

# Da Dee Ding fund raising gains support

by Greg Doerschler  
Newspeak staff

What started as a Chinese WPI student bringing concerns about his younger sister's illness to his speech teacher last February has developed into a growing effort that appears to be reaching even the distant ears of the national media. Da Hai Ding, the only undergraduate student at WPI from the People's Republic of China, brought his concerns about his sister Da Dee's kidney disease to his speech teacher, Kay Draper. Since then, response has been overwhelming and efforts are well underway to raise \$45,000 to bring Da Dee to the U.S. for a kidney transplant necessary to save her life.

Kidney transplants are available free to all U.S. citizens through a government program. Since Da Dee is not a U.S. citizen, costs of the treatment she needs are estimated at \$45,000. The treatment is not available in China. Realizing these difficulties, Mrs. Draper is determined to help Da Dee. "I've just turned 60 and it's

time I did something significant with my life" she remarked.

Kay Draper has been much enthused by the response her efforts have brought about. "I'm delighted that people at WPI are taking such an active interest in helping save the life of someone they've never met," she said. So far, the fraternities and sororities have been the most active on campus in regard to raising money. Through various efforts, they have raised or pledged nearly \$2,000. Faculty and student leaders have been instrumental in organizing and publicizing the fund raiser. Dean Bernard Brown has been coordinating the campus effort, scheduling weekly meetings with those involved. Dean Janet Begin is organizing activities with fraternities, sororities and residence halls. Roger Perry, Director of Public Relations, is handling the publicity. The Social Committee and IFC have been working closely with these people in the planning of fund raising events. A student committee working in cooperation with the

administration is organizing a major fund raiser planned as part of the February Winter Weekend.

Currently, steps are underway to bring Da Dee to the New England Medical Center in Boston for treatment. She has requested a visa and is awaiting the issuance of her Chinese passport. Kay Draper is willing to serve as Da Dee's sponsor. Da Dee would live with Dr. Susan Hou while she receives treatment in Boston. The staff at the New England Medical Center is also extremely interested in Da Dee, realizing the potential of the events. Many have already made financial contributions.

The question of where to submit contributions has also been answered by Mrs. Draper. She has incorporated a non-profit organization called the International Kidney Transplant Fund, whose sole purpose is to provide financial assistance to persons from other nations who need kidney transplants and are unable to get them in their home countries. Medical experts were con-

tacted beforehand regarding the need for such a fund. "They became as excited as we about the project," she remarked.

Mrs. Draper mentioned the project in a speech presented to the Rotary Club of Worcester. She received a very warm response, noting that they were overwhelmed by compassion for Da Dee. The Worcester newspapers have recently contacted public relations about the issue, even before it was announced to the community.

Kay Draper also feels that the project could have definite political significance. It is a heart interest which crosses political party lines. She also thinks that the magnitude of the project and concern in the U.S. for a Chinese citizen could substantiate the growing relations between the U.S. and China. Finally, Mrs. Draper considers the concerns at WPI for a girl several thousand miles away who no one here has ever met "positive proof that apathy is not overwhelming us all, people do care."

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"Our Town"

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# Student government buzzing with activity

by Jim Dyer  
Newspeak staff

The Student Government Bulletin board has, until recently, been devoted solely to one organization of Student Government: the Social and Fine Arts Committee. A few weeks ago, half of the board was converted for use by the Committee of Concerned Students (CCS), a Student Government organization.

Located in the hallway outside the office of Student Affairs, on the ground floor of Daniels Hall, the bulletin board is perhaps the most obvious sign of Student Government activity. This board displays the minutes of faculty council meetings, CCS news clippings and announcements of Student Government organization meetings.

Part of the flurry of activity has to do with the fund raising efforts for Da Dee Ding (see above), part with the growing student interest in faculty committees and part with the revitalization of the long-dormant CCS. And, of course, part of it is business as usual.

The first item on the agenda of last Thursday's Student Executive Council meeting was the Council's moratorium on the admission of new clubs to the Student Activities Board (SAB). Reports from the various clubs were to be collected and evaluated over the weekend.

Academic Committee chairperson John Cortese reported on the first Financial Aid Committee meeting of the

year, which concerned itself with the school's policy response to new federal financial aid legislation. Also discussed was the status of Academic Honesty guidelines and a proposal for an honor code, which were described as "up in the air."

And then there was the issue of Spree Day.

"I think the Committee of Concerned Students is the perfect group for the Spree Day proposal," said Cortese. CCS chairperson Tom Barrett had announced that the Committee had formed a subcommittee to work on Spree Day 1982, and had asked for input from the Executive Council.

Student Body President Dave Rubenstein and Dean Brown both expressed concern that input from the Social Committee and faculty be part of the proposal. Barrett agreed, "we want input from everybody." He described the Committee's approach to Spree Day as a forum for interested parties. Cortese, explaining his previous statement, said that the CCS's potential for accommodating interested students is what made it the proper group for the issue.

Cortese further recommended that CCS get the records and minutes from the meetings of the Student Leaders, an informal group which developed last year's Spree Day proposal. He also recommended the same for the records and minutes of the President's Advisory Committee the administration committee that evaluated and rejected last

year's proposal.

The motion was made that the Executive Council approve of the CCS handling Spree Day, bringing the main points to the Council for evaluation by the end of B-term.

A new group to represent the residents of the Ellsworth and Fuller Apartments has been formed by Jack Nickerson, a Fuller resident. This was reported by Dormitory Advisory Committee chairperson Sheryl Hess.

Upcoming events were announced,

such as the IFC Weekend and the impending elections for a new Social Committee chairperson. Newspeak's Jim Dyer advised the Council that meetings of the separate organizations should be announced in Newspeak, and/or on the Student Government bulletin board.

Upcoming organizational meetings: The Interfraternity Council meets today at TKE at 7:30 p.m. The CCS will meet Thursday in the lower Wedge at 4:15 p.m.

## 'Our Town' to be presented

by Skip Williams  
Newspeak Staff

The Humanities Department in conjunction with Masque will present Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 19, 20, and 21 at 8 p.m. in Alden Hall. The play is under the direction of Professor Susan Vick of the Humanities Department.

*Our Town* takes place in the imaginary town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. Its story is that of life in the small New England town, but it focuses principally on the lives of the Gibbsses and the Webbs, two neighboring families. The Gibbsses are played by Ed Hinton, Catherine Coyne, Tom Neale, and Mary Park and the Webbs are played by David Rowell, Joanne Shatkin, Nancy Fortier, and Roy E. Kaplan.

The entire play takes place on a bare stage without the benefit of elaborate scenery or many hand props. Instead the actors pantomime their actions. There is also a stage manager who speaks directly to the audience and acts as a narrator for the play. At the time this play was written, it seemed as though Wilder broke many of the cardinal rules of play production for he used hardly any scenery or props and his stage manager was seen on stage. Professor Vick seems to be following Wilder's tradition in that the audience will sit on stage. The reason for this is that Professor Vick feels that the actors are there doing a play and they admit it and they want the audience to be a part in it.

Tickets are available through the Humanities Department and at the door. Their cost is \$1 a piece.

## Accreditation committees on campus

by Robert DeMattia  
Newspeak staff

Monday, November 9 through Wednesday, November 11, an evaluation team from the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASSC), visited WPI as part of a reaccreditation procedure. The team, which consists of 8 administrators and/or professors from Yale, MIT, Bentley, UNH, Tufts, UConn, Brown and Princeton look, at every facet of the school one could imagine. This includes admissions, advising, academics, placement continuing education, facilities, faculty, finances, and social atmosphere — to name a few. The last time WPI was reaccredited was in 1971, at which time a full 10-year accreditation was issued. The evaluation will result in a recommendation at the next meeting of the Association, which will then vote on the amount of accreditation the school will receive.

This evaluation is especially important to WPI because it is the first evaluation since the Plan was initiated in 1975. At the time of the last evaluation,



Dean Grogan. — John Delaney.

WPI was beginning to devise the Plan and the evaluation team's attitude toward it was "generally positive".

WPI had to do many things to get ready for the visit. In charge of coordinating the visit was Dean William R. Grogan, Dean of Undergraduate Studies. In addition to arranging their rooming and dining arrangements, Grogan put together reports from the different departments and professors into an extensive report for the evaluators. The report also includes things such as the original acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (from 1865) which allows this school to be in operation, and the school's articles of incorporation.

In addition to reviewing the document Grogan prepared, the team interviews students, faculty and administration. They also survey the campus visually.

The vote by the Association will be later this year and WPI will know the (continued on page 2)

### IFC WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday Nov. 20, 1981

Basketball Marathon Begins 7:00 P.M.  
Football Tournament Begins 8:00 P.M.  
Casino Night 8:00-11:00 P.M.  
Pledge Competitions Midnight

#### Saturday Nov. 21

Jello Wrestling 5:00 adm.  
(Alumni Gym) 12:00-3:00 P.M.  
Air Guitar/Band Contest 4:00 P.M.  
N.E. Patriots Cheerleaders 5:00-7:00 P.M.  
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## Rubinstein and Diemer to head to Dallas conference

by Debbie Allen  
Newspeak staff

Jim Diemer, Editor-in-Chief of *Newspeak* and David Rubinstein, President of the student body, have been selected to attend a national conference, "Business Tomorrow VII: The New Corporate Calling." It is being held in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 23, 24, and is being organized by the Foundation for Student Communication, Inc. of "Business Today" magazine. At many schools were contacted and the deans sent back a list of names of students that they believed could benefit most from such a conference. Applications were then forwarded to the schools and consisted of eight pages; one page for background information and seven pages of essay questions dealing with issues in government and business and their interactions. The committee was looking for a diversity of interests and opinions. Four students from WPI applied and a total of 2,000 applications were received from schools around the nation. About 180 students were accepted and Dave

and Jim were informed two weeks ago that they were selected.

The purpose of this conference is to promote better communication between students and business and government leaders. The conference consists of a series of seminars, panel discussions, and keynote speakers. The seminars will involve small groups (ten students and two professionals) and topics include "The Reagan Plan", "Chemicals and the Environment", "Women in Business", and "The Corporation for Capital Hill". Well-known persons in government and business will be participating, including Patricia Harris, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Howard Samuel, President, Industrial Union Development, AFL-CIO; and Mike Wallace, of CBS-TV's "60 Minutes".

Jim Diemer sees this conference as an opportunity to meet with a very diversified group of students from schools other than technical schools. He wants to find out what government and business leaders have to say about student views and gain a better understanding of what is currently happening in the business world and their policies. Also, he will have a direct interpretation of what these people have to say, without the influence of the news media.

Dave Rubinstein said that this is "something that I've always wanted to participate in." He worked with Professor Franke of the Management Department in researching his essays. He used different management and social-science references in writing his essays and presented them as well-researched and knowledgeable. He hopes to gain more insight into business world, social and political issues and pick up more knowledge about these issues. He also hopes to meet other interesting students.

## Jello wrestling comes to WPI

IFC Weekend is upon us again and the main attraction this year will be jello wrestling. Thanks to the combined efforts of Joe Vignally, the office of student affairs, and Dean Trask, the WPI campus will be visited by six lovely young ladies who will be more than happy to roll around with any of you guys that think you can meet the challenge. The cost is only \$1.00 for two minutes or until you get pinned and the girls will even supply the clothes, jello and the ring. We don't want the women on campus to feel left

out so you girls will be given the opportunity to challenge any other girl or guy for the same low price. The wrestling will take place on Saturday, November 21 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Alumni Gym so even if you don't want to wrestle you can stop by for the show.

The Jello Wrestling isn't the only attraction, however. The annual basketball marathon starts on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. with the FOOSBALL tournament and casino night following at 8:00, all in Harrington Auditorium. Starting at midnight, the pledge competition tops off Friday's events. Of course the basketball continues throughout the night and if you stop by Harrington on Sat. you can see the air guitar band contest at 4:00 p.m. Also the New England Patriot cheerleaders will be around between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

As most of you know, all proceeds go to benefit the United Way. Last year's event raised close to \$2,500 and with the help of the WPI students and faculty, this year's event is expected to be an even bigger success.

## Campus police receive first-aid training

by Greg Doerschler  
Newspeak staff

Several Campus Police officers have successfully passed the prescribed course of First Responder Training which includes Basic Rescuer CPR and Basic First Aid as prescribed by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross respectively.

The inservice training course was taught last week by Steven E. Hill, who was promoted in September to Sergeant at Campus Police, and Campus Police officer Carl W. Hanson. The officers completing the First Responder training are: Chief Alfred T. Whitney, Sgt. Albert England, Sgt. Nicholas Montecalvo, Claude D. Brunelle, Michael Montecalvo, H. Jergen Ring, Robert A. Stoeber, and George F. Sullivan.

The First Aid status of the remaining officers is: Sgt. Steven E. Hill-CPR instructor, EMT-A; William Corbett - CPR, EMT-A; John E. Dylewicz - First Responder; Carl W. Hanson - CPR Instructor, First Aid Instructor, Life Guard, EMT-4; Kevin M. McDonald - CPR Instructor, Advanced First Aid; Bruce S. Tranter - CPR Instructor, EMT-A.

## ...Accreditation

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outcome in early 1982.

NEASSC is the regional accrediting authority for this area. They accredit the school in all the academic areas which are offered. In December, a national accreditation team from the Accredited Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) will visit to evaluate the school in the areas of Electrical Engineering, Civic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Chemical Engineering. This means that WPI is double-accredited in these four categories. The ABET accreditation is for from 3 to 6 years. WPI was last evaluated by ABET in 1975, when a six-year accredit was given.

## Religious center moved back

by Greg Dearborn  
Newspeak staff

The campus religious center has moved back to its old location at 19 Schussler Rd. The center has been renovated and repaired, and Frs. Scanlon and Lewandoski are very pleased at the way affairs have transpired.

The campus religious center was moved last year, at the request of the school, because the music section of the humanities department was displaced from its offices, and the EE department's offices were being renovated. After renovations were complete, all parties moved back to their respective old offices. The fathers were impressed by the remarkable cooperation and politeness shown by school officials.

During the interim, the religious center had to cut down on its programs and services offered to students, because of space limitations. This, according to Fr. Scanlon, was a blessing. Apparently, WPI students are more religious than anyone thought. Student outcry at the cutbacks convinced him that the students genuinely appreciated the services offered. Now, with the added space, they can increase the number of group activities.

Though currently used primarily by the Catholic population at WPI, the center tries to cater to all beliefs and faiths. As of yet, a Rabbi has not been assigned to the center, and the Protestant reverend has no budget. The sororities also make use of the building, since they have no place of their own.

The moving was accomplished by students solicited from mass in the wedge. Each student volunteer picked up one item and carried it to the center. Soon there was a line of students connecting the two centers with lamps, furniture, and crucifixes in tow. Last Tuesday a dedication Mass was celebrated and refreshments were served afterwards.

With the additional space, the center hopes to greatly expand its program by intercession.



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# Life tough at the top for Jack Breen

by Tom Nicolosi  
Features editor

"I don't know how I got roped into this," said a puzzled Jack Breen. "How did you get roped into this?" he asked.

Breen sat stoically on the back stairs of the pub. He was surrounded by several members of the so-called "Jack Breen Committee". According to Robert Hoopes, Director of Security for the Jack Breen Committee, the whole thing started as a result of the change of name of the Management-Computer Science (MGC) program to Management with Computer Applications. Breen, having believed himself to be an MGC major and being informed that he was actually another major, was immediately labeled the "man without a major" and the "Senior without direction" by the members of the soon to be formed committee. Said Hoopes, "the whole thing snowballed."

Breen went on to confirm most of Hoopes' statements. "I didn't start it," Breen said. "I have nothing to do with it." Said Breen, "I don't know what's going on ever. I found out about this interview twenty minutes ago. They (the Jack Breen Committee) won't tell me anything. That is how they operate."

Certainly, the Jack Breen Committee has been working hard to promote Jack Breen all through this B-term and several "events" are in the planning

stages for the next few weeks. According to Mike White, the Committee chairman, upcoming activities include a "Win a Date with Jack Breen Essay Contest" (100 words or less on why you want to go out with Jack Breen) scheduled for next weekend, a Jack Breen kissing and handshake booth for the IFC Marathon, and for after the Thanksgiving break a Jack Breen look-alike contest. Said John Lee, the Committee treasurer, "We figure that we (the Committee) put more time into this than into all three of our classes."

But what does Jack Breen think about all this? "I'm just finding out about everything" he said. "It started as a joke," said Breen, "and ended up as more than a joke. It will probably end as a joke."

But what does Jack Breen think of his major being changed? "I can understand why they did it," he said.

And what is Jack Breen getting out of all this publicity? "I'm having fun," he said. "I've met more girls during this than in three years at WPI," he said. "I'm in it for lust."

In a slightly more serious vein Breen added, "I hope it raises the school spirit. There doesn't seem to be any school spirit around here!"

Said Breen, "Life at the top is tough." "Good luck Jack," said someone walking past, out of the Pub. At this point he seems to need it.

## Friday, Nov. 6 to Thursday, Nov. 12

### Sat. Nov. 7

4:10 A.M. — Officers removed a group of non-WPI students from the Ellsworth parking lot.

6:30 A.M. — Doors found open: Daniels Hall, 3rd floor fire door; Stoddard C, middle door.

11:00 A.M. — A citizen reported students were speeding on Institute Road. One WPI student's car went up a curb and hit a tree, damaging the right front tire on his car.

4:50 A.M. — Vandalism was discovered to the ceiling on Daniels Hall, 3rd floor.

3:25 P.M. — A student residing on Dean St. reported that his automobile had been stolen from that address sometime during the night.

### Mon., Nov. 9

1:46 A.M. — A door in Stoddard C was found open.

## police log

11:15 A.M. — A WPI student was cited by WPD for driving to endanger after he was spotted driving with six people on the hood of his car.

12:45 P.M. — Campus police received a call reporting youths prying light covers off a car parked in the Stoddard lot. A WPI student responsible stated he needed the light bulbs to get his car inspected and that he intended to return the bulbs and covers later. The owner of the vehicle from which the bulbs were taken, also a WPI student, was called and advised of the situation.

8:55 P.M. — An officer observed a yellow construction light in the window of a Fuller apartment. The occupant volunteered to turn in the light to Campus Police.

### Sun, Nov. 8

12:40 A.M. — Campus Police stopped a vehicle near campus observed driving without any lights. The driver was found to be a minor in possession of alcohol and a police club. These items were confiscated.

3:55 A.M. — A student in Stoddard A reported that someone had been banging on doors for several minutes. The subject was found to be a non-WPI student visiting a resident of Stoddard.

11:30 A.M. — A student called from Salisbury Laboratories reporting that he accidentally mixed a wrong chemical which formed a poisonous gas. The officer responded and opened the windows, which dissipated the gas.

10:15 P.M. — A student was issued a warning citation for speeding and operating negligently.

### Tues., Nov. 10

4:55 P.M. — Campus Police received a call from a student regarding an attempted auto theft which occurred on Dean St. sometime during the night. Someone had broken into his car and damaged the ignition switch.

### Wed., Nov. 11

1:30 P.M. — A student reported that his clothes had been stolen from a dryer in the Ellsworth laundry room within the previous hour.

3:15 P.M. — Two non-WPI students were evicted from Alumni Gym.

10:00 P.M. — Two solicitors were evicted from campus after soliciting in the residence halls.

### Thurs., Nov. 12

1:50 A.M. — Campus Police assisted WPD in stopping a car full of youths who had failed to stop for stop signs and traffic lights.

## ASCE to sponsor 'Opportunities in CE'

ASCE will sponsor a panel discussion made up of three alumni and a public speaker. The program is entitled "Opportunities in Civil Engineering" and is subdivided into the following areas:

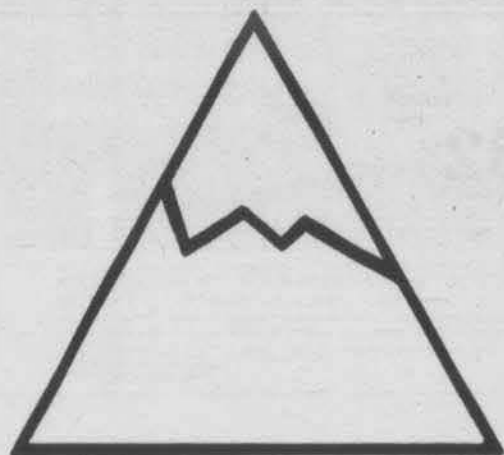
Judy Nitsch '75, Vice President at Schofield Bros., Inc., Attleboro, will speak on the advantages and disadvantages of a large vs. small company (or vice versa) and how one should base their decision.

Dick DiBuono '62, Chief of Hydraulics and Water Quality at the U.S. Corps of Engineers, will speak on job opportunities in government and how it differs from private industry.

Adrienne Dill '78, Staff Engineer at Haley & Aldrich, Inc., Boston, and a recent graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, will speak on the possibility of continuing on to graduate school (full time) after WPI.

Kay Draper, Specialist in oral communications in the Humanities Dept., will speak on how a person should present themselves at an interview.

This program will be held in Higgins Lab 109 on Wednesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6:45. A question and answer session will follow the program. All are invited to attend.



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## Video games become major college pastime

(CPS)—The days of ping-panging, clitter-clattering are gone.

These days the arcades of America's college unions are more likely to resound with synthesised blasts, bleeps and zaps of video games.

"Five years ago I'd say that 99 percent of all our games were pinball," says Roger Conway, director of student activities at the University of Rhode Island. "Now, at least 70 to 80 percent of everything is video games."

The new games—launched just eight years ago with Atari's now primitive Pong—are not only pushing traditional union pinball machines, football games and pool tables out the door, they're bringing new customers into the arcades and swelling union profits.

"It's amazing the number of people who stop in and play video games,"

remarks Robert Todd, student union director at the University of Illinois.

"Our 1978 net profit was less than \$90,000," he recalls. "For 1980 our net was \$210,000, and in 1981 it will be around \$250,000."

Todd attributes the increase to "frequency of play," which seems to be greater on video games than on the traditional mechanical games.

Unions aren't hesitating to cash in on the trend. Rather than leasing or renting the games like most colleges, UCLA bought its own arcade equipment. "We train students to service the machines and supply them with all the necessary equipment," says student union Director Mark Panatier.

The result is that now UCLA owns 26 video games. Panatier expects 1981 arcade profits to hit \$313,000, up from \$108,000 in 1976-77.

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## "Two Cities" loses Dickens

by Skip Williams  
Newspeak staff

Thursday the fifth, the Humanities Department presented the first of its series, Novels on Film, with the 1957 adaption of Charles Dickens' novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*. Directed by Ralph Thomas, this film tells of Dickens' story of England and France during the French Revolution.

The film is a very good one, primarily because of Dirk Bogarde's performance as Sydney Carton; however, the film isn't a very good adaption of Dickens' novel, also primarily because of Dirk Bogarde's performance as Sydney Carton. The film doesn't remain true to Dickens' intentions for the characterization of Sydney Carton. Bogarde portrays Carton as more of a hero than he was in the book. In the book, Carton seems to be a bit rough around the edges and an excessive drinker, but in the film, Carton is a gentleman who occasionally has a bit too much to drink. Although the Carton role was expanded quite a bit, it is understandable because a film company who has a major star under contract would not want to waste him in a minor role.

Despite the misinterpretation of the character of Sydney Carton, there are many characterizations in the film that appear to be what Dickens had in mind when he wrote the novel. For example, Cecil Parker plays Mr. Jarvis Lorry, the representative of Tellson's Bank and Co., in the very businessmanlike manner Lorry personifies. In Lorry's first meeting with Lucie Manette when he tries to tell her that her father is still alive, Parker shows Lorry's nervous business manner which makes him sound as though he's representing Tellson's in front of a board of new clients. Other characterizations which seem to remain true to Dickens' intentions include Donald Pleasance's beady-eyed portrayal of the slithery spy Basard and Christopher Lee's menacing performance as the evil Marquis.

Although this 1957 adaption of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* doesn't remain true to many of the details, it is still a good film. One must consider how many of the details there are in Dickens' novel and how many of them the makers of this film put into the two hours it appears on the screen, but most importantly, one must consider how well were these details combined

## Pathways looking to be recognized

by Greg Dearborn  
Newspeak staff

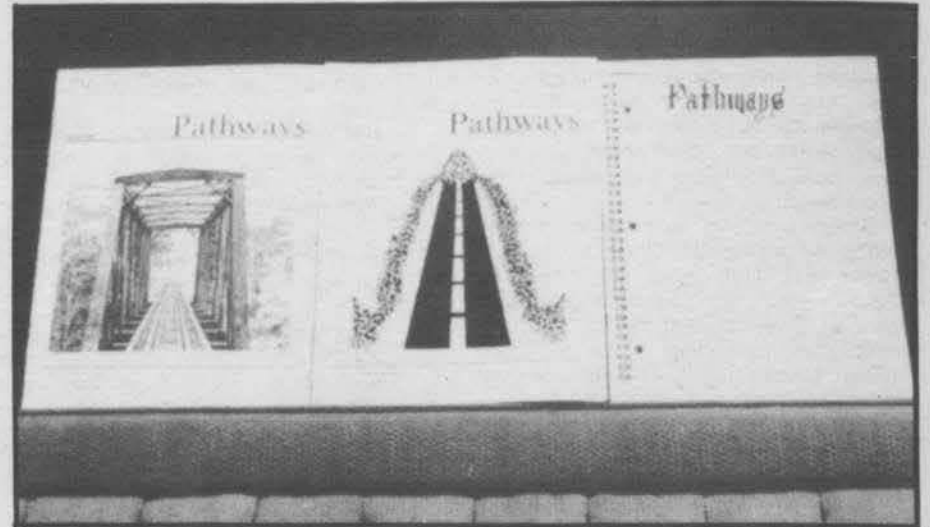
The creative outlet for WPI authors, poets, artists, and photographers may be in trouble if the mundane problem of budget is not resolved this year.

Pathways, the literary magazine of WPI, is currently being supported by the graces of Glenn DeLuca and SocCom. With his support Pathways will publish its usual two issues this academic year, the first right before Christmas vacation. Next year's budget is still up in the air. Currently, the Pathway's staff is trying to get recognized as an official publication

with Dean Brown, but at the moment they are all intangible.

Pathways was founded by Tom Nicolosi, based on an idea by Jim Leonard ('81). From virtually nothing, Pathways has expanded to an average of 30 contributors an issue.

The editing process is done by all members in roundtable discussions. Each piece submitted is read by each individual. Then, it is read aloud at least twice. Members discuss the piece, and after careful consideration a decision is made whether it can be published for the upcoming issue. Most pieces are put



— Jim Dyer.

of the school. After that task is accomplished, the next step is to find an organization to finance the periodical. Some possibilities were discussed by Newspeak editors Diemer and Nicolosi.

into the film. All things considered this film turns out to be a far, far better than the makers of this film do, than many filmmakers have ever done.

The next two films presented by the Humanities Department in their series, Novels on Film, will be "The Pickwick Papers", on November 19, and "Wethering Heights," on December 10. Both films are free and open to the public. They will be shown in Kinnicutt Hall at 7:00 p.m.

into a pile to be reconsidered since space limitations make decisions so difficult. If there was a larger budget, a wider variety of material could be included.

It is widely recognized that the success of Pathways was aided by the cooperation of the Newspeak staff and editors. Originally a child of the Newspeak corporation, Pathways is now trying to rise to its own feet. Undoubtedly, the connections to its mother organization will remain strong.

Pathways actively encourages all students, faculty and staff to try their hands at creating a masterwork. Poems, fiction, essays, art and photography is being collected for the Spring issue. Write Box 2472 with your contributions, and include a note and return address.

## INTERSESSION 1982 REGISTRATION For WPI Students

Monday, November 30 - Friday, December 4, 1981  
11:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Wedge.

Intersession Catalogs will be delivered to boxes around  
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For more info, contact Melanie Lajoie, Higgins Labs 121, ext. 5591.

# CAMPUS CAPSULES

## Forum on University Industrial Alliances

Dean of Faculty Ray E. Bolz will be a panelist at a public forum at Clark University on today, November 17. The theme of the forum will be the pros and cons of various university/industrial alliances, for traditional academic values and the concept of a university, and for traditional values of science and scientific communication. Dean Bolz will address the issues from the perspective of a technologically oriented institution. Other panelists are Clark President Mortimer H. Appley and Laurence Berlowitz, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Clark. The program is sponsored by the Worcester Forum for the Study of Values, Inc., a community-based organization formed in 1977 which attempts to provide an ethical perspective on issues of public concern. The forum will begin at 8 p.m. in Jefferson Hall.

## "Our Town"

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder will be presented by the WPI Masque on November 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. in Alden Hall. Director is Prof. Susan Vick of the humanities department. Tickets are \$1 each, available at the department office, or at the door.

## Dance Daze

Remember to join this Friday's DANCE DAZE, open to the entire WPI community — a wonderful way to share your energies with students, faculty, staff and families! 8-11:00 p.m., Alumni Gym. Admission \$2, no charge for small children. For more information, call Deirdre at extension 5327.

## SFPE

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers will show a movie about the MGM Grand Hotel Fire on Thursday, November 19th at 4 p.m. in Higgins Lab 109. Dave Demers, a fire protection engineer for Firepro, will give a brief presentation after the film and answer any questions regarding fire protection engineering.

## ASCE

On Wednesday, November 18th, ASCE will sponsor a panel discussion made up of three alumni and a public speaker. The program is subdivided into the following areas: advantages/disadvantages of a large vs. small company, Government job opportunities, deciding on graduate school, and the interviewing procedure. It will be held in Higgins 109 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6:45. All are invited to attend.

## Fencing

The WPI Fencing Team has two upcoming matches to which everyone is invited. On Wednesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. in Harrington there is a match against Southeastern Massachusetts University, and on Saturday, November 21st at 1 p.m. in Harrington our opponents are St. John's.

## ACS food drive

The Afro-American Cultural Society will hold their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24. Members will be posted in Boynton Hall and the Wedge from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accept donations.

## Craft bazaar

The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta and Delta Phi Epsilon will sponsor a Christmas Craft Bazaar next month to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. All crafts are handmade and donated by the members of the two women's fraternities. The fair will be held at the Auburn Antique and Flea Market, 773 Southbridge Street (Route 12), Auburn on Sunday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. AGD and DPE ask your support of this worthwhile cause.

As part of this fund raiser, a calendar listing patrons' names, WPI organizations and local business advertisements will be published. The calendar will be sold at the fair and all proceeds will go to the new JDF Worcester Chapter. If you would like to be a patron or place an ad

in the calendar, contact Jinny Guerrin, WPI Box 1908, for details.

## Dickens film

"The Pickwick Papers" by Charles Dickens will be shown in Kinnicutt Hall on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Humanities Department, the film is open to the public, free of charge.

## LS seminar

Dr. Fred Allen of the U.S. Army Research and Development Labs in Natick will speak on "Production of Celluloses and Their Application" on Friday at 11 a.m. in SL 236. Refreshments will be served at 10:45 in Room 108.

## RR seminar

James Watters of the Humanities Department will give a talk on American Railroad Thursday at noon in Higgins Lab 101.

## Tall building

As part of the seminar series sponsored by the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research, Prof. P. Jayachandran will speak on "Tall Buildings" tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in AK 233. Analysis, design and research aspects of tall buildings to resist gravity, wind and earthquake loads will be presented. Refreshments will be served at four o'clock.

## IFC weekend

Members of the Interfraternity Council seek your support for their eleventh annual fund raising event. A marathon basketball game to benefit the United Way begins at 8 o'clock Friday night, and will dribble on until 6 p.m. Saturday when the Giant Auction begins. Donations of baked goods to be sold during the game may be left with Bill Trask in the Office of Graduate and Career Plans, Boynton Hall. The IFC would also appreciate donations (money, prizes, tutoring, typing time, for example) to the auction. Above all, they want you to come and enjoy part, or all, of the weekend activities. (NOTE: New feature this year - jello wrestling in the Alumni Gym, Saturday afternoon!)

## Spree Day Thursday

The Committee of Concerned Students will meet this Thursday, November, 19, at 4:15 p.m. in the lower Wedge. Topic: SPREE DAY.

## IFC meeting

An open meeting of the Interfraternity will be held tonight at the TKE house at 7:30.

## Marathon Keg Roll

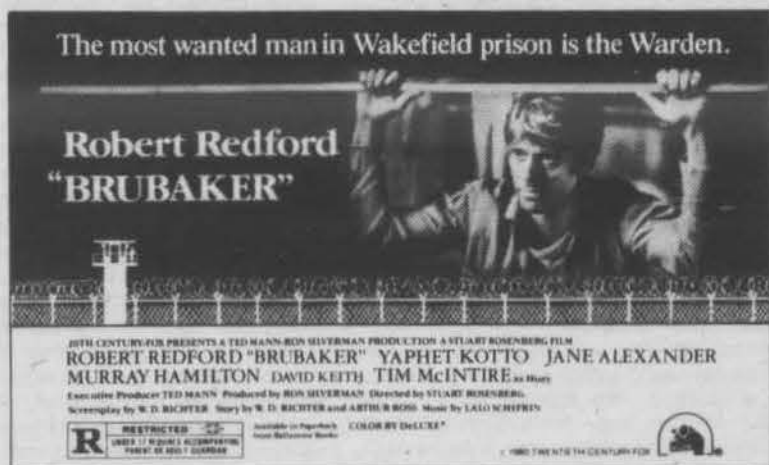
The WPI Rugby Club is sponsoring a 24 hour keg roll during IFC weekend in order to raise money for Worcester's Handicapped children. The keg roll will take place from 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. The course will run from the WPI quad around a small course encompassing Park Ave., Salisbury St., West St., and Institute Road.

After the first hour of this course the Rugby Club will move the keg roll onto the Alumni Field track and the quad where the evening track will be held. The goal we have set is 150 miles and hopefully we can roll more. Each member of the team will roll the keg for at least 1/2 hour through the night. All other participants are welcome to roll for at least this minimum time.

All the money saved will benefit the handicapped Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Worcester. Prof. Cory will be coordinating the donations.

The Rugby Team will be seeking pledges for the keg roll during the week prior to the event, however, those who wish to send in their donations may do so by filling out the form below and sending it to: Rugby Club, Box 2435, WPI, Worcester, 01609. The Rugby Team hopes that many pledges will be collected such that these handicapped children may benefit from the money raised for them.

Rugby Club Kegathon	
Name	_____
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Telephone No.	_____
Pledge \$_____ per mile of keg roll for a total of \$_____	



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Sunday, Nov. 22  
6:30 and 9:30  
Alden Hall

Admission: \$1.00 W/WPI ID  
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## EDITORIAL

### Stockman tells the truth

This past week David Stockman, President Reagan's Budget Director, made big headlines. Usually Mr. Stockman is in the headlines anyway as Reagan's chief budget-chopping axe man and advocate of so-called Reaganomics. This week's headlines, however, did not concern Stockman's testimony before any Congressional or Senate Committees, but were about his comments as quoted in an article written by Washington Post assistant managing editor, William Greider, which will appear in the December issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

It has been reported that in the article Stockman referred to the Reagan economic plan as "a Trojan horse to bring down the top (tax) rate." Stockman was also quoted as saying, "I never believed that tax cuts alone will cause output and employment to expand."

It would seem that the American people have been treated to a deception that is almost on the scale of the Trojan horse saga, but nowhere near being as much of an epic as Homer's original. It will be said that the liberals were just waiting for such a slip up as Stockman's, but why not? What Stockman came out and said in the *Atlantic Monthly* article the opponents of Reagan's plan have been saying all along. The only difference is that now someone in the administration has finally admitted it.

The Reagan economic plan has always been aimed at helping the rich. Before Reagan was even elected last year some of his chief advisors were quoted as saying that part of the Reagan economic philosophy was that the rich must get richer and the poor must get more poor as a result of the then proposed (now enacted) policies. The fact is that Reagan is a rich man's President. The economic and budgeting policies that he is pushing through Congress will not benefit the majority of the American people as administration rhetoric would lead us to believe.

### Professional awareness

To the Editor:

On November 11, 1981, The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers sponsored a "Professional Awareness Conference" for engineers. The conference had a very interesting program. IEEE President R.W. Damon spoke of legislation concerning engineers and what the IEEE had to do with it. Larry Dwon spoke about career choices and interviewing. Mr. Dave Lenis spoke about patents and pensions. Mr. Jim Fairman talked about ethics and the professional identity, and Mr. Hans Cherney spoke about the professional programs in the IEEE.

These speakers are employed in private industry, but in their speeches they represented the engineering community. Their speeches were very fiery and sometimes they expressed different opinions from one another. After listening to all of them one did not fail to realize the importance of the engineer's professional identity and pride.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the WPI students and faculty who made this conference possible, and ask them to continue their efforts and extend an invitation to more students to participate, especially freshmen and juniors for whom conferences like this could be of great benefit.

Andrey Hassan '82

## LETTERS

### In defense of the U.S.

To the Editor:

Sometimes I feel as if I'm losing a battle when I talk to others about defending this country. Just the other day I was talking with yet another person who stated to me, "No offense to you, but if a war did come about, I'd be the first one out of the country." Once again I felt a deep pain as I thought about the possibilities. I could see it now, the big race would be the one of people fleeing the country. The flee from something that helped them achieve everything they possess in their minds and hands. I don't think I had thought at all before saying, "OK, but just don't come back."

Yes, I call myself patriotic, but not before acknowledging its definition. The definition of "patriot" in *The American Heritage Dictionary* is "A person who loves, supports and defends his country." My definition includes more than what this states, but no less. I think of patriotism in a personal way. I feel the same way about my relationship with my country as I do with my friends. I love them, and although I may not agree with all they believe in, and what they do some of the time, I would not hesitate to help them if they called on me or needed me. I would support them and help them achieve a goal that they had set for themselves, and definitely would not desert them when they needed me the most. I don't understand why someone would desert something that is that precious to them such as the United States.

I myself never realized how precious the United States was until I visited other countries. One place that sticks out in my mind is Berlin. While I was there I

visited East Berlin, which was an experience in itself, but I stayed with a family on the West Side of the wall for a few days. During my stay I got to see many sites around the city, including many tributes to America for helping them stay free, but the thing that hit me the most was my host's father's own words. He told me how honored he was to have an American in his home, and how much he owes the Americans himself, for without us he and his family would be on the "other side of the wall." I was proud of our country. Proud that we had fought to help these people have freedom and not be bound by the wall of communism.

I am also proud of America for all the work it has done to deter war. Without the weapons and people there ready to fight, it would be impossible to discourage an attack on our country or our allies. This doesn't mean that I am for nuclear warfare. I know just as well as anyone who knows anything about it how fatal it would be to the earth itself. The reason that we are working and putting money into nuclear weapons is to prove that we are prepared to fight and win if something does turn up. This in turn also prevents hostile actions against our country and all that it stands for.

Yes, we can afford to protect our country. We can afford to keep up the research and development that is so crucial to enhancing our deterrence capabilities. This price is so small when you consider the cost of the loss of freedom.

Gayle J. Dalawrak '84

### Conscientious objector termed "ignorant"

As long as our school paper is giving publicity to our student conscientious objector, how about some input from a student with different views?

First of all, I'll refer readers to page four of the Nov. 10 issue of *Newspeak*. Dan Weinschenker seems to have the typical view of a conscientious objector. He "refuses to take part in our madness that defines national security as more and more weapons systems." The theory here seems to say, we can blow up the world ten times now - so why do we need more weapons. This is blatant ignorance! Why, you might ask? Again, let's refer back to Weinschenker's answer to a question he termed "silly". The United States, implies he, does not have to strive to improve its conventional war strategy - "it's meaningless in our nuclear age". More ignorance.

Pretty harsh words from a student with no more expertise in this area than Weinschenker. So I'll defend them.

Our national security policy is not defined simply as more and more weapons systems. It is striving to achieve neutrality with the Soviet Union, who obviously grew bold in the wake of Vietnam and all the anti-military sentiment of this era which resulted in defense budget cuts. This neutrality is not confined to nuclear weapons as Weinschenker suggests. Conventional warfare is our big target for improvement. The revitalizing of the Green Berets is an example of this. Though it never actually ceased to exist, it was de-emphasized in the mid seventies. It's easy to see our motives for improving our armed forces in this area. Just look in Latin America, South America, Africa, the Middle East, and even Europe. One can't be so naive as to think wars in these countries will be nuclear. Our conscientious objector seemed to think the "3,000 miles of ocean protected us." Well, look on the map and see how far Cuba and El Salvador are from us. May I remind you that during war time, it is important to have allies in different parts of the world.

Even if one discounts the strategic location of a country as a reason for defending it, there is an economic aspect involved. Since our country pursues a policy of laissez-faire, it is in our

best interest to help other countries achieve this economic policy also. To make our economy run and to meet the needs of the American people, (i.e. oil, minerals, and luxuries that we now consider necessities) we must exert our military influence throughout the world. Remember how inconvenient it was during the gas shortage and consider the hardships our economy would face if other mineral supplies were cut off. We are threatened with this situation right now as Cuba, with Soviet influence, is exerting itself in Africa. We cannot afford to let this situation occur. The point I'm trying to make is that our economy is proportional, in the long run, to our military strength. Conventional warfare is as important now as it ever was.

So, I've given two reasons for improving our military and to continue to increase its budget. They are strategically located allies during war time and to prevent the Soviet Union and its allies from cornering the market on natural resources vital to the United States' existence. My next reason has to do with negotiation, and I'll use an analogy to get my point across.

Recall the last time you were in a bar and saw a fight. Perhaps one guy picks a fight with another - maybe he has a legitimate reason. The other guy happens to be thirty pounds lighter than his adversary and is trying to explain to his enraged aggressor that he's sorry he dumped his beer on him as he thought was someone else. But this bigger guy doesn't want to hear anything and proceeds to punch him bloody. Now, here we are the next night and Rudy Beaupre (240 lb. offensive lineman on WPI football team) is in the same bar and accidentally dumps his entire beer on this same guy. The guy gets really ticked off and stands up to hit Rudy. But when Rudy stands up, the guy reconsiders and says, "Well Rudy, I don't think you really meant that and you apologized so I'll accept your apology." Rudy is in a position to negotiate and the U.S. must remain in this position also.

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# COMMENTARY

## America in space-maybe

by Tim Roesch  
Newspeak staff

Columbia is an endangered species of bird much like an Eagle. You remember the Eagle don't you, our national symbol (and Buick's)? Both stand for the ideals of our rather large country. And yet they are both under attack.

Then, just as she stops, awaiting the adulation of the crowds, she comes under the close scrutiny of strange craft as if she's done something wrong.

What would happen if it crashed or blew up (or most likely both)? Is it strong enough to carry the hopes and needs of a continent? Was it worth the

### TRUTH BEHIND THE WORDS

Eagles are being plucked out of the air by shotguns and slingshots. While the Shuttle Columbia has been attacked by raging forklifts, covered in dangerous chemicals, been slashed and cut by overzealous politicians. She's been maligned and slandered. She's been forced to mate with rattling trucks that knocked her armor off. Attached to thundering pillars of flame that beat her innards to mush. Her brains have argued with each other over a trifling nano-second of time.

Then defective oil filters clogged her plumbing and now she's been feeling awfully weak. On top of all this she's now been forced to land without dignity on some barren dusty landing strip in a lonely dry lake bed, her fans kept at a distance.

wait and worry? Will it help man survive the nuclear age? Can it carry man's bulk into and back from the stars?

Of course!

But there are other questions to be answered. Questions of appreciation. Questions that sound like, "Do we deserve it?" or "Are we in the right frame of mind when we crank those solid fuel rockets over?" Is it right to picture the Shuttle Columbia bristling with LASERS and missiles? Is it right to force a harvinger of peace to toss weaponry carelessly into orbit around our already beleaguered planet?

Maybe it isn't the Columbia that's endangered, maybe it's us. Maybe we ought to scrap the Shuttle.

We need the Shuttle, not a flying tombstone.

## The parents are coming, the parents are coming

by David Wall  
Newspeak staff

By the time this is printed in our immortal tabloid, Parents' Day will have come and gone, a memory hastily pushed aside as the methodical madness of eight o'clock classes, meals at DAKA, and whatever else one might do returns to dominate life here at wonder-

long before we ever got here and became the ultimate example of taking what is being dished out. Our parents, however, are not similarly armored, so the legions of DAKA must exert themselves as never before. Else, they will have to face hundreds of angry mothers, wielding that most formidable of weapons, the purse, all screaming that their

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ful WPI. So, Parents' Day merits some attention now, even if only because it is a break in the almighty routine.

By its very nature, Parents' Day is something of an irritant, because it forces people to do things they might not do otherwise. Fraternities, for example, are forced to put their best faces forward, as opposed to their typical, more laid-back kind of appearance. Freshmen must hide all their half-empty liquor bottles, take the centerfolds down off the walls, clean their rooms, etcetera. Upperclassmen who have endured this sort of thing before have either tried to talk their parents out of making an appearance or expressed profound regrets that they have too much homework to be running around campus all day.

Students, of course, are not the only ones to feel the shock waves of Parents' Day. Consider the faculty, more specifically, the faculty advisors. The faculty has had plenty to worry about lately. Scheduling for freshmen is just on the horizon, and they are busy juggling the futures of their trusting advisees. And of course, there is the mild paranoia induced by the minions of accreditation bureaus running about, poking into everything. And, of course, there are classes to be prepared for. Now, they must be thinking, we also have to face the progenitors of these many students. There are considerably better things to be done with a Saturday morning.

Also among the people whose Saturday might be easier without Parents' Day are the personnel of the Dining and Kitchen Administration. Their dilemma is truly sorrowful to behold. First off, they are being displaced from their sanctum in the innards of Morgan Hall, and are being dispatched to cavernous Harrington Auditorium. And then, they are confronted with one of the great challenges an organization such as theirs can face, that of pleasing our parents. We as a group are not all that difficult to nourish, since our systems have been inured by the years of junk food we have been putting in ourselves

children aren't being fed properly. Scott Migala dislikes hiding out, ergo, DAKA has to be good, or heads might roll, and who knows what they might end up rolling into.

Last but not least are the group we can all lump together under the heading of the administration. The bureaucracy in all its varied forms now has to come up with things for the parents to do. Speeches have to be prepared. Presentations have to be made presentable, and infinitum, and quite possibly ad nauseum. But it is difficult to have sympathy for this group. After all, Parents' Day is essentially their idea. He who seeks trouble will find it, one might say, and they are bringing their sufferings on themselves.

And the list goes on and on. Men's Chorus, Lens and Lights, SocComm, the WPIPD, everybody is mildly hassled by Parents' Day. And so, the reader might ask, WHY, WHY, WHY do we have Parents' Day? Are we all the victims of mass psychosis, inducing a sort of communal masochism? Or are we all subject to some other bizarre flaw in our psychological makeup, induced by who knows what?

No strange reason, really. A moment's thought, no doubt, will bring reasons to mind. Cast your mind back to that fateful last Sunday in August, when WPI was one of the deepest, darkest mysteries you had ever confronted? Right. Well we've been here for a while, and it's all very familiar to us now. But to our parents, by and large, it's still as deep and dark and uncomfortable now as it was then. Parents' Day is supposed to part the fog a bit, and give these people a chance to meet the strangers who are shaping your future. And, of course, it gives them a reason to go for a trip, or to confirm your continued existence if you are one of those people who fails to bridge the communication gap.

That's why we have Parents' Day. Despite all the hassles, they are minor ones, and we should all be a little bit thankful that the Institute is willing to tolerate them all.

From out of nowhere into who knows where...

## The adventures of spaceboy

by Tom Nicolosi  
Features editor

### Chapter 2: The Beauty in the Beast.

The story to date: Earle J. Screwman, an alien from a planet called Colduste has just beamed down into a freshman chemistry lecture in an unnamed engineering school in Worcester, Massachu-

Earle was even more puzzled than before. On his home planet students were taught by intravenus. Perhaps a similar method was being employed here.

"Do you use any drugs here?" asked Earle.

### bullshots

sett. Earle comes from a race of engineers and marketing executives. His goal in coming to Worcester is to make money. His only knowledge of human society is electronic video games, pay TV and Playboy magazine.

"Space is not the last frontier," said Earle as he left the lecture hall.

"Well, I wasn't like being serious, you know," said the tall blonde. "I mean that's what they say at the beginning of Star Trek, ya know. And like, you say that you come from space. But like, we've all been there, you know."

"You're speech patterns are puzzling," said Earle.

"Like, speech patterns are a real trip. Just like this whole freshman college scene. Like, can you relate?"

Earle could not relate. So far everything about Earth and the "freshman college scene" was puzzling to him. In the lecture hall Earle had studied the faces of the dazed students. He had determined that less than two percent of those in attendance were fully conscious.

"Is this normal?" asked Earle.

"Like, what?" answered the blonde.

"The lecture."

"Well, I haven't like been to too many so far but compared to the ones I've seen I'd say, yeah normal."

"Not right here!", said the blonde. "Maybe up in my room."

"That is good," said Earle. "I would like to try to learn some of the chemistry from that lecture."

"Wow, I wanted to meet someone else who was into chemicals!"

Earle had not expected such enthusiasm. He was eager to learn the ways of the Earth so that he could become rich and continue his research into Playboy magazine at his leisure.

"Hey boy!" The girl reached down and patted a grey Irish Setter that had stopped in the path in front of her.

On Earle's home planet telepathy between the Raggshug and their canine like pets was common.

"They always say 'hey, boy,' even though I'm a bitch," thought the dog.

"Hello, girl," thought Earle.

"Did you say that?" asked the Setter.

"Yes, we Raggshug can communicate telepathically. I guess that humans can't."

"Well, isn't that interesting," thought the dog. "Tell me more, green boy."

Next week: The beginning of a Beautiful Relationship.

## Thanks, Dave

by Jim Dyer  
News editor

I suppose columnists like Bill Buckley and Jim "Knee-jerk" Fitzpatrick, who spent the earlier part of the year gloating over Reagan's political gains, are gearing up to write about those obnoxious liberals gloating over David Stockman's

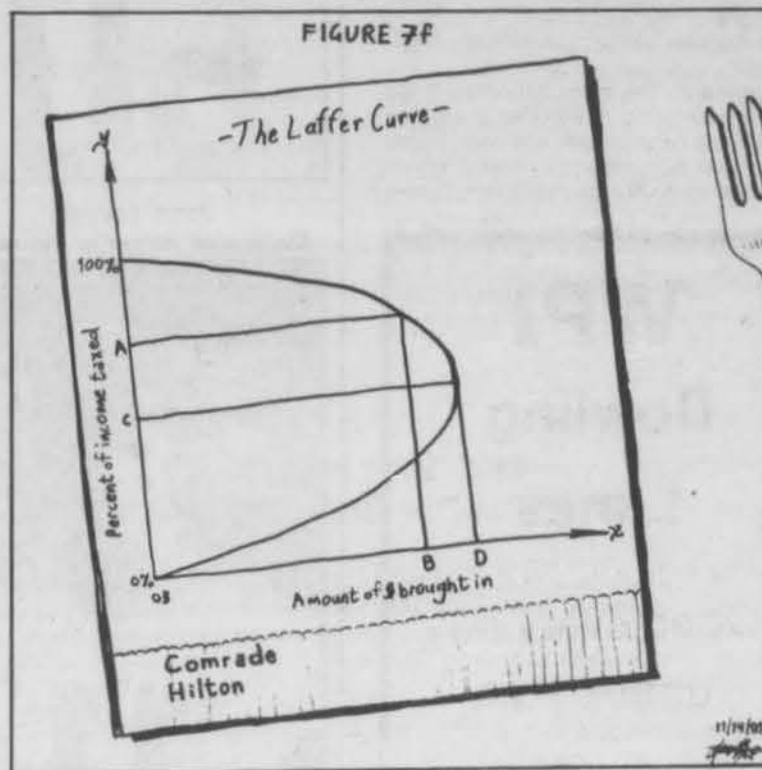
I hope to escape their wrath, since I'm not a liberal; i.e., I don't side with those who spend obscene amounts of money that do nothing to accomplish their purported objectives — objectives that I happen to support.

But such arguments are strictly *ad hominum* — as any HU1010 student

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statements to the *Atlantic Monthly*. One can hardly blame them for pointing out the hypocrisy of the liberal establish-

knows. Yet the issue remains. And it's a very interesting one, one which must be considered in a historical context. So

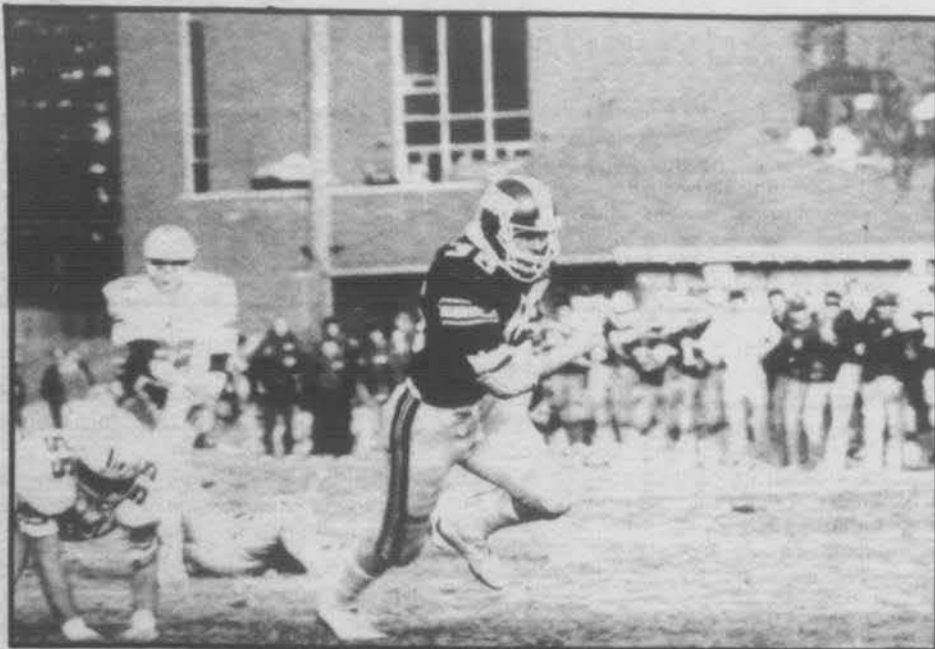


ment, for that is their weakest point in this issue. For an issue of credibility, it's hard to find a less credible critic than Tip O'Neil, who only weeks ago was saying, "Ron is my shepherd, I shall not want..."

let's go back to those wonderful days of yesteryear...before Ronnie was elected...

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# Football finishes season 6-2.



Chip Bienia breaks through the line for a touchdown. — Larry Leung.

by Duke Dalton  
Newspeak staff

Lowell University place-kicker Ron Pettinelli converted on a 21 yard field goal with 42 seconds left to win the game for Lowell, 17-15. The win enabled the Massachusetts school to close out its season with four wins and five losses while Worcester Tech lost only its second game of the year against six wins.

This drive started from the WPI 48 and took up fifteen plays. A two point pass failed, and Lowell held a 14-9 lead. Lowell ran off twelve more offensive plays than the Engineers (75-63). WPI's defense was hurt in the third quarter as they had to stay on the field for almost twelve minutes of the fifteen minute quarter.

Chip Bienia's second touchdown came on the first play of the fourth

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The play that set up the field goal was an interception of punter Kevin Conlon's pass after a high snap. Defensive back Brian Silva ran the pickoff to Worcester's 34 yard line and Lowell running back Gary Enrico scampered for 22 yards on the next play. After picking up six yards on three plays, Pettinelli kicked the ball through the uprights for the final score of the game.

WPI dominated the second quarter, played to a standstill in the third quarter, and dominated most of the fourth quarter. In the first quarter, however, Lowell scored two touchdowns on a pair of two yard touchdown bursts by tailback Al Lenzi. Lenzi then decided to contribute to the Engineers's scoring effort by fumbling the ball on the WPI 23, with defensive end Costa Evangelakos recovering the ball. "I hit the ball with my helmet and recovered the ball" he said. Dean Ayotte, with help from the wind, cleared the cross bar with a 42 yard field goal to cut Lowell's lead to 14-3.

On the next offensive series for Worcester Tech, Chip Bienia scored one of his first two touchdowns on a five yard

quarter. Coach Weiss decided to gamble on a fourth down and two. Full back Bienia found a hole on the right side between Bob Bois and Rudy Beaupre and outran the Lowell secondary to put the Engineers ahead, 15-14. Another two point conversion was unsuccessful.

Worcester's defense rose to the occasion when Lowell had the ball on the WPI 31. After three plays, Lowell tried a 44 yard field goal with the wind and ball fell short. "I was hoping to block the field goal so he (Pettinelli) would not have a chance for three points," said Costa Evangelakos. However, the freshman placekicker capitalized on his second chance, the 21 yarder that won the game.

Chip Bienia rushed for 120 yards on sixteen attempts, and halfback John Salvatore tacked on 60 yards with twelve carries. Jim Housekeeper led the team with eleven tackles. Worcester was hurt on third down passes by Lowell that led to the two touchdowns. Worcester Tech tied the record for wins in a season along with the 1938, 1954, and 1958 teams. Over the last two years, WPI has had eleven wins and five losses.

### Brothers concludes WPI football career

by Duke Dalton  
Newspeak staff

Chalmers Brothers has made a significant impact on the WPI football program since he transferred from Coast Guard in 1980. As a junior, he was named an honorable mention All-New England and promptly selected captain with Bob Montagna and John Sansoucy. Newspeak spoke to Chalmers about his last year at Worcester Tech.

Newspeak: What is your job as noseguard in the WPI defense?

Chalmers: My job is to keep the center and offensive guards off the linebackers. I also try to rush the passer effectively.

Newspeak: Why is the five man defensive line used?

Chalmers: We employ the "50" defense to benefit the linebackers. Our defensive tackles stay in their area, in case the play comes their way. Then they keep the offensive tackles occupied. This defense can be called a "team" defense, since everyone has their role and no individual shines.

Newspeak: How do you prepare mentally for an opponent?

Chalmers: I study the tendencies of my opponents on film. Some guys jump around a lot before the game, some stay quiet. I would say I'm between the two.

Newspeak: What's your role as captain?

Chalmers: Not be lazy, keep morale up, and lead by example because no one will listen to you if you don't lead by example.

Newspeak: Your individual highlights?

Chalmers: The most important thing to me was being nominated a captain after being here for only one year. Being named an honorable mention All-New England in 1980 was important to me, too.

Newspeak: Sentimentally, describe your thoughts in this, the last game.

Chalmers: You have to move on. I can't play football forever. It's kind of sad because football is important to me; however, my career of making a living is more important and I will go on as a person.

Newspeak: How are your feelings on next year's team?

Chalmers: I feel great being on the best team I've ever played on. The team will be unbeatable next year with the proper leadership. The Engineers are headed in the right direction.



John Scoville  
Defensive player of the week.



Chip Bienia  
Offensive player of the week.

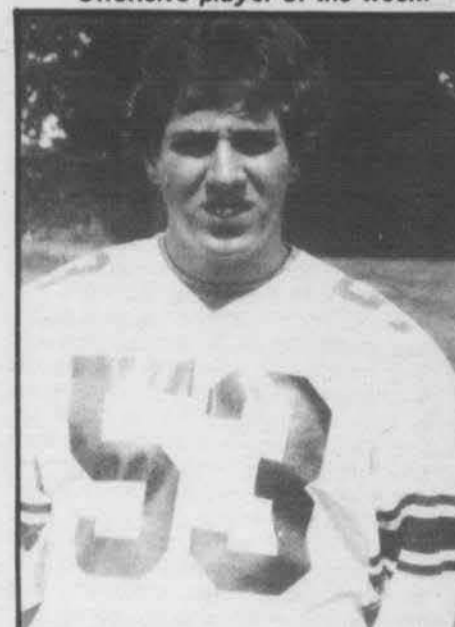
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# Mr. WPI 1981 gets crowned at halftime

by Ingrid M. Slembek  
Newspeak staff

The magical moment came and went with about as much subtlety as a turkey on rollerskates, but went leaving those who contributed time and money with the feeling that it was all for a good cause. Mr. WPI, ATO's own John Packer, was crowned during halftime at Saturday's football game, in front of students and parents. The proceeds of the contest — almost \$800, the largest single contribution by any group on campus — went to the International Kidney Foundation (see page 1).

The pageant was sponsored by the three sororities, AGD, DPE and PSS.

This was not the first honor earned by our newly crowned Mr. WPI, a sophomore in the Civil Engineering Department, Packer, in a classic rags-to-riches episode, was elected Ugly Man On Campus (UMOC) last spring. The brothers of ATO "thought it would be funny if I won Ugly Man and then Mr. WPI," he said. He wasn't expecting to win, having done it for charity alone.

Commenting on the prospect of his being regarded as a sex object, Mr. WPI responded, "I don't know..." He and his brothers only considered it an act of charity, he said, "nobody else in the house would do it so I just did...It was like a joke."

At the football game — where it was announced that the proceeds would go to Da Hai Ding's sister — Packer was crowned and given a bouquet of roses, then was walked up and down the field by Melanie LaJoie. It was also announced that SAE's Ron Thompson was second runner-up and that the Office of Student Affairs' nomination, Jim Poulipoulos was first runner-up.

Packer has no plans for entering the Mr. Massachusetts pageant.



Melanie LaJoie congratulates Mr. WPI — John Packer of ATO.

— Bala Krishnan.

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### Civil War group organizes

The first meeting of the Central Massachusetts Civil War Round Table will be held on Wednesday, November 18, at 8 p.m. in the GAR Hall at 55 Pearl Street in Worcester.

All persons, both men and women, who have a genuine interest in the war are invited to attend this free event.

Michael P. Perna, Jr., a lifelong resident of Shrewsbury, will speak on "The Civil War Diary of Ephriam B. Nye." The 31-year-old Perna is a master sergeant in the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

A round table discussion on important Civil War books will also be held during which each person attending will be given the opportunity to express his opinion.

The purpose of round tables is to study and to better understand the Civil War. The first round table was established in Chicago in 1939 and is still going strong. There are now about 70 all across the country, the largest of which is in Lexington, Kentucky and which contains 450 members.

The organizers of the new round table, who may be called at the number given for more information, are the speaker,

757-2445; Preston J. Sturdevant, Jr., of Auburn, 832-5587; Joseph F. von Deck, Ashburnham, 827-4279; and Carlton L. Smith, Harvard, 456-3303.

### Prelaw Club Meeting

There will be an informal gathering for all people interested in participating in the Pre-Law Club on Wed., Nov. 18 at 4:15 in the Salisbury Coffee Lounge. This will be an informative meeting and anyone who cannot make it may request information by contacting Pam Paduch at box 338.

### Foothills

The Worcester Foothills Theatre Company is offering special reduced rates on subscriptions for students. These subscriptions allow students to see all eight plays for the price of five. That's three plays free and a savings of 45% over single ticket prices.

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WPI Alumni from AT & T Long Lines, Western Electric Co., and New England Telephone will be present to discuss future career options and opportunities with the BELL SYSTEM. Please plan to attend.

**MANY THANKS** to the stress-strain expert of Higgins House and his wife for their exceptionally warm reception and willingness to help four struggling students who show up at their door at strange hours for help with strange problems! — The Struggling (Grateful) Four

**S — WON'T L. BE UPSET** if she ever finds out about dinner? I certainly don't want to incur her wrath, I know she still lusts after your body.

**IT WASN'T A ROCK!**

**WELCOME BACK, LISA!**

**THERE WAS A CROOKED CHEMIST**  
Who on a crooked day  
Made a crooked element  
By nuclear decay.  
He made a crooked bomb  
That exploded in his house  
And now he lives mutated  
As a crooked little mouse.

**LIZ: I LISTEN** to the wind, to the wind of my soul. I let my music take me where my heart wants to go. Hey kid, call him.

**JJ: The first time; Saturday nights until 3; moving; computers; Yago white with Sprite; major miracles; TIS; Give 1 heart, get back two — that's the paradox of "I love you"; Boynton for lunch...I think you get the idea. Yes. HUM!**

**WHERE IS LOOSE-LEGS LANE?**

**RILEY JUST ISN'T** the same without CBI!

**NORA — HOW** come you don't stay home on weekends?

# classifieds

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**KATHY: Can I have the green one? D.S.W.**

**P.G.A. — PLEASE don't wear shorts to any more football games. Legs that nice are...WOW!**

**SKIERS: Interested in daytrips to nearby mountains? Contact Leslie, Box 2174.**

**PERVERTS: Interested in nighttrips to nearby "mountains"? Contact Lolita, box 4712.**

## ...Video

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"The game room has become so popular that we've had to limit it to students, faculty and guests," Panatier exults. "We had kids coming in off the streets."

Explaining why video games -- which are actually computer programs with names like Asteroids, Space Invaders, Targ and PacMan -- are so popular is more complex than calculating their profits. In a case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Amusement and Music Operators Association argued the games are popular because they provide "physical and mental exercise." Panatier says "they're just plain fun." But some sociologists fear the games foster anti-social attitudes in younger children, perhaps creating a generation that deals better with computers than with other people.

Other observers see the games as just more sophisticated pinball machines.

"The games are an escapist activity, an opportunity to relax and unwind after a hard day of classes," contends David Stroud of Cinematronics, a California game manufacturing firm. "The college players are much more sophisticated, and seem to really get into the games more."

Anthropologist Dr. Edward Hall, author of *Beyond Culture*, sees something subconscious in it all.

"What a lot of these games are providing now is an orientation to the future," Hall claims. Students are "getting practice for the sort of things they'll have to be doing in the future. They may not know it yet, but these young people are growing up in a world we weren't born in, and they're preparing themselves for that world."

"They're looked at as games," he warns, "and they're much more than that."

**MARK — WHAT HAPPENED** to the funny guy everyone knew A-term?

**CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY INITIA-TED FCC MEMBERS!**

**PRESIDENT OF FCC, Stop breaking** the rules!

**CONGRATULATIONS UNCLE BA-ZOO!** Sorry this is late, but he was too, wasn't he?

**WHEN THE CHEEBA tray's empty,** the party's over. But lo and behold, the Chill Master has arrived, accompanied by the "Oh-so-mello" and the "Man from Japan." My tray runneth over. And the party has just begun. —T.M.P.

**STOP RIGHT THERE!! I GOTTA KNOW RIGHT NOW!!**

**I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY SAY...GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT!! THE PEOPLE WANT GARY BROWN FOR MR. WPI!!!!!!**

**IF SPRINGSTEEN IS "THE BOSS,"** then what is ITCHY... "THE LOSS?"

## ... objector

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A country cannot negotiate from a point of weakness and this is obvious in today's world - like it or not. We must remain on a par with the Soviets simply to avoid a war.

Yet another reason for maintaining neutrality with the USSR can be found in your history books. The Roman Empire fell when the army was de-emphasized and full of corruption and carelessness. Greece was a literary and cultural kingdom - it just doesn't last on planet Earth.

Moving on, let's touch on the subject of patriotism. Weinshenker said that most Americans feel that their "willingness to join the army" is a measure of their patriotism. I view patriotism from a different angle. If a person receives unemployment benefits when he has the ability to gain employment, he's ruining the American system. I believe our true patriots (war heroes aside) engage in voluntary work and charity to help organizations that might be subsidized by the government in a communist system.

When somebody doesn't want to do something, he'll always find an excuse for not doing it. Weinshenker, I don't want to be shot at any more than you do, and I was shaken by *Apocalypse Now* and *The Deer Hunter*. But I'll be damned if I'm going to sit back in luxury while my friends and fellow citizens get shot at. And as for all you conscientious objectors, the only true conscientious objector would allow someone to kill his family and himself without striking back. How many of you fit into that category? And for those of you who won't fight because you don't believe the government is right, there are legal channels through which you can get ideas across. But if one just plain refuses to cooperate, then leave our country and don't come back. And before everyone harps on Vietnam, I'll admit it was a terrible war and a disgrace to our country. However, the initial motive for involvement was not wrong - just the means for achieving it. Hopefully we learned from our mistakes.

Since Dan Weinshenker ended his letter with Kennedy's remark about conscientious objectors, I will too: I object to killing anybody. But if it has to be done I will. And by the way, those people we shoot at must believe in their cause. If they didn't they could risk their lives fighting against their own inefficient government - similarly to the way the original patriots of America fought the establishment. To sum it up, the idea of a country full of conscientious objectors is not feasible in today's society. Perhaps there will be in the next two hundred years, but not now. Just open your eyes and look around this crazed world. A country of conscientious objectors would be stepped on and taken over by an aggressor.

I suggest that until Mr. Weinshenker has spent some time in the army, that he doesn't stereotype every soldier the way he has.

Joseph Sheehan '83

## ...Thanks, Dave

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Early in the campaign, the public opinion polls were showing three things: (1) the public wanted tax cuts, (2) the public wanted social programs to continue and (3) the public wanted a large military budget (this being the result of perceived American weakness during the Carter administration and the naive belief that increased military spending improves national security). Reagan — that is, the Reagan people — were all for the increased military toys budget. What's more, their dogma supports tax cuts — even if their military spending doesn't. But the social programs didn't quite fit in.

Yet, to maintain the illusion of democracy in the U.S., the Reagan people had to come up with a way to make the public think they would be accommodated. Unfortunately, mere addition with a way to make the public think they would be accommodated. Unfortunately, mere addition could not accommodate tax cuts, social programs and a massive toys budget. Something more metaphysical (to use Gary Trudeau's term) was needed.

The answer came one fateful day when Felix Laffer sketched his infamous curve on a paper napkin (see Figure 7f). With the stroke of a pen, it was now possible to cut taxes and pull in even more tax money. This could be used to fund the toys and keep social programs intact.

It works like this.

Refer to Figure 7f. Point "A" on the axis represents the general percent of income now being taxed. According to the curve, this will bring the government B dollars, shown on the x axis. Now, if you cut the percent of taxation from A to C — C being the rate that "the people want to be taxed" — all that money that isn't going to the government will be reinvested; and productivity will increase so much that, even at the lower rate of taxation, the total cash taken in by the government will increase — from B to D.

And they lived happily ever after.

Thus a new era of bullshit was born. Supply side economics would do what the people wanted, so the people voted in a new president. This president took that vote to mean he could do what he wanted, regardless of what the people thought he would do; the word 'mandate' was tossed around a lot. For some reason, the social programs were slashed by Reagan's budget director, David Stockman, the Boy Wonder.

Stockman, recall, was the media's hero of supply-side economics. His

shaggy hair and boyish face filled the pages of the newsweeklies. While Ronnie supplied the folksy rhetoric ("You know, the Democrats were the ones who wanted to do that), old Dave would sit back, and in his most corporate manner, make Reaganomics sound feasible.

Somehow the appearance of feasibility endured. Inflation slowed a bit while the new policies were still being voted on and Ronnie took the credit: "They're anticipating the wonderful economy that's on the way." Then things started looking bad on Wall Street, after the policies were legislated. "You have to give it time," Papa Ron admonished. Amazingly, the illusion of credibility was maintained.

Then the worst happened.

David Stockman told the truth.

One of the things he said was really quite incredible, that the budget cuts were hastily conceived, poorly planned and ignored gross inefficiency at the Pentagon. What makes this so incredible is that Stockman earned his reputation as the Boy Wonder by hastily conceiving poorly planned budget cuts that ignored gross inefficiency at the Pentagon.

Then there's the statement, that we with a regard for facts have been saying all along, that the tax cuts were intended to benefit the wealthy after all. Surprise, surprise! Of course, I haven't heard a better analogy for the tax cuts than Stockman's own "Trojan Horse." Bravo, David!

Probably the most incriminating remark he made was that he never believed the economic forecasts that he sold Congress on. This pulled all the business editors and commentators out of the woodwork, reminding and boring us that all such forecasts are strictly theoretical. But they never mention that, when economists present their forecasts, they usually tend to have some shred of belief in them. This is a case of deliberate deception.

The Reagan administration's response was, predictably, just short of a purge. Stockman would be silenced.

This is just awful. The first thing that comes to mind is the issue of the accountability of public servants! The second thing is that Stockman should be given equal time with the others (Reagan, Haig, Watt, etc.) to make an ass of himself.

But what is most upsetting is that David Stockman is being silenced for telling the truth. Silenced by a president who gives us a hundred variations of the "free speech is not possible in Russia" theme.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Wednesday, November 18

WPI Protestant Fellowship. Lunch, prayer, and discussion.  
Religious Center, 11:30 A.M.

## Thursday, November 19

Topics of the American Railroad - a discussion by Prof. James Watters,  
12 Noon, HL 101.

Protestant Fellowship worship and discussion. Religious Center, 7:00  
P.M.

Humanities Department Film, "The Pickwick Papers," 7:00 Kinnicutt  
Hall. Free Admission.

Masque presents "Our Town," Alden Hall, 8:00 P.M. (Admission \$1)

Coffeehouse Entertainment featuring "Burton and Tapper," Wedge  
9:00 P.M.

## Friday, November 20

IFC United Way Weekend

Dance Daze, Alumni Gym, 8:00 P.M. (Adm. \$2)

Masque presents "Our Town," Alden Hall, 8:00 P.M. (Adm. \$1)

## Saturday, November 21

Fencing vs. St. John's. Harrington, 1:00 P.M.

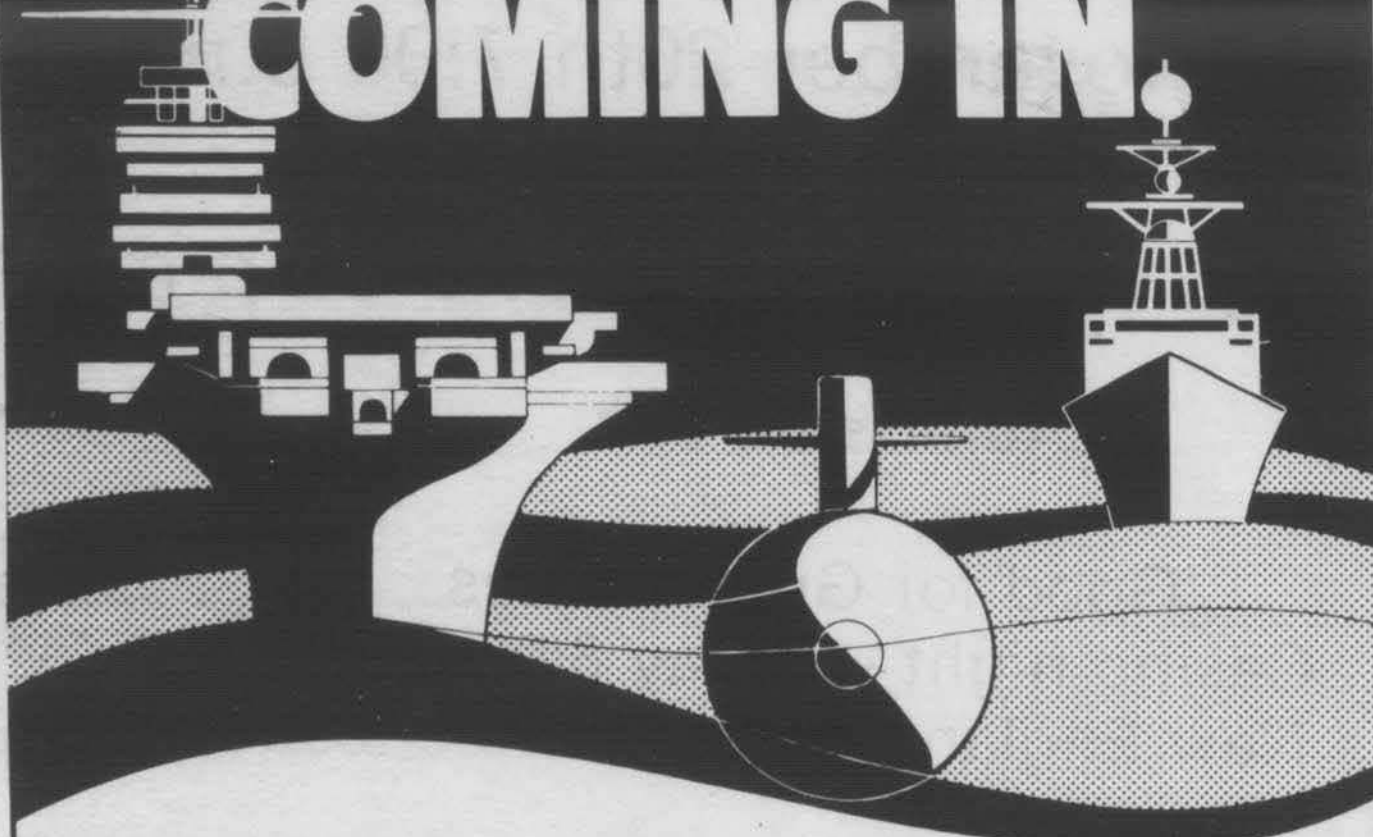
Masque presents "Our Town," Alden Hall, 8:00 P.M. (Adm. \$1)

## Sunday, November 22

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# Director of Publications to leave post

by Greg Doerschler  
Newspeak staff

Russell Kay, WPI's director of publications, will be leaving WPI this week. Kay has been Director of Publications here since 1970, before which WPI had no centralized publications office. The publications office is currently responsible for the production and quality control of almost all of what WPI prints. This includes catalogues, brochures, posters, stationery, promotional pieces, admissions literature, and business cards. The office does some writing and editing as well as design and paste-up.

Since Kay arrived here eleven years ago, he has seen a tremendous growth in publications at WPI. His first year here he reported having 50-60 separate publications. By last year this number had risen to 287 publications for the year.

Kay views the WPI publications as "one of the most visible faces that we present to the outside world," noting their importance in displaying an image

of what WPI is all about. This image is not only contained in the information found in the publication but also in the design and quality of it. Kay places much importance on the quality control of publications. He remarked that the purpose of the publications is to communicate, and "if you can't do it properly, than maybe you're better off not doing it." Sometimes a publication will come in which Kay feels is so bad that the office can't let it go through. In this case it is either edited or re-written by the publications office, or sent back to whoever brought it to be published.

During the eleven years that he spent here, Russell Kay has implemented many changes in WPI publications.

Besides the centralization and expansion of the publications office, he wrote and produced the first admissions program for the Plan. One item in this program has just this year been totally revised.

A book was initially prepared to be sent to all prospective applicants. The publication started out with about 60 pages and was expanded over the past ten years, reaching a size of 120 pages. Kay described the purpose of this book as the function of the school in general. Most current WPI students probably remember this book as one of about 120 pages with an aerial photo of WPI on the back cover. Inside, there is an application for admission, discussion about most aspects of WPI and student life, portfolios of six students, and many pictures. This book has now been reduced into a concise, 32 page booklet with numerous color photographs included. Kay wrote and organized the booklet, working closely with the admissions office. The decision to use color photography inherently updated the booklet. Photos which were available were for the most part black and white, so a photographer had to be called in

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Russell Kay.

— John Mar.

## Newspeak

The student newspaper of Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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Tuesday, November 24, 1981



## CCS attacks Spree Day issue

by Jim Dyer  
News editor

Spree Day 1982. The Committee of Concerned Students met in the lower Wedge last Thursday to address this very issue. "Baba O'Riley," playing on the cable TV overlooking the meeting, was quieted. "OK, why don't we get started?"

CCS Chairperson Tom Barrett wanted to make a point, so he offered a modern-day parable: The young man who dressed up, splashed on the Brut, walked down to the Pub, bought a beer or two, became interested in a certain member of the opposite sex, sat down at a table and waited for her to come and introduce herself. Three hours and two warm beers later, she leaves the Pub.

Barrett was stressing that he wanted initiative. Simply put, "nothing will be done unless people do something."

Barrett also suggested an approach, that many hands make light work, that a large number involved resulted in less time constraints for each, that involvement makes it feasible to "put some time in. That's the only way this committee can get anything done."

It had been recommended at the last Student Executive Council meeting that the issue of Spree Day be addressed with input from the Social Committee, faculty and administration and the student body. Apparently, the input was starting to flow.

"I talked to President Cranch, to see where the administration stands," Barrett continued. And where does the administration stand at this point in time? Barrett reported the following:

1. Security of the students and campus is necessary.

2. Rock music all day is not advised, but live music is a possibility.

3. More student and faculty participation, perhaps entailing student and faculty provision of entertainment.

Barrett picked up his copy of the 1981 Peddler, which he described as a cherished memory of a year at WPI, one to be shown--for example--to one's grandchildren. On the upper right-hand corner of page 48 was a photograph of what Barrett described as the high point of the day.

The upper right-hand corner of page 48 of the 1981 Peddler is a photograph of a derriere. "I don't think that's enough. We need something more."

A point was brought up by Jack Nickerson, a participant in last year's meetings of the Committee of Student Leaders (CSL) (now known as the Student Leaders' Forum). "The CSL gave the administration a raw deal," he said. Nickerson described the situation as he saw it:

Spree Day, he reported, worked like a sawtooth. One year it would be up, the next year it would be down. Spree Day 1980 was an up--that is, a rowdy--year. Spree Day 1981 would, it followed, be a mellower year. But an occurrence in 1980 shifted the perspective.

That year, two local youths got into a fight on Spree Day, outside of the

Wedge. One of them reportedly stabbed the other with a portion of a broken bottle.

Both the CSL and the administration were faced with developing a proposal for Spree Day that would prevent the recurrence of such an incident. According to Nickerson, the CSL were concerned that the event would be cancelled, and thus pushed to keep the event close to the 1980 version--in what was regarded as a 'down' year. "That," he said, "is why what happened last year happened."

Professor Tom Keil reported that the event had "an attitude of violence" in 1980. Student Body President Dave Rubinstein agreed: "We need a change of attitude. I think we should be sticking together as a community."

So how does the CCS plan to address the issue?

Neil Sullivan, chairperson of the CCS Spree Day Subcommittee, announced plans for a large meeting of the entire student body. Nickerson agreed, urging that a group "more diverse than the CSL" address the issue. Plans for the meeting were discussed yesterday.

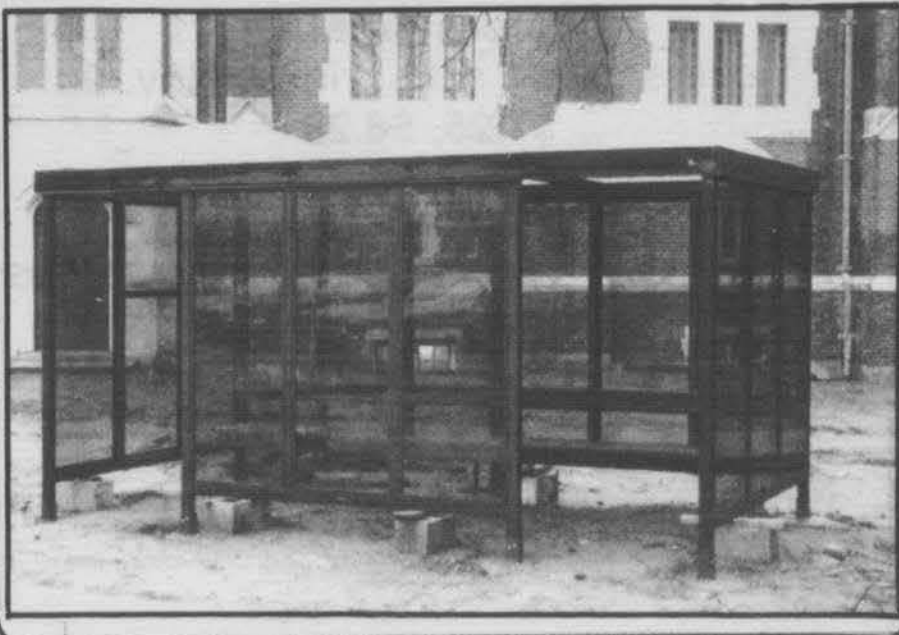
In the meantime, the CCS is collecting ideas. A "Speak Out" sheet has been put up on the CCS bulletin board, to solicit Spree Day suggestions. Barrett urges that ideas also be sent to Box 1191: "We want ideas, and we want them fast."

## New shelter for shuttle

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Those who use the consortium shuttle may be enjoying the shelter which was just installed in between Riley Hall and Alden Memorial. The \$10,000 project was done in response to many requests by students for it. Included in the deal will be some other improvements. First, the bulletin boards which

were in that area will be replaced with new boards. A new sidewalk is being created which follows the flow of foot traffic better. The tree which is situated in the triangular-shaped area will also remain. The new sidewalk will be made of brick which allows water to seep underneath for the tree. The mud should be green from freshly planted grass by next spring, and the area will also have a public telephone installed.



## MGM fire spotlighted

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Last Thursday the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) visited WPI. The subject of concern was Fire Protection Engineering and the problems facing the Fire Protection Engineer. With the increased use of polyvinyl chloride in plexiglass and pipes (PVC) as well as many other synthetic plastics commonly used in construction, the problem of smoke inhalation during a fire has reached difficult proportions. Dave Demers, former WPI student and guest speaker for the NFPA last Thursday discussed many of the problems and challenges involved in fire protection engineering.

The program began with a movie recounting the events that led up to the fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada one year ago last Saturday. During the fire 85 people were killed, according to Dave Demers who acted as one of the inspecting engineers after the fire. Most were killed by smoke

inhalation. It is useful to know that smoke inhalation causes death as a result of altered body pH. The human body has very narrow limits of pH change before death becomes imminent. The increased use of PVC, which burns to form HCL (Hydrochloric Acid) as one of its products, increases the toxic nature of smoke inhalation. Mr. Demers stated that once a person has become a victim of toxic smoke, doctors are troubled with the problem of how to regain stability or homeostasis within the body. It is a difficult physiological problem that must be solved in a matter of minutes, if even that amount of time is available.

The fire in the MGM broke out as a result of faulty wire connections. It started in the deli section and spread quickly through the Casino. The fire proceeded at a rate of about 30 ft/sec (faster than a person can run). Mr. Demers compared the length size of the

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