturday, September 25

12:31am - Medical response: Hand injury, Officer and EMS respond.
12:40am - Disorderly persons Boynton St. Fraternity, Officer reports speaking with subjects.
4:44am - Medical response: Fuller apts. hand injury. Officers and EMS respond.
11:58am - Medical emergency: Student throwing up blood in Stoddard C. EMS and officers respond.
4:12pm - Report from student at Fuller Apts of gentlemen going door to door. Caller said that men were suspicious.
4:25pm - Men from Fuller Apts. thrown off property by officer. Subjects were asking for donations to go to college themselves.
7:28pm - Report of students stealing trash can from the wedge area and running down Institute Road, officer responds.
11:10pm - Noise complaint: Dean St. fraternity, officers respond.

Sunday, September 26

12:20am - Disorderly persons: Quad, reported by SNaP: Officers respond.
12:26am - Officers clear Quad.
12:38am - Possible drug violation: Morgan Hall
1:13am - Officers clear Morgan Hall, incident classified as malicious mischief
2:12am - Disorderly persons/alcohol violation: Fuller apartments
2:24am - Disorderly persons/trespass: Students on roof above Morgan loading dock advised.
3:11am - Malicious mischief: Daniels Hall mens room, damaged ceiling tiles, officers respond.
11:18pm - Medical response: Harrington auditorium, ankle injury. Officer and EMS respond.

Monday, September 27

3:10am - Suspicious persons: Footbridge, officers respond.
3:21am - Officers clear footbridge, parking sign and pole found on embankment.

Tuesday, September 28

7:44pm - Student in station with live ammo he found on campus. Round given to officer.

Wednesday, September 29

1:35pm - Strange person: Officer searches for strange person near Founders Hall.
4:50pm - Medical Emergency: Alden Hall. Patient not feeling well from giving blood.
9:24pm - Suspicious persons: Librarian called to report a strange man in the library. He was holding a yellow suitcase and an easel, he left the library and headed in an unknown direction. Description given to officers.
11:43pm - Medical - Minor head injury for male patient of Morgan. Called in by floor RA. Officers respond.

Thursday, September 30

2:30pm - Complaint of water being thrown out of windows on wedge side of Morgan. Officers there saw no one but the ground was wet.
11:22pm - Medical - Student sustained facial laceration on football field while playing sports. Officer and EMS respond.

Friday, October 1

4:10am - Fire alarm: Morgan Hall

4:18am - Officer reports alarm caused by incense or smoke in room. No fire.
11:20pm - Breaking and entering: Founders. Officers respond.

Saturday, October 2

12:40am - Malicious mischief: Construction compressor pushed down embankment below Washburn onto service road, Officers respond.
1:40am - Possible drug violation.
2:34am - Malicious mischief: Officer reports several subjects igniting smoke bomb on quad, fled on foot. Officers checking area.
5:20pm - Noise complaint: About Dean St. Frat. Officers respond.
11:31pm - Assist/Domestic Assault and Battery: WPD requests assist at 99 Salisbury St. Officers respond.

Sunday, October 3

12:29am - Safety concern: RA reports broken glass on Founders 1st floor. Officer responds
1:01am - Noise complaint: 63-65 Wachusett St., Officers respond.

CLUB CORNER

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So why is there an animosity between some of the Greeks and the Rats? I've worked with Greeks, at varying jobs and on projects, and they're just like anyone else. One on one we got along just fine, I have several friends in fraternities and sororities, but it seems that when groups come through the wedge they find it necessary to be derogatory. Why?

Why do GDI's (GodDamn Independents, in case you didn't know) have to constantly bash the Greek system? It is actually a decent system, with many good aspects. I feel neither Greek nor GDI is 'better', just different. And difference is what makes life interesting. So try to see things from the other side, instead of blindly following prejudice. Just a thought, MegaZone.

Women's Chorale

Hello and Greetings once again! Even though your weekend was spent mostly studying for your exams, I hope that you all found plenty of time to have fun. It is VERY important to have fun. Don't stress for your finals; things will be fine and will go well. I have faith and a good feeling. Rehearsal tonight at the same time; don't be late. We have plenty to do. Scary thought that we are performing in a little while. Rehearsal went very well last week and we accomplished quite a bit. Got to love those du bee du's!!! I found myself singing them around my boyfriend and he thought I was crazy!!! If he could only understand!!! They are very contagious. Yikes.

Well on a final note, if you want to meet a ton of girls, GO GREEK and find out what rush is. It starts the beginning of B-Term so don't forget! Oh yeah, great job on Bage! Day last week; it went very well. See you tonight!

Women's Tennis

So it's about the end of the season and we are finally getting cool t-shirts—hope they are not discriminating (Ann!?) But we can do whatever we want because we have a winning record, 6-4!!!!

Breaking records for the most matches played in a week, we had 3 this past week and one each Saturday. Salve Regina just slipped by 4-5 last Saturday. WPI winners included Lynn, Vanessa, Lauren, Jen Lovin, Alyson and Danielle. We served a few bagels to Suffolk, with a team score 8-0. We weren't so fortunate with Wheaton with Alyson as our only win.

Everyone put up a good fight against Mt. Holyoke. (Jen and Corinne—don't you feel kind of young?) We finally overtook them 4-3 by releasing our secret weapon of doubles partners Lynn and Vanessa. Way to go girls!

Oh just a tip to Coach Henry: you know those orange cones on the highway? well you aren't suppose to try to hit them.

Anyhow we still have MAIAWs on Saturday and the New 8 tournament when we get back from break. (That is if we make it back alive from our away matches.) So good luck on finals and it's not over until it's over!

I'd see you all at the dude ranch but—where is it?

WPI Cycling Club

Hello for the first time this year! The club is going well, we have many new members too. With the influx of mountain bikers out there we essentially have two clubs. The road riders meet just about every day at 4:00 on the Quad and the off road types ride Wednesday for the most part.

The mountain bikers had their first race last Sunday, October 3, at Temple Mountain in Peterborough, N.H. Racers Brian Libby, Eric Bunce and Brian Keagle romped all over the field. Many thanks to Amanda Howells for transportation the racers and Nate Howells for lending moral support!

That is about it for now. If you want to get in touch with us write Pete at box 1928 or e-mail yankee@wpi. Jay, loose the fat keep the muscle. Pete, forget about your MQP. Ryan, don't forget the bungee cord for the climbs. All of those mountain bikers need to shave. Pest of the month is the Dog Flea!