

Steven Wright and James Lee Stanley Perform at Homecoming Concert

by Tony Pechulis

Harrington Auditorium was absolutely packed Saturday night as WPI students and alumni welcomed comedians Steven Wright and James Lee Stanley to our sold out Homecoming concert.

Stanley was the opening act. He used a combination of music, that he played on guitar, and humor to bring out a few laughs. For instance, he joked about pregnancy and how he could never go through with it after seeing how much "fun" his girlfriend had. He would have to be anesthetized for nine months. He also joked about another girlfriend and how he used to practice skipping stones while taking a bath with her.

Stanley told us that his main goal was to bring the audience together into one unit to prepare us for Steven Wright. He did a fantastic job with both his jokes and his music - especially his latin boogie his "au digitalis, au cartizone." He said he had confused latin with spanish and simply stuck together words that sounded good.

Stanley was a tough act to follow - that is for anyone but Steven Wright. His original humor kept people laughing constantly. The man, seen by most of us on "The David Letterman Show," concentrates on simple, everyday observations or experiences, with one factor gone awry. This seems to be what makes him so popular - we can easily relate to his jokes. For example, "I'd like to see the coyote catch the

roadrunner for once, and say 'oh, sorry... I was looking for someone else.'" Another time, he wondered if the dog on the "chuckwagon" commercial would ever catch the wagon. In the morning, the master would wake up and find small dead horse parts and splinters of wood in the kitchen!

Most of his jokes are very short and subject-wise detached as soon as he finished one, he bounces right into another, so there's never a dull moment. At one time, he used high beams on his Christmas tree... the neighbor thought that lightning was striking inside of his house. Another time, he made his own bathing suit out of sponges... when he got out of the pool, people had to wait until he returned before they could swim.

He opened the show by telling us about his twisted childhood. No wonder the man is so odd. His first experience with sleep: his mother told him to go to sleep; he asked her what she meant. Two years later, he turned two and was upset because his age doubled. Would this happen each year? Another time, he was watching television, and was told by a bear that only he could prevent forest fires - that's quite a large load for a five year old to bear.

These twisted events soon became a part of him. He began to cause them. For instance, he once put a funhouse mirror in place of his rearview mirror, but he had to remove it because he kept looking backwards. Another time, he wrote a song, but it meant nothing

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Undergrads Make Important Discoveries About RNAs; Their Work May Help Unravel Puzzle of Gene Expression

(WPI News Service) - Two undergraduate students in WPI's Biotechnology program have made some important discoveries about small RNAs (sRNAs), newly discovered molecules that are thought to help control gene expression and transfer. Conducting their research under the guidance of three graduate students, Tim Sarr and Eric Arn looked at how sRNAs act in organisms, hoping to find clues as to how sRNAs may control the way genetic information is expressed in an organism.

According to Dr. David S. Adams, assistant professor of biology and biotechnology at WPI, the students' research findings are important contributions because they are steps on the road to understanding what controls gene expression, or the way in which information coded in genes is translated to produce the structural and functional parts of an organism.

"Once you understand what controls gene expression, you can alter it or issue some control over it yourself," he said, adding that this could have an effect on such areas as disease control, aging and cancer.

Arn, a member of the class of 1988, worked specifically with U1, the most widely known sRNA molecule. He cloned the gene for U1 by making a complementary DNA "library" (cDNA) which is useful for making molecular probes to determine some of the properties of the sRNA, such as its half-life, or the length of time it stays in the cells. This is the first time a complementary DNA library has been used to study the function of U1.

Sarr, who received his B.S. from WPI in May, worked with the U7 sRNA molecule, never before directly characterized in any organism. He is the first to identify the presence of U7 during the synthesis and processing of a molecule that produces a type of protein known as histone, the production of which is thought to be another key step in the control of gene expression. The next step will be to discover the role of U7 in that process. Sarr's findings also show that U7 does in fact exist in humans, a fact not previously proven.

Adams says the work done by Sarr and Arn is unusual because it is publication quality work done on the undergraduate level. The abstracts of their reports have already been published in the May volume of Federation Proceedings, a publication of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. They also presented summaries of their work at this summer's 78th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Biological Chemists.

Arn and Sarr worked with WPI graduate students Tim Burn and Henry Skinner. All of the research was conducted under the direction of Professor Adams, who was recently named WPI Biology Teacher of the Year by the undergraduate and graduate students in the biology and biotechnology curriculum. He was cited for being "the faculty member who has best exemplified the ideal of a WPI educator in the past school year, as evidenced by excellence in course instruction, project advising, academic advising, and scientific research."

From: William R. Grogan

To: The Faculty and Students

Re: Monday schedule for October 21

As we have done in the past in Term A, in order to balance the schedule, the final day of the term, Wednesday, October 21, will operate with a MONDAY class schedule.

The Future of Gompei's Place

By Michael Barone and Bob Vezis

As you all know or will know after reading this, Gompei's Place (a.k.a. the Goat's Head Pub) located under Sanford-Riley Hall was closed, except for scheduled SOCCOMM events, during D-term of 1987. Poor management, employee theft, lack of customers, lack of communication among governing bodies, and overall financial debt (circa \$15,000) were the driving forces behind this closure. With the arrival of the new Assistant Dean of Students, Nancy Hunter, Gompei's is undergoing a renaissance. This renaissance involves DAKA, renovations to Gompei's main room, and continuation of new and previously popular attractions.

The old quondam Gompei's management is being replaced by the more efficient WPI DAKA Food Service. DAKA is remodeling the Gameroom into a dining commons and the old kitchen and bar are being totally reconstructed. DAKA is considering increasing their variety in this new snack bar over the present snack bar menu. As for staying open during Gompei's late night activities, DAKA is uncommitted. Funding for these renovations is coming from both DAKA and WPI.

Several suggestions for the more extensive beautifications to Gompei's Lounge are being planned. These include a permanent stage, a permanent track lighting system, fixing exist-

ing furniture, and a possible "official" entrance. A Pub Committee is to be formed after Kitchen renovations have been approved. This committee will decide upon the ideas to contribute to the ambiance of Gompei's. The ideas range from new lounge furniture to pictures for the walls. The budget has yet to be decided, but irrespective WPI pays for it all.

SOCCOMM has been trying to generate Gompei's customers since the Pub went non-alcoholic in B-term of 1985. Some of the more popular events include Wednesday Night Movies, comedy shows, Tuesday Night Coffeehouses, and known singing performers. These events are highly patronized when the entertainment is provided. (Unlike Wednesday night's nonexistent Bond flick.)

Nancy Hunter said that Gompei's was to be redone from the ground up, "instead of applying band-aids." (to the existing structures.) As of Wednesday, September 9th, Plant Services had yet to supply a price for the Kitchen renovations, thus delaying budgeting approval by the Office of Business Affairs. If the office does not approve funding, the Dean of Students' Office is left with no contingency plans. Ideally the Financial office will approve funding and all renovations will be completed by the beginning of second semester (C-term).

Admission of the Freshman Class

by Michael Slovick

The big question was, what will our entering freshman class be like? There was much speculation, but after the acceptance of the previous freshman class no one knew what exactly to expect. Last year, more freshmen accepted offers of admission than WPI anticipated, and WPI was overcrowded. Many freshmen found themselves living in Founders, which is supposed to be strictly an upper-classmen dorm.

Precautions were taken this year to prevent such an epidemic. More applicants were placed on a waiting list than in previous years. Prospective students were then accepted from the list until a number was reached that satisfied the board of admissions. Roughly 290 out of 300 people were accepted from the list,

indicating that the list was used to great depth. The total for the freshman class is estimated at 615. This is only an estimate, because the registrar is still gathering all of the information about the class of '91 at this time.

The statistics for the entering freshmen class are quite good. The number of applications received was 2,600, compared to last year's 2,000. The average SAT score for the class of '91 is 1230 combined, whereas the class of '90 has an average of 1200 combined. In the class of '91, 70 percent of the students were in the top tenth of their high school class, compared to 68 percent of the class of '90. As stated earlier, these are not exact figures but are within a very small margin of error.

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EDITORIAL

Funding is the Issue

This past Wednesday, Nancy Hunter (Assistant Dean of Students) and Caleb Warner (Student Activities Board President) presented the presidents of all WPI Student groups with a new structure for the SAB. The new structure is aimed at creating a more effective governing body, providing more services to more groups, and pooling resources to decrease costs.

The new structure provides that all WPI student groups, present SAB members as well as non-members, become members of the SAB. The governing body will have an executive committee that will include chairmen from five subcommittees which are: club sports, budget review, development, van, and student group concerns. The constitution has not yet been written, and needs the approval of the current SAB.

The benefits will help the future of most student groups on campus. The existence of an executive committee will eliminate the need for the entire body of the SAB to meet, with the exception of elections. Smaller subcommittees will do the bulk of the work and much more efficiently than the present setup. Smaller groups meeting with the oversight of the executive committee will provide a smooth channel of information as well as a system of checks and balances.

One major problem exists with the proposed system. Funding will not be centralized. Some clubs are funded by the present SAB, others by departments, private funds, or not even funded at all. The constitution to be written must pay careful attention to this point. The new SAB setup provides for pooling of resources and a centralized system for payments. This will work fine for the current SAB members but what happens to other groups that have never had to deal with the SAB? The interests of other groups must be considered while also providing a fair fiscal policy for all. Another point to be looked at is new admissions to the SAB. Who is responsible for giving them funding? Should they be asked to go looking for funding from departments, fundraising, and use the SAB as a last resort?

The new structure for the SAB sounds like a very favorable option over the current system, but as Wednesday's meeting demonstrated, funding will play a major role in the constitution forming process. Every viewpoint needs to be accounted for, to insure a fair policy for each student group.

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LETTERS

Graduate Program Challenging and Rewarding

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to EE Graduate Student, Emadeddin Muntasser's letter pertaining to the "Ailing WPI Graduate Program" (September 9). Not only did the forenamed individual completely misrepresent the WPI Graduate Program (as seen through the eyes of a graduate student) but he also made erroneous accusations about the other graduate departments.

I graduated from WPI with a BSME in the spring of 1986, completed one year of graduate studies in Mechanical Engineering last year, and returned for my final year of study toward my Master's Degree. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 5 years at WPI, especially the graduate program. Therefore, upon reading his letter, I felt a need to respond.

First, I would like to emphasize that his experience is limited to the EE and CS Departments implying that his knowledge of the WPI Graduate Program as a whole is quite limited and fails to justify his scarring the entire Graduate Program. Not only did his letter discourage WPI undergraduates from considering additional education at WPI but he also succeeded in demoralizing his entire department!

In contrast to his view, I find the ME Graduate Program both challenging and rewarding. I have worked with extremely educated and experienced veterans in the ME Department

(R.R. Hagglund, R.L. Norton, R.J. Pryputniewicz) whose work is known worldwide. I have also had the privilege of working with some of the more recent members (J.J. Rencis, M.W. Richman) who are also tremendous assets to the Graduate Program. Even though WPI may receive less research funding than MIT, there is a significant amount of research in the ME Department; consequently, many Graduate Student Research Assistants supplement their education with this experience.

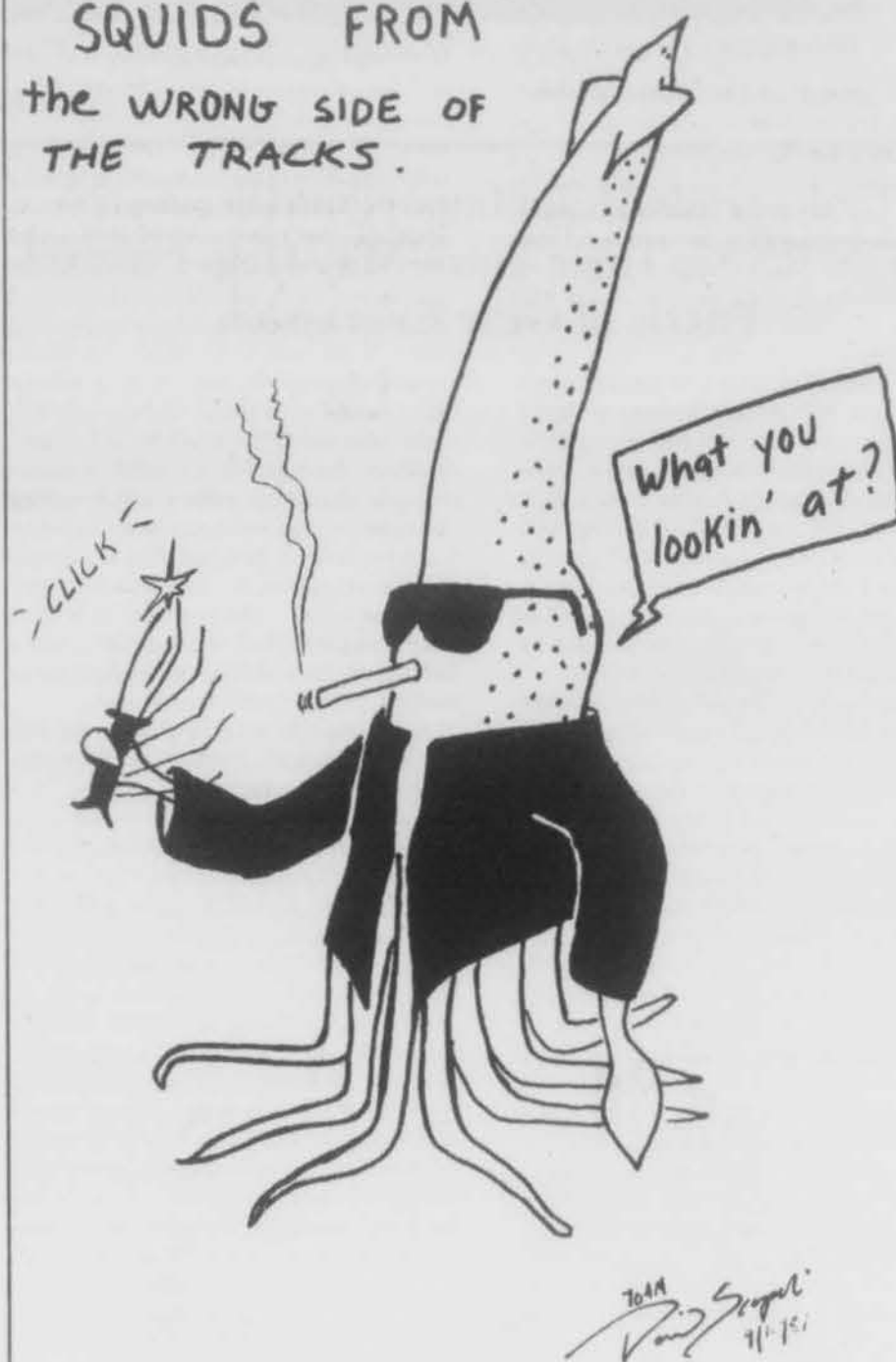
The WPI Graduate Program may have some areas where improvements could be made, but his approach is hardly the answer. Perhaps he should attend some meetings of the newly formed Graduate Student Organization (GSO) and voice his opinions and concerns in this forum, not disrupt the entire campus. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with the quality of professors at WPI and I would encourage, not discourage any undergraduates to consider strongly the Graduate Program at WPI.

Obviously, my experience has been completely opposite from his: when I grasp my Master's Degree, I will hold my head high and be proud that I received it from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Michael J. Savage
Graduate Student
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COMMENTARY

SQUIDS FROM
the WRONG SIDE OF
THE TRACKS.



COMMENTARY

My View from the Fourth Year

Let's Get Down to Business

By Joshua Smith

We have a lot of business to discuss, so I ask for majority consent that we omit the reading of the minutes of our last meeting and get on the first order of discussion.

First on my agenda is the matter of the Letter to the Editor in the last issue of **Newspeak**. In it I was accused of being a sexist and a racist. The first accusation I can tolerate: I don't consider myself sexist, but for two straight years, the left-wingers have been accusing me of it, so I will just accept that we will never agree on this issue. As to the second accusation, however, I strongly resent the implications of the writer's statements. In my last article, I said that it was the original intent of Affirmative Action to get Blacks out of McDonalds and into real jobs. Yes, this sounds like a racially biased statement; it is. But that is because Affirmative Action is a discriminatory, racially biased policy. I don't approve of Affirmative Action, and hence I am likely to characterize it in an uncompromising fashion. By its very nature, Affirmative Action implies that minorities and the economically depressed are less able to qualify for difficult jobs; I don't believe this to be true. I'm glad the writer of that letter agrees with me on this point, but I don't think it warranted four inches in an already crowded issue of the paper. If your only reason for writing is to see your name in print, take out a classified.

Next order of business is the title of my column this year. Those of you who have read my columns in previous years may recall that two years ago I was a freshman; well, I was. But now I'm a senior (almost — I have to wait for the registrar to file the forms I've submitted), so I have arbitrarily given myself fourth year status. Isn't this country great?

I suppose the next topic I should cover is why I had no column in last week's paper. That's a good question; one for which I have no satisfactory answer. All I've been told is that it was put in a "safe place," and summarily lost. You didn't miss much though, it wasn't one of my best, anyway (although the articles I consider poor are usually the ones everybody else likes; you people have no taste).

Let us continue. Congratulations are in order for two members of the WPI administration, namely, Karen Lemone and Ann Garvin. Professor Lemone is the newly-appointed Computer Science Department Chair Pro Tempore. I heard about this move even before it happened, but since the editors lost my article last week it wouldn't have mattered if I had told you about it when I found out, anyway (which I hadn't planned to do in the first place). I suppose this means that she will be moving upstairs in Atwater Kent (they used to keep her locked in the basement with the PDP-11s, the

T.A.s, and various other professors who remain there). It will also mean that she will have a secretary who can make sure people without appointments can't try to see her. Ann Garvin is the new Dean of Academic Advising. I saw the new Dean at registration; she was sitting at a desk talking to a few very confused non-English-speaking students, and she seemed to be handling the situation well. I don't know if she'll ever fill the shoes of VanA., but then again, why should she? I've never said this before, but I have always questioned the wisdom of having an administrator in VanA.'s position. He simply shouldered too much of the load for one man, holding the fate of the entire student body in his hands. I read the article in **Newspeak** last week in which Garvin said, "I will not give you all the answers, but I'll direct you to someone who hopefully can." That is the real function of a person in her position, and her attitude will undoubtedly lead to a more reliable system.

There are administrative shifts going on over in Financial Aid as well; apparently somebody retired and everyone else moved up a notch. I won't speculate about how that will affect the chaos which has plagued that bureau (remember the protest last year?), but I'm sure there will be some changes (I think they've already tightened the straps on the work-study funds). The first thing a person has to do when he moves up the ladder is repaint some of the rungs below him. I think the administration in general, however, should be very careful about changing pieces of the system. The problem is that, unlike the staff, the students of WPI have not been properly conditioned to bureaucratic procedures. There are no devices built into the system which "mother" the students — reminding them to file this form or to sign that list. Fair enough: the students of WPI are adults, they don't need mothers anymore; but when the procedures change or are ambiguous, and the staff lacks knowledge, it can be very difficult for students to make decisions. The financial aid system at WPI has never been particularly "user-friendly" — let's hope they don't make it any worse.

One last thing; it looks as though the Stage Band will be travelling to Sweden this spring with the Brass Choir, which means that you should be seeing some fund-raising going on. I've never been the kind of person who can ask for donations to anything, no matter what the cause; for some reason, the mere thought of asking people for money repulses me. So don't expect to find me asking for pledges or donations or anything of that genre, but I'm sure there are quite a few people who will be doing so. Just thought I'd warn you so you can start warming up your checkbooks.

Meeting adjourned.

Cynics Corner

Utah Blues

By Andrew Ferreira

Hi guys. For all you Freshmen, allow me to introduce myself. From the byline you can see what my name is, so I won't bore you with such repetitive information. What isn't in the byline is the fact that I am a mathematics major here at WPI and that I've been writing this column for over three years now. "Well," you may be thinking, "if you are such a prolific writer and a mathematics major to boot, why haven't I seen your article in the first two issues of **Newspeak**?" I have no excuse. I just simply didn't write.

Of course during the summer (during every summer) I tell myself that I am going to write thirty or forty articles in my freetime and draw from this stockpile of wit and wisdom on weeks that the mind runs dry. And as I have done for every summer that I have promised myself such a thing, I wrote absolutely nothing. Not a word. I didn't even write letters.

"So," you may wonder further, "if you did not write this summer, what pray tell did you do this summer?" I think that if college teaches you one thing, then it is the fact that you should never ask someone what they have done for the summer. You will get this reply: "I worked." And I now keep with tradition and tell you, "I worked."

The asterisk is there because I am going to add to that. "I worked and went to Utah." I tempt fate now, for every time that I have told a person that "I worked and went to Utah", they stop, turn their head just a few degrees to the right, squint their eyes and ask in a perplexed voice, "Utah? ... Why Utah?" Well, I suppose that I could lie and say that I have a condo in the mountains and people would not regard me as very peculiar. But I don't dare say that just in case I am lying to someone from Utah who has a condo and they ask me questions. Instead, I tell the truth. "I went to Utah to attend a mathematics convention."

It is here that I can fit people into two classes of people. The first group begins laughing immediately. They think I am trying to be funny. People in the second group turn their head a few degrees to the left, open their eyes as wide as possible and ask in a horrified voice, "Math? ... Why Math?"

So you see what I am up against. Only one person truly believes that I went to Utah to attend a mathematics convention and that is Professor Lui. Professor Lui believes me because he did the same thing this summer.

Some people like to humor me and they ask me questions about Utah. They ask, "What is most different about Utah?" Well, I really never got used to the weather. They don't need a weather forecaster. They just need a large billboard downtown that says "The weather this year is sunny and hot".

Another peculiar thing about Utah is the alcohol distribution system. They have liquor stores like we do, and you can buy all sorts of liquors there just like here, but you can not buy beer in a liquor store. They sell beer in grocery

stores, pharmacies and (get this) gas stations. I can just see it now, "Fill 'er up. Oh, and check the oil, and gimme a cold brew."

But in truth I did have a fine summer. And now I must adjust to the fall. One of the hardest things is getting my mail. My mailbox happens to be located at the narrowest point in the corridor by the mail room. In the summer you would be surprised to see another person around. Now I must spin the two tiny knobs and pull the catch on the door while I am pressed flat against the wall. This is neither comfortable nor easy. Actually, though, I shouldn't complain as the vast majority of the time I have no reason to open the box as it is empty.

Oh, Freshmen, here is one important fact you should bear in mind. We do not have mail delivery on Saturdays. I spent half of my Freshmen year looking in my mailbox after lunch and dinner on Saturday. And I never caught on. When I finally did catch on, I kept looking in my mail box on Saturdays out of force of habit.

And for you Freshmen who are thirsting for more information about WPI (as if you haven't had enough in your first two weeks here), hearken to me. These are the little known secrets that takes years to amass.

Secret number 1. The Galleria is boring. Yes, it is the only mall within walking distance, but it is comprised of 90% women's clothing stores, 5% generic fast food restaurants, 3% video arcade, 1% book stores, and 1% men's clothing stores. Secret number 2. The world will not end if you miss a class. However, to do this too frequently is a very effective way of saying "I didn't want to pass that class anyway."

Secret number 3. The mathematics department as a whole does not get pleasure out of failing people. You might hear the upperclassmen grumble about this professor or that professor and how he or she "boned" them. I think that the case probably was that the student complaining had exploited Secret number 2.

Secret number 4. Anyone can write for **Newspeak**. I am a prime example of that fact. When I meet people and they associate my name with this column they say things like "Where do you come up with your ideas?" If you should meet me, please don't ask me that because I don't have a witty reply awaiting.

Secret number 4A. If you do write for **Newspeak**, people will always tell you you wrote a good article if you mention them in it. I am no fool and so to cover all bases, hello to Joelle, Paul, Susan, Don, Lisa, Chris, Deb, Tom B., Michelle L., Andy from Riley 1st, Chuck from Morgan, Howie, Paul from German class, Skip, Roland, and Tim from Morgan whom I met yesterday.

I think that that is enough for you now. This article is already about twice as long as the ones I usually write. I suppose I am making up for lost time. So until next week, Auf Wiedersehen.



Borderline



Coming Soon... Rick Berlin

by Rudy Minar

Rick Berlin: The Movie will be performing at Gompei's Place this Saturday, September 19th at 8:00 pm. Rick Berlin: The Movie is a local favorite that has enjoyed success on the New England airwaves and club scene. The Movie was last year's best show at Gompei's, with an electric performance and many screaming and chanting fans attending the show. It is an energetic rock-n-roll production with spirited rock songs and upbeat dance moves.

The band's eight members are lead vocalist Rick Berlin, guitarist Steve Perry, bassist Poohbah, Jane Balmond on keyboards, Paul Martin on drums, Julie Woods and Nancy Adams on vocals, and Carter Timmins, a performance artist and coreographer. Berlin, who graduated from Yale in 1967, has been in the rock-n-roll business since 1973, when he formed the Boston band Orchestra Luna.

Appearing with the movie is Fields Erikson, a progressive WPI band. The band features Mike Marando ('89) on guitar, Mike Dewsnap on keyboards, Mike Walsh on Drums, and Dave McDunough on bass and vocals. Fields Erikson performed well in last year's WPI Battle of the Bands, attracting attention for its talent and musicianship.

So Come On Down To GOMPEI'S PLACE SATURDAY, SEPT 19 At 8:00 PM For Five Star Performances By RICK BERLIN: THE MOVIE and FIELDS ERIKSON.



Newspeak Staff Photo/Chris Pater

Steven Wright Entertains the enthusiastic crowd in Harrington

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because he can't read music. But what can be more demented than this: putting contact lenses with pictures of cats on your friend's dog's eyes and watching him run; then taking one out and watching him run in a circle!

Wright then began to apply his twisted mind by asking us questions that we couldn't answer. For instance - he asked a girl in the audience, "what do you do?" That wasn't too hard: "nothing" she said. But then he asked, "how do you know when you're done?" Jokes like this one made the act seem unrehearsed and fresh.

Both of these men did a great job of topping off a successful homecoming. By the way, what's another word for Thesaurus?

...Freshmen Class continued from page 1

Many questions have been raised about how well this year's freshmen will adjust and cope with social and academic life.

Many people were disappointed with last year's freshman class because expectations were high and the final average for passed classes was 8 out of 12. After completing an interview with Bob Voss, of admission, it was found that the class of '90 did no worse than previous classes. The average only makes it appear this way. There were some students who failed a large percentage of their classes, and are no longer attending WPI. This was the main cause for the unbalancing of the average.

As to freshmen coping with college life, Bob Voss is very optimistic toward the class of '91 and his main response is that he likes the freshman class and is very satisfied with them. Voss emphasized the importance of motivation to upperclassmen as well as freshmen to a great extent. According to Voss, in order to succeed at WPI, and in the business world, a person must be self-motivated. Many freshmen had it rather easy in high school. Most did not have to work hard to maintain A's. However, everyone is on the same level at WPI, and are in a test of determination.

Next year's freshman class may be even better and brighter than this year's, because of a change in the manner WPI recruits high school seniors. The number of graduating high school students in Massachusetts is declining each year. To keep from suffering from this, effective as of next year, WPI has announced it is going national. In previous years, a person not living in the state of Massachusetts had to find out about the school and then show an interest in it, in order to receive information. From now on, with the new announcement, WPI will be advertising in high schools all over the country. This should make admission to WPI even more competitive than it is.

With the already high number of applications, WPI admissions had a large pool from which to choose the students felt to be best suited for WPI, and those students that would benefit the school the most. This year's freshman class can feel proud, because with such a large choice of applicants to choose from, WPI admissions staff feel they got the best.

ROTC to Offer Course in Rappelling Techniques

Students and faculty are invited to join the WPI Army ROTC cadets as they learn the techniques of rappelling. On September 23rd at 4:30 pm in Harrington Auditorium ROTC office, an introductory class will be offered on the specifics of knot tying rappelling, and safety techniques. After completion of classroom instruction, practice will give newcomers confidence in rappelling.

The culmination of this preliminary training

will be an Army ROTC sponsored rappel weekend at Leominster State Park on the 25th and 26th of September.

This training is open to all students and faculty members. Take this opportunity to learn the techniques of rappelling and possibly attend the weekend and see the cadets in action. For more information or details contact Lisa Partridge, WPI Box 1491, or CPT Archambault Army-ROTC, at 752-7209.



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Student Government Announces Freshman Elections

Any member of the class of 1991 who is interested in running for one of the five class office positions may do so by meeting the following qualifications. The five positions available are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Class Representative to the Executive Council.

Qualifications for freshman class officers:

1) Any full time undergraduate in the class of 1991 is eligible to seek nomination based upon date of attrition. He/she must be in academic residence for at least three(3) of the four(4) terms in office (excluding E term).

2) All candidates should pick up an election petition and a copy of election procedure by-laws in the Dean of Students Office in Daniels Hall starting on September 15, 1987.

3) The petitions must be signed by at least 50 full time undergraduate students in the class of 1991 and must be submitted by Wednesday, September 29 to the Dean of Students Office in Daniels Hall. All signatures must be legible and include P.O. Box number. Signatures are subject to validation.

4) All candidates must submit a letter to **Newspeak** stating their reasons for candidacy by noon on Thursday, September 30, 1987. Letters must be typed and preferably be on disk with PC-Write. All candidates for each position will be listed in **Newspeak**, on Tuesday, October 6, 1987.

Elections will be held on October 8, 1987 in Daniels Hall between 10:00 and 4:00. All full time members of the Class of 1991 are eligible to vote.

In addition to Freshman elections, there

will be an election for a new Vice-President of the Junior class. Alison Gotkin is the new President of the Class of 1989; therefore her former position needs to be filled. The procedures, deadlines and qualifications are the same as those for the Freshman class.

The Student Government also announces an opening for the Independent Representative's seat of the Executive Council. Any non-fraternity/sorority member interested in this leadership position should read the following election procedures and deadlines, and meet the specified qualifications listed below.

Election Procedure:

1. Candidates must pick up an election petition, a copy of the Election Procedure Bylaws, and a copy of the Student Government Bylaws in the Dean of Student's office starting today.

2. The petition, signed by at least fifty (50) full-time undergraduate students, must be submitted to the Dean of Students' Office by Thursday September 30, 1987, before noon. All signatures must be numbered, legible, and include the WPI Box number of the signer. Signatures are subject to verification by the Executive Council. Anyone having less than fifty (50) verified signatures will be deemed ineligible to run for office.

3. No petitions will be accepted after the deadline.

4. All candidates may submit a letter to **Newspeak** stating their reasons for candidacy by noon on Thursday, February 30, 1987. All candidates for each position will be listed in **Newspeak**, on Tuesday, October 6, 1987.

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Regardless of whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, you may be saying, "But I don't know what job I want after graduation." Most of you are in a technical curriculum and may have zeroed in on a field, although you still have to decide which particular occupations interest you.

Whether you are deciding what to major in, what to do for a project, or which jobs to interview for, a career choice should be the result of several different considerations—your interests, values, personality traits and ability. Getting to know yourself requires some time and effort, but by making career decisions accordingly and planning long before graduation you can avoid:

- 1) ending up in a profession which your parents have encouraged or even pushed you into, which may not be the one you would choose on your own
- 2) deciding to look for a job in an area in which you have always done well in school—disregarding other equally important factors
- 3) looking for a job in a field in which you heard there are plentiful opportunities without considering whether the job is really right for you.

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Student Counseling Center Seminar Schedule A-Term 1987

1) **INTRODUCTION TO DISCOVER** - DISCOVER is a computer-assisted career guidance system which enables students to: assess personal interests, values and attitudes; explore career options (in-depth occupation descriptions); obtain information on educational institutions (4-year/graduate colleges/universities). Prior to scheduling a time to use DISCOVER, students must see a counselor or attend one of these orientation meetings at the following times:

Tues., 9/15, 7-8 PM or WED., 9/16 4-5 PM or MON., 9/21, 6:30-7:30 PM or Wed., 10/7, 4-5 PM
Student Counseling Center Seminar Room
Facilitator: Carol Theisen

2) **TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE STUDYING** - Designed to assist you in developing more effective study habits, reading skills, retention of information. Also, learn how to stop procrastinating and budget your time effectively. Topics to be covered: Reading Effectiveness, Time Management, Concentration, Note-taking Skills, Test Taking, Listening Skills, Motivation, Study Conditions

Tuesdays: 9/22 & 9/29, 6-8 PM (Attend both)
Student Counseling Center Seminar Room
Leader: James E. Groccia

3) **GUIDES FOR IMPROVED RELATING** - This seminar will introduce principles and skills for developing and maintaining sound personal relationships. Topics may include Communication Skills, Giving and Receiving Feedback, Methods of Self-expression, Assertiveness, and Conflict.

Wednesdays: 9/23 & 9/30, 4-5:30 PM (Attend both)
Student Counseling Center Seminar Room
Leader: Harry M. Merryman

4) **EAT TO STAY FIT** - Presented by a registered dietitian, this talk will address topics such as: Nutrition as it Relates to Physical Fitness, How to Eat Well on DAKA, How to Survive the Academic Year Without Gaining Weight (in other words, Studying without munching), and other nutrition topics of interest to students. Refreshments will be served.

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Gordon Library Seminar Room

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SPORTS

Football Crushes Lowell in 1987 Homecoming Game

by Roger Burleson



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After intercepting a Lowell pass, Junior defensive back Peter Quinn goes for yardage. He is followed by Senior Chris Rogers (number 22).

Victory Eludes Soccer Team

by Herman Pirut

The WPI Soccer team met Bentley last Wednesday for the first game of the season after a tie against Franklin Pierce College and victories against Bridgewater State and Bryant in the pre-season games. Although the Engineers played well and dominated a good portion of the game, the final score was 4-3 against them.

Engineers took an early lead with a goal from Jamie White. Bentley responded with three goals and, with 17 minutes left in the first half, WPI was down 3-1. Goals by captain Miguel Ferre and freshman Brian Daly, evened the score to 3-3 at the half.

Bentley scored again in the middle of the second half to make the score 4-3. Although intense pressure on Bentley for the remainder of

the game created numerous opportunities, none lead to a goal and the final score stood at 4-3.

According to Coach King, the team performed well, but more improvements are needed. "This group is one of the better teams I've seen in the past few years. The team is playing collectively and not individually, which was a problem in the past," he said after the game.

The soccer team has the potential to do very well this year. There are 15 returnees from last year and 5 freshmen on the Varsity squad. The loss against Bentley should be no indication for the season ahead, and the team will try to prove this with a win against Lowell, the Engineer's second opponent of the season, on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM on Alumni Field.



Photo by Laura Wagner

A WPI player dribbles the ball in Wednesday's loss to Bentley.

This year's game against Lowell was a complete turnaround from last year's match-up. Last year it was a close game, ending up with WPI ahead 10 to seven. This year Lowell was never in the game as they were dominated by the Engineers and ended up on the losing side of the 29-0 final score.

The game began to take shape on WPI's second possession. After a Lowell punt, WPI began a drive that started at Lowell's 44 yard line. The drive was mostly composed of hand-offs to running back Mike Bucci, who gained 34 yards during the drive. It was finished off with a 4 yard Bucci run into the endzone. The extra point attempt by Steve Mango was good, and gave WPI a 7-0 lead.

After stopping Lowell on their next possession, a bit of misfortune struck the Engineers. Bucci was lost for the rest of the game with a sprained knee. According to Coach Weiss he will be gone for two weeks. But before he left, Bucci gained a total of 60 yards in less than a quarter.

On Lowell's next possession, a tough Engineer defense forced a fumble that was recovered by Keith Bienkowski at the Lowell 23. WPI took advantage of this gift, and Joe Uglevich took the ball in from 4 yards out. The kick by

Mango was no good.

Four plays later WPI would score again. This time it was by Marc Ericson as he returned a punt 63 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was good. Ericson soon afterwards hit a field goal from 35 yards out to make it a halftime lead of 23-0.

In the second half, things began to settle down. The only score in the second half was a third quarter, 17 yard Greg Whitney to Dan O'Connell pass to make the score 29-0. The Engineers missed the extra point.

After the game, Weiss had mainly praise for his team. "Overall they did a good job. We were sloppy around the edges and we are going to have to improve because we will be facing tougher teams. I was also impressed with the offensive line as well as the defense." As for outstanding individual performances, he cited Bucci's replacement Uglevich and defensive end Matt Llorda, both recipients of the Robert Pritchard award for the outstanding players of the game.

Weiss should be proud of these two, as well as the whole team. Coming off the bench, Uglevich rushed for a total of 134 yards. Meanwhile, Llorda had 2 1/2 pass sacks, as the defense held Lowell to a total of 76 yards. If the Engineers can keep this style of play up, it looks to be a good year for WPI football.



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Wide receiver Steve Pederson struggles to get past the Lowell defense. WPI gained 19 yards during the play.

Next Week: Colby

According to football Head Coach Bob Weiss, the Engineer's next opponent, Colby, should be more of a challenge than Lowell was. Although WPI has not lost to Colby in the recent past, the football program has been upgraded recently. The Engineers will be catching Colby

in the second year of that upgrade, with 18 of Colby's 22 starters returning from last year. With total school support, Colby should become a tough team to beat.

Colby College is located in Waterville, Maine, as is a three to four hour drive from WPI.

Policy on Athletic-Academic Interaction Explained

Consistent with its mission, Worcester Polytechnic Institute places the academic program and its requirements ahead of all other campus activities which may place demands upon the students' time.

As a matter of policy, Athletic Department members are requested to make every effort to avoid conflicts with scheduled class times. Team travel and the events themselves, however, sometimes cannot avoid a degree of overlap with scheduled class activity. It is the responsibility of the athletic department to provide its participating students with all relevant information at the opening of each term, and it is the direct responsibility of each participating student to advise the appropriate faculty members at the start of each term of anticipated conflicts.

WPI also recognizes the importance of inter-collegiate sports in the development of its stu-

dents and in the life of the college. To the maximum extent possible, without compromise of academic standards, faculty are requested to extend their cooperation towards the accommodation of conflicts (especially those involving examinations). If the conflict cannot be resolved, the academic activity must take precedence.

To avoid conflicts between scheduled practice times and laboratories or classes, team practices should not be scheduled on class days before 4:30 p.m. Similarly, undergraduate classes, especially examinations, should not be scheduled after 4:30 p.m. In the event an evening examination may be required, it should not be scheduled between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Through continued mutual cooperation and understanding between faculty, students and coaches, WPI wishes to maintain its tradition of combining academic excellence with quality intercollegiate athletic participation.

HOMECOMING '87



Newspeak Staff Photo / Athena Demetry

Members of Alpha Chi Rho display their winning homecoming float on Saturday morning.



Newspeak Staff Photo / Athena Demetry

Senior Sue Hepworth "clowns around" with the homecoming crowd on Saturday



Newspeak Staff Photo / Athena Demetry

Member of the freshman class laugh over their easy victory over the sophomores at Saturday's annual homecoming rope pull in Institute Park.



Newspeak Staff Photo / Chris Pater

Climbing from the scum of Institute Pond, these members of the sophomore class meet their mighty and overwhelming opponents, the freshmen.



Newspeak Staff Photo / Steve Brightman

Matt Llodra and Mike Fillion, happy recipients of the Prichard Award



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Future WPI Alumna shows spirit during Homecoming.

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The first two weeks of A term passes by very quickly. Between our school and house activities we found ourselves very busy. Brothers planned and conducted several events last week, including, among other things, a casino night, pool party, and a basketball game. All turned out to be very successful and enjoyable. Naturally, we are looking forward to the next few planned activities as well, such as: Monday Night Football, cookouts, and various road trips. Hopefully, those of us who participated in the memorable arm wrestling competition will recover in time to play some football and basketball with freshmen.

On another note, we welcomed numerous chapter graduates over the homecoming weekend. They turned out in great numbers this year, and got some taste of the "good old times" of worry free undergraduate life. The atmosphere was great, and we are looking forward to next year, hoping to see all the "old guys" coming back again.

Finally, congratulations are in order for Linda Leigh Richert and Kim Breunig for becoming official Friends of the Fraternity. The brotherhood welcomes them warmly and wishes them all the best.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

Roses to everyone for a great rush. Kay, you did it!!! Lisa, your mom's cake was a big hit. Everyone stay psyched for pledging. Congratulations to Sue Hepworth for her pinning to Bryan Sheppeck. Congratulations to Wendy Calway on her pinning to Bruce Philips. Congratulations to Connie Keefe on her upcoming wedding. Glad to see everyone get together with the Alpha Gam alumni!! Claudine - Try behind the ears!! Shut off your alarm Nancy!! Sonja - Hi, Oh, Hi! Oh Forget it. Chris - So who won the "bet" anyways?? One started one finished! Poor Tim! Chicken fights, Deb? I would have sent you flowers. Anyone for Chicken Gumbo or Belgerian Carrots? (to go!) Jenn-glad to hear about your our-of-town scoop. Mo & Val - so...who's the mystery man? You shouldn't bring men home like that!! Tcht, Tcht..! Believe us, Cheryl, it wasn't our choice!

PHI SIGMA SIGMA

Yes, the Phi Sig Sig Swinging Singles Club has lost yet another member - many congratulations to Chris Procopio on her recent pinning to Bobby Marques, a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother!! Thank goodness we're about to welcome a whole new group of pledges to Phi Sigma Sigma life. Hope you're all as psyched about us as we are about you!! The fun has just begun! Fantastic job with Rush, Pam! Thanks also to everyone who showed up at the first Phi Sig Sig Happy Hour of the year! Let's hope we can do it many more times this year! So everyone, get psyched! - We've some great time ahead of us! Good Luck M-the pledges are all yours.

SIGMA PI

We would like to thank Jean and Moyni for feeding many freshmen during the infamous pasta dinner. If you missed it, we still have some leftovers, but it's going fast. Burney, get a new car. Congrats to Glen Butler for becoming the new assistant steward. Friday's cookout was a success despite the weather and Saturday's homecoming was even better. Last year's seniors are doing well. The return of the alumni and a new living room set dedicated to the MOLE, keep donations flowing. Casualties from last weeks trip to Boston were few, however, no one actually did get to see "the Kennedy." If anyone has seen the sage, please return him. Till next week.

THETA CHI

Once again it's time to welcome everyone back to WPI for another academic year. The freshmen are wished the best of luck and partying during the year ahead.

Theta Chi would like to congratulate Paul "Boo Boo" Anastasia on pinning Eileen "Lenny" Cullin from Boston College.

There is an open invitation, for any freshmen interested in Theta Chi, to come down to our house tonight to meet the brothers and chow pizza at our homemade pizza night.

Alas, one of our sophomores has made the crucial decision to become an earth engineer. The civils are proud to welcom Tom Larosa to the ranks.

Finally, we hope everyone had a superb time at Homecoming and we would like to thank Randy and his committee for all the work they put into the weekend's events.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COUNCIL

Interested in current events, foreign affairs, or debate? Attend the International Relations Council's informational meeting! Tonight (Tuesday) at 8:00 in HL109. New members welcome! If you can not attend and are still interested contact Ted Hein, WPI Box 2032.

PUGWASH

Student Pugwash invites all to ponder the minute which passes as you read this announcement and also the 50 acres of rain forest in the world that will be destroyed. (Given, of course, the bulldozers start up and you read at the average speed.) Now, you are encouraged to wander and meet other wandering ponderers. Collectively we shall discuss the plight of the

rain forests - the home of 50% of all species, a great deal of oxygen, and half of all lumber harvested. The rain forests will serve as a case study to consider the relationship humans, through their technology and science, have with the surrounding environment. Does it exhibit nurturance, domination, stewardship, indifference, submissiveness, the desire to skip and run? So gather for a potluck picnic in the lower wedge on Thursday, September 17th at 5:30. If you can not bring a pot, bring some luck. All are welcome, faculty, students, and all others who took the minute.

WOMEN'S CHORALE

Rehearsal will be held tonight, Tuesday, September 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Alden Hall, room 01F. All WPI women are welcome to join us.

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Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Minutes of the Executive Council meeting held Thursday, September 10th, at 8 pm in the Library Archives Rooms

The Students Activities Office has been relocated to the same area as Bernie Brown's office

Bill Riccio and Scott Reid attended a conference over the summer at Georgetown University

Ideas which were brought back included forming a student senate, which will be discussed in two weeks.

Chrys Demetry noted that the Garvin report will probably be examined by all of the faculty committees in the near future. She believes that the Educational Development Council may recommend formation of a task force to study the freshman year.

John Lamikins reported that 50 people are competing for 14 positions within the Residence Hall Council. He will start an apartment task force to refurbish the Ellsworth and Fuller apartments.

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7:30 pm & 9:30 pm -- "My Sweet Little Village", Clark Academic Center room 320, Clark University, \$3.00.

Wednesday, September 16, 1987

4:00 pm -- "Introduction to DISCOVER," computer-assisted career guidance system, Student Counseling Center Sem. Rm., 2nd flr.

8:00 pm -- Concert, The Charleston String Quartet, Hogan Campus Center Ballroom, Holy Cross

9:00 pm -- The New Thing, "Octopussy," Gompei's Place, \$1.00

Thursday, September 17, 1987

7:30 pm & 9:30 pm -- "My Sweet Little Village", Clark Academic Center room 320, Clark University, \$3.00.

Saturday, September 19, 1987

11:00 am -- Volleyball vs. Coast Guard Academy and Stonehill College, Harrington Auditorium

12:30 pm -- Men's and Women's Cross Country vs. MIT and RPI, Alden Research Laboratory

1:30 pm -- football at Colby

2:00 pm -- Soccer at Wesleyan

3:00 pm -- Field Hockey match, Alumni Field

7:30 pm & 9:30 pm -- "My Sweet Little Village", Clark Academic Center room 320, Clark University, \$3.00.

9:00 pm -- Band, "Rick Berlin," Gompei's Place, \$1.00

Sunday, September 20, 1987

11:30 am -- Mass, Alden Hall 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm -- "My Sweet Little Village", Clark Academic Center room 320, Clark University, \$3.00.

6:00 pm -- Mass, Founder's Hall

6:30 pm & 9:30 pm -- The Reel Thing, "The Fly," Alden Hall, \$1.50

Monday, September 21, 1987

3:00 pm -- Soccer at MIT

6:30 pm -- "Introduction to DISCOVER," computer-assisted career guidance system, Student Counseling Center Sem. Rm., 2nd flr.

3:45 pm & 7:00 pm -- movie, "Dial 'M' for Murder," Hogan Campus Center room 519, Holy Cross

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