

# What do you want to do with your life?

by Erik Currin

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? No, really - do you? If you do, I congratulate you. For the rest of us out there who are a little unsure... The Major Selection Program and the Alumni Association hosted a "To Be or Not to be" session on Tuesday, January 29. This session was held to help students who are totally unsure about their major, who are thinking of changing their current major, or who want to know more about the branches which their major encompasses.

To start off the evening was a

keynote address delivered by Dr. Diran Apelian, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. He talked about choices mostly, a very appropriate topic for students who have to choose a major at some point. He urged students to look to the future and determine what they want to do, and then work backwards from there until a clear path is laid to their goal. He stressed that being happy in what you are doing is paramount to a successful well being. Finally, he ended with a comment about commitment; that if you stick with something for a long time, you might like it better in the future. Altogether, the speech was

pure common sense, and I think the advice given would be helpful to anyone.

After the speech were three sessions in which you could talk to WPI alumni that had been out in the "real world." These were people who actually had jobs in the field they were discussing. The general format of their presentation was basically the same. First the alumnus would introduce himself (or herself, all references to him apply to female gender also). Then, he would describe where he worked and what he did on the job. This would include what happens on a typical day at work and the types of

companies that hire people in the major. Usually thrown in somewhere is what the person did for his MQP, and what to expect for that. Different career paths in the major were also a main topic, as well as what to expect in the way of Grad. School. The information given was extremely thorough and well - informative (cringe). I, for one, learned what exactly Computer Scientists do: they sit at their desk most of the day, they can do just design, just coding, or just testing. They can also do all of the above.

At the end of the evening a little

after party was held where they served soda and - get this - DAKA cookies that were actually soft. No, I'm not lying, I swear...

Oh ya, if anybody could not make it to the "To Be or Not to Be" session, fret not... The Counseling and Student Development Center has a computer program called DISCOVER which can help you find your major and corresponding career paths. Walk on down if you're still not sure on either. It's on the right side of West Street if you were making a Sto. Run (i.e. heading towards Store 24.) The number is number 157, good luck!

## WPI Newspeak

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## Information sought about incident at Bancroft Tower

by Heidi Lundy  
Editor in Chief

At 11:19pm on January 22nd a Worcester policeman found a badly injured and unconscious person at the foot of Bancroft Tower. The man was not carrying identification and had no identifying marks on him. The patrolman transported him to the University

of Massachusetts Hospital.

On Saturday, January 26th, two Stoddard residents realized that they hadn't seen Edward Zolotarevsky, a junior who lives in one of the singles in that dorm, in a while and notified his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Zolotarevsky contacted WPI's campus police department. Sergeants Steve Hill and Cheryl Martunas took Ed-

ward's parents to the hospital where they identified him. Edward is still in very serious condition at UMass Medical with extensive injuries, including a broken left arm, fractured left leg, and head injuries.

The police officer who found Edward was conducting a routine check on the tower. He found that the iron bars that block access to the inside of the tower had been pried out or sawed off. The incident is being investigated by Detectives Sgt. Loman Futherford and Lt. John Mckiernan Jr. at the Detective Bureau of the Worcester Police Detective Division with the assistance of the WPI Campus Police. The police are interested in anyone who has any information about what happened at Bancroft Tower that night. Sources and information will be kept confidential if requested.



Chief Hanlon seeks students' help in discovering what happened to Edward Zolotarevsky

## WPI on foreign shores

by Dmitry Milikovsky  
Class of '93

If you have been planning to do an IQP abroad in the near future you were probably jarred by the events in the Gulf and the calls for terrorism. The position of the school is one that it will judge each term and location on an individual basis. Right now all D-term trips are still on, although there have been arrangements made for alternative local I term IQP's for people who wish to change their minds about going abroad. The school has said that it will not cancel the trips themselves unless the U.S. State Department issues a non-travel advisory to that part of the world. Right now there are none, so the

school will not cancel any IQP's abroad.

As for the people who are abroad now, there are no plans to bring them home either. The only sore point has been Bangkok, Thailand, which there has been the headquarters for terrorist networks. The State Department has issued a warning for Americans not to congregate in public. The seven WPI students in the city had to be smuggled from the south of Bangkok to a major university. Other than this incident there have been no signs of trouble in any other place.

The goal of terrorism is to create paranoia, and if students decide to stay home instead of going abroad to do their IQP's, then the terrorists will have succeeded.

## RHC announces survey results: Changes coming to the mailroom

by The Residence Hall Council

On December 4th and 5th the student body was given a chance to voice their opinions about Saturday mail

and mail services in general. The response was overwhelming with over 550 people responding. Of the respondents, 48.8% provided us with written suggestions. Students for the most part thought that it was more important to improve and maintain the present mail system in lieu of providing an extra day of service (Saturday mail). Below are some of the dominant recommendations that students voiced. 1.) The most common request was that the mail service provide single stamps and post card stamps for student purchase. 2.) Many students requested a way to retrieve their packages outside of regular window hours when classes or co-op interfere with the present window times. 3.) Some students who have mailboxes in the outside mail room were concerned that they are not receiving mail as expeditiously as the inside mail room receives mail. 4.) Many students were interested in having a recycling bin placed near the mail boxes. 5.) A number of students thought it would be beneficial for the

mail room to provide a suggestion box, so that the maintenance of the mail service can be an ongoing process. Two representatives from the Residence Hall Council met with Ann Schlickmann, Manager of Mailing, Duplicating and Purchasing Services, to discuss the results of the survey and how the recommendations might be implemented. Ann was very receptive to our suggestions, and said she would consider them all in conjunction with other people who will share in the decision making process.

Changes that are implemented will be printed in *Newspeak* at a later date. The Residence Hall Council appreciates the interest that the student body demonstrated in this survey. We hope that this cooperative effort between RHC and the student body will result in an enhanced mail service. Please keep your eyes open for our next survey that is due to be distributed late C-Term or early D-Term concerning the food service at WPI.

## ΑΠΩ servant auction: Do you need something done for a day?

by Michelle LeBlanc

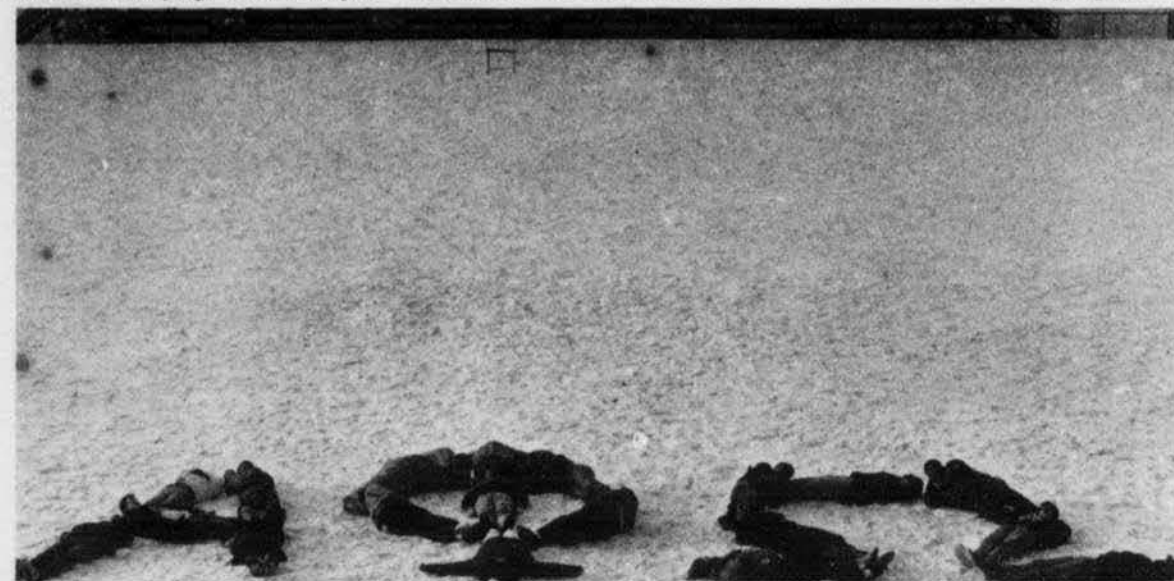
Alpha Phi Omega is again sponsoring the W.P.I. Servant Auction which is to be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 4:30 in the Lower Wedge. In the Servant Auction, individuals willingly allow themselves to be auctioned off as servants to the highest bidder. The length of servitude lasts one day and can consist of such tasks as dishwashing, laundry, lawn mowing and basically any other task you find to be annoying. Of course, you

can't make the servant do anything, and there is no hazing, no homework can be done, etc.

The whole reason for doing this is, of course, for charity. The servant who rakes in the most money picks the charity to which all the money goes. Last fall, over \$300 was given to the Make A Wish foundation. So, if you would like to be a servant and raise some money for a worthy cause, come on down to the Wedge all this week from 11 - 1:00 where some of the brothers will be there to take down

your name. If there are any budding bands or DJ's out there who need some exposure, this is a great opportunity. And if you don't want to be a servant, then come on down and buy somebody and have them do all the dirty work.

Alpha Phi Omega is a nationwide, co-ed service fraternity which basically helps people while having a good time. If you're interested in becoming a member, come on down to one of our meetings in SL 104 around 6:30 on Monday nights.



ΑΠΩ tests the new snow on the football field.

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## The class of '94 to sponsor talent show

by Jennifer Keenan  
Class of '94

The class of '94 is sponsoring a talent show tonight at 8pm in Alden Hall. We've recruited both serious and bizarre talent that is sure to make it a good time. Prizes will be as follows: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd place - \$50, and honorable mention - \$25. Judges are Provost Apelian; Janet Richardson, Dean of Students; Ann Harris, Admissions

Officer; Professor Long, Physics Department; Professor Bealle, Chemistry Department; Professor Christopher, Math Department; and Ellen Madigen, Secretary of Executive Council.

So go to Alden Hall tonight. Kick-back. Relax. Look for your friends on stage as they entertain you for an evening. Admission is \$2.00 prior to the show (11am - 2pm in front of the ticket booth) and \$3.00 at the door.

## WORLD NEWS

## Operation Desert Storm

The United States suffered its first casualties on the ground, as 12 marines were killed in an exchange of fire with Iraqi troops. Iraqi forces briefly occupied the deserted Saudi town of Khafji, which is on the Gulf near the Kuwaiti border. Many reports claim that Iraq suffered heavy casualties in the fighting around Khafji. The Iraqis were evicted from the town by coalition forces that were consisted of mostly Saudi and Qatari troops, supported by U.S. marines. US marines engaged Iraqi forces on another occasion late Friday night. This was also in Saudi Arabia, but far from the city of Khafji. There was heavy shooting for about 10 minutes, and no one on either side was said to have been killed or injured.

The coalition forces now have captured over 600 Iraqi troops, and are putting them in POW camps which will probably be located in southern Saudi Arabia, away from the front lines. The Iraqis claim to have captured an American woman soldier, although there has been no confirmation of this as of yet. The United States has stated that a woman is among one of two soldiers missing. The Iraqis said that coalition pilots were not POWs, but rather war criminals who attacked innocent Iraqi civilians.

In his State of the Union address, Bush said that the U.S. would achieve victory in the war. Near the end of the week, Bush toured three military bases and appeared before large flag waving crowds.

Earlier in the week, it appeared as if the US was softening its stance by releasing a joint statement with the Soviet Union that called for a cease fire if Iraq gave an "unequivocal commitment" to leave Kuwait. However, the White House later said that the US was not softening its

stance and that the statement had been misinterpreted.

Coalition forces bombed the Kuwaiti oil terminal and halted the flow of crude oil into the Persian Gulf. The oil slick is the largest in history, a total of 460 million gallons, and dwarfs the 11 million gallon Exxon Valdez spill. US environmental experts visited the spill, although there is probably not going to be any effort at cleanup until after the fighting is over. The slick was reported to be breaking up early in the week. On Saturday, heavy winds were pushing the oil away from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and across the Gulf, towards Iran.

US military officials claim that they have air supremacy, which is a step up from air superiority, over Iraq. Bombing sorties continued, and over 30,000 have been run since the war started. On Tuesday alone, over 2,600 sorties were flown.

The Iraqi government is saying that many of the air strikes are aimed at civilians, and took journalists to food processing plants and other civilian locations that were bombed out to try and prove their case.

Over eighty Iraqi planes have flown to Iran, and of these, over 60 are fighter-bombers. Many officials believe Saddam is putting his planes in Iran so he will have an airforce when the war is over. Iran has said that all planes would not be allowed to leave Iran until the fighting stopped.

Iraq launched some more Scud-B missiles at Israel, although they did no major damage and carried conventional warheads. One of them fell short and landed in a wheat field in the occupied West Bank. Patriots did not intercept the missiles, because they are stationed too far away. Iraq launched missiles at Israel again late on Saturday, but there was no damage reported. One missile was said to have landed in central Israel. Saddam did say that his Scuds could carry

chemical, biological or nuclear payloads. On Saturday night, Iraqis launched some Scuds at a location in central Saudi Arabia. Patriot missiles were said to have intercepted the incoming missiles.

British Lynx helicopters sank eight Iraqi patrol boats in the gulf. An Iraqi ship was hit by allied forces, but did not sink and made it into Iranian waters.

India pledged to help the coalition effort, and is allowing United States planes to stop for refueling in Bombay. India has had close relations with Iraq in the past. South Korea also reaffirmed its support, and is sending 5 planes, \$280 million and 150 servicemen to support the US led coalition. In France, the defense minister resigned, saying that the United States had taken the UN resolutions too far. A German parliament member is accusing the US and the coalition of killing over 300,000 Iraqis.

The Jordanian government filed a formal complaint with the US and other coalition forces for bombing its civilians in Iraq. Iraq has been shipping oil to Jordan to pay off its war debts from the Iran Iraq war. Jordan maintains that the shipments are legal, and do not violate the United Nations resolutions because Jordan is not paying Iraq for the oil. US and coalition forces bombed a convoy of trucks heading for Jordan from Iraq.

Support for Bush remains high — most polls show that between 70% and 80% of the population agrees with Bush's policies in the Gulf. The Teamsters Union vowed to support Bush "one hundred percent."

Saddam Hussein said that Egyptian President Mubarak would meet the same fate as his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, who was assassinated. Libyan leader Khaddafi has said that Turkish people should pull their country out of NATO and take over the air bases there. However, there has been no carefully coordinated terrorist activity yet. In Turkey, a leftist group, Dev Sol (Revolutionary Left) has set off several bombs aimed at Western, mainly French and American, targets and leave leaflets after the bombings stating their support for Saddam Hussein. Most of their bombings have caused some property damage and no injuries. In Peru, the Tupac Amaru Revolutionaries attacked a British cultural center, and left leaflets stating their support of Saddam Hussein.

## International News

The Summit between Bush and Gorbachev, set for February 11-13, has been postponed. Bush said that he needs to spend time dealing with the Gulf. The summit will occur in several months. The summit was reportedly not postponed because of the Soviet's actions in the Baltic states.

The Soviets did tell Bush that they would pull some of their troops out of the Baltics. Many troops did leave Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. 19 civilians have been killed in the Baltics since the crackdowns began. Soviet troops began patrolling the

streets, as was announced last week. The Kremlin has said that the troops would be used to fight crime, and not to put down street protests. Both the Russian and Georgian republic's legislatures have voted to suspend the patrols on their territories.

Mandela and Buthelezi, heads of two rival black organizations in South Africa, met and urged their followers to stop fighting each other. In the last 5 years, more than 4000 blacks have been killed by other blacks in the factional fighting. The day after they issued their statement, eight blacks were killed in factional fighting.

On Friday, South African President F. W. de Klerk said that South Africa would begin dismantling many of its laws that defined people on the basis of race, in an attempt to build a "new South Africa." However, several members of the White Supremacist Conservative Party walked out of the legislature in a protest against de Klerk. Critics say that the measures do not go far enough.

German court proceeding began against former East German officials. Harry Tisch, head of one of the state labor unions, was put on trial for plundering the finances of East Germany.

In Yugoslavia, the federal army ordered the arrest of Martin Spigelj, the Defense Minister of Croatia, one of the six Yugoslavian republics. The army alleges that Spigelj was plotting an uprising. Spigelj ordered the Croatian militia to be on full alert to stop the federal troops from a crackdown. The Croatian president said that the Republic of Croatia would defy the arrest order. On Thursday, Croatian members walked out of a crisis meeting with Yugoslavian top officials.

In India, Sikh separatist rebels continued their violence in the northern state of Punjab, killing 23 people early last week. The Sikhs want to secede from India and form their own country. In an unrelated incident in Southern India, riots erupted in the Tamil Nadu state because inhabitants feared that the government would impose direct authoritarian rule. Police say they arrested over 1,000 people in the rioting.

In the East African nation of Somalia, rebels penetrated the capital and forced President Barre to flee his palace. The rebels have said that they will return Somalia to democracy and that troops loyal to the President were surrendering. The rebels appointed a new President and say that they are looking for the old one. However, it appears as if the rebels that overran the capital were just a faction of a larger rebel movement. In London, England, where the main rebel group is headquartered, leaders denounced the nomination of the new President.

Argentina faces a severe economic crisis. Its currency, the Austral, lost 20% of its value in a single day, and all the banks in the country were closed for two days. Top financial ministers resigned.

Romania was brought under an economic aid plan set up for Eastern

Europe over a year ago. Romania was initially denied admission because of its record on human rights.

There was an earthquake in Afghanistan and Pakistan that could have killed 300 people and left many more homeless.

## Domestic News

By a vote of 412-0, the House approved a bill that would give special benefits to Vietnam veterans that suffer sickness because of exposure to agent orange.

George Bush proposed an 11% increase in spending on the war on drugs, bringing the total up to \$11.7 billion from \$10.5 billion.

At Los Angeles airport on Friday night, a USAir 737 crashed into the runway, and hit a Skyway commuter plane. There were over 100 people on the planes, and eighteen of them were killed, and over thirty injured.

## Financial and Business News

The US lowered interest rates, and commercial banks soon followed. The bank's discount rate was reduced to 9% from 9.5%. The effort is to try to calm the effects of the recession. Other indicators say that the recession may be relatively mild — the leading indicator index was up .1%, the first increase since June. Some analysts say that the recession is at its worst right now, and the economy could start to improve by spring.

The Gulf War has had a beneficial impact to several companies. CNN announced that it was boosting advertising rates because more people were watching it. Sale of patriotic items such as flags and yellow ribbons are up dramatically.

TWA airlines is not in very good shape financially, and has said that it needs US Governmental approval to sell its London routes to avoid chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) said that it needs \$5 to \$10 billion to avoid bankruptcy. Without the new money, the agency says that it will be out of money by the end of the year.

The stock market climbed in anticipation of an early end to the gulf war — on Thursday alone, it went up 50 points.

American Express had been letting customers who called in to cancel a free year without any yearly fees. However, now that the news is out, it is highly unlikely they will continue this policy.

The Swiss Multinational Nestle has said that it would stop giving away infant formula in most third world countries. Nestle has been criticized for doing so in the past. Critics maintain that Nestle gives it away until the mother's milk dries up, and then sells the formula.

## Sports News

The Superbowl came down to the last play, as the Buffalo Bills missed a field goal and allowed the New York Giants to be victorious 20-19.

compiled by George M. Regnery

## NEWS

## Traditions Day at WPI

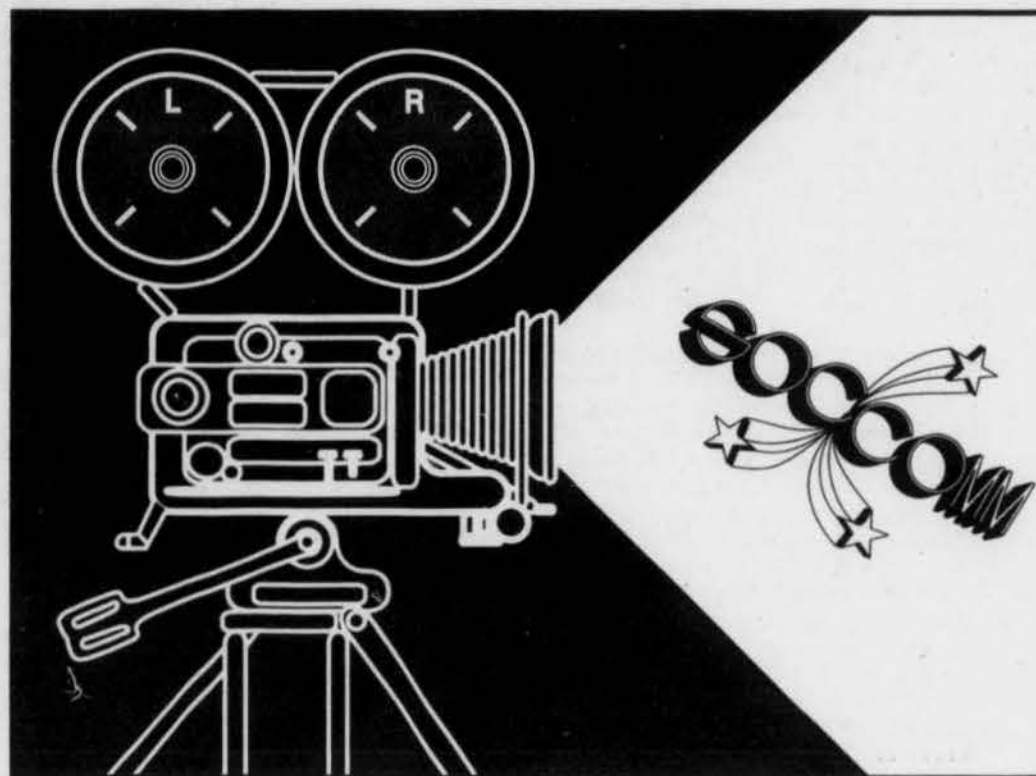
by Ellen Madigan

The Student Alumni Society proudly announces that on April 16, 1991, a day-long celebration of WPI's many traditions-past and present-will take place. This event will appropriately be called Traditions Day, and many activities will be happening from morning until night. SAS hopes that Traditions Day will educate students about the heritage and traditions of WPI, and at the same time, provide an opportunity for students to participate in the living traditions of the Institute. A second goal that SAS hopes to achieve is to generate school spirit by means of a festive, campus-wide event including faculty, staff, alumni, and students. Highlights of the day include:

- Higgins House Museum
- A Dunk Tank (students and staff)

- Pie-eating Contest
- Freshman-Sophomore Rivalry Event
- Special Meal at DAKA
- Candle Lighting Ceremony
- Reprinting of the Tech Bible
- Special Edition of Newspeak

Events will take place starting in the morning, and they will run throughout the day, and conclude with the Candle Lighting Ceremony, a procession down West Street to Institute Park. Many different organizations are assisting in the preparations for Traditions Day, and anyone interested in helping to plan this special event should contact: Mike Shorr, Chair of SAS, box 2178; Jodi Pisinski, Vice-Chair of SAS, box 2553; Ellen Madigan, Chair of Publicity and Promotions, box 1257; or Chris Diello, Chair of Traditions Day, box 1997.



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NEWS

# Tau Kappa Epsilon dedicates new chapter house

by Bryant O'Hara

January 26, 1991, marked the early end of a six-year plan by the Zeta Mu chapter Tau Kappa Epsilon to relocate their facilities from 1 Massachusetts Avenue. On that day, in observation of their 32nd year at WPI, 63 Wachusett St. was dedicated as the fraternity's new chapter house.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony started with the blessing of the house by Father Scanlon followed by a speech by Thomas Amoruso, President of the Alumni Board of Trustees for TKE-ZM.

"As trustees," Amoruso says, "our 'somewhat unofficial' mission six years ago was to find a way to afford the undergraduate members a better quality of life, and in doing so, a way for the fraternity to grow and prosper. This was no simple task - as we would soon find out!"

"Let me just say that our anticipated move date got pulled in a bit when we heard that these

two adjacent properties (63 and 65 Wachusett St.) were about to go on the market. The location and the opportunity were too good to pass by. Well to make a long story short, here we are... three years ahead of schedule!"

Several members of the WPI faculty and administration were in attendance at the ceremony, and speeches were made by Steve Hebert, Secretary of the Corporation, and President Strauss.

Before the actual cutting of the ribbon, Board Treasurer Paul Engstrom was asked to speak and had this to say:

"...Change has come to Zeta Mu. It is fitting that we enter the 1990's as we entered the 1960's, with new ideas, new methods, and the new facilities... Our new residences are rich with their own past history and will be rich with new memories of this and future generations of Tekes..."

Engstrom also personally thanked Russ Flugel for his efforts and leadership as President during the move from Mass. Ave. to Wachusett St. That said, Amoruso cut the

ribbon, officially dedicating 63 Wachusett St. as TKE's new chapter house.

In the course of the ceremony, the following people were thanked for their assistance in making the move possible:

- Steve Hebert
- Bob Gailey
- Joe Mielinski
- Bernie Brown
- Jon Strauss
- Fran Madigan and Mat Hughes - Madigan Construction
- Jordan O'Connor - Architect
- TKE Education Foundation
- TKE Housing Fund
- TKE National Fraternity
- ZM Board of Trustees
- All the TKE Alumni

After the cutting, current TKE President Charles Collins gave Amoruso and Engstrom a plaque dedicating the chapter room in their honor.

On a more personal note, the leaving of 1 Mass. Ave. was also a bittersweet time. For the brothers of TKE it was like saying farewell for the last time to an old friend. "The decision to move was very emotional for me personally because I felt very attached to that house," Amoruso said. "In reality, what I was attached to wasn't really the house, but rather the memories of my living there as an undergraduate. These are memories of some of the greatest times of my life - and I'll always have those. Now we have this beautiful, huge, new chapter house just waiting to be a part of your memories. I hope you will get as much out of your time here as I did from my time at Mass Ave."

## Snowball coming February 8th

by Chris Savina

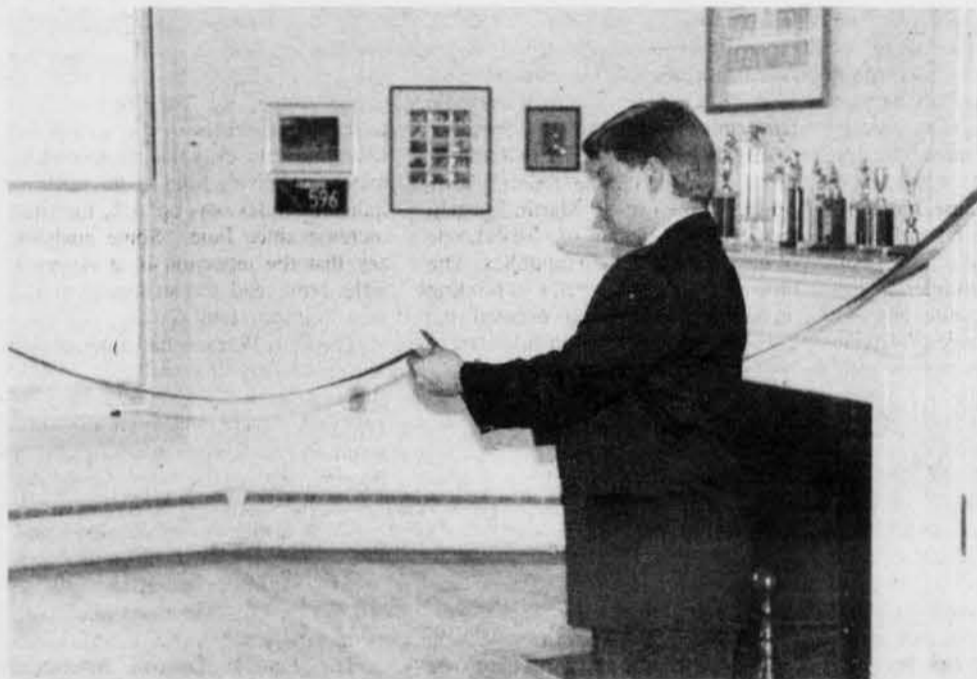
The dreary winter weather in Worcester tends to make C-term somewhat less than exciting. For that reason every year around this time, SocComm sponsors Winter Weekend. This year it will take place this coming weekend, February 8th. SocComm is presenting a weekend packed full of enough quality entertainment to cure anyone's C-term blues.

On Friday night you'll want to check out the comedian-ventriloquist, Dan Horn and his zany puppets. With credits too numerous to mention, he has headlined at many clubs, appeared on television shows, commercials and in films. He is considered one of the finest technical ventriloquists around as well as a hilarious comedian. Just \$2 will get you into the show which starts at 8pm in the lower wedge.

On Saturday SocComm is once again sponsoring the annual WPI semiformal dance. Known as the SNOWBALL, this dance is one of the only semiformal dances open to all WPI students and is the largest social event of the year. Held in the elegant ballroom of the

downtown Worcester Marriott, it will help put some excitement into the dull C-term. Starting at 6:30 you may purchase drinks from a cash bar and enjoy some light snacks. A full sit-down dinner will be served at 7:00. After dinner, stick around and enjoy the music and dancing until midnight. No need to worry about transportation, Maxwell Silverman's classic double-decker bus will shuttle you back and forth from WPI.

Your ticket to the Snowball will also get you into the comedy night for free. To complete the weekend, also bring your ticket to the movie Ghost on Sunday in Fuller Labs for free admission. This weekend package is valued at over \$65 per couple. SocComm is providing this weekend packed full of entertainment for only \$40 per couple or \$25 each. Semiformal tickets are all reserve seating and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be on sale by the mailboxes in Daniels Hall today and tomorrow from 10 to 1 or until they are sold out. Don't wait to purchase your tickets, they are limited and this event has sold out in past years.

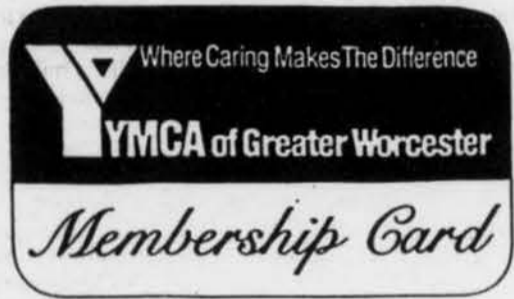


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Zeta Mu Board of Trustees treasurer, Paul Engstrom, cuts the ribbon.

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## Board Walk

### Skiing in Switzerland

by Ajay Khanna  
Newspeak Staff

Hi! This is an international culture column that I decided to start writing this year. It is meant to describe specific interesting aspects of life in other parts of the world. In this column, I will take the opportunity to describe skiing in Switzerland.

I have never been to Switzerland. I have never been skiing, either. However, my friend Eric Schneider has. Eric is currently a graduate student in the EE department at WPI. He spent one year at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland, as an exchange student while an undergrad at WPI. He says that his experiences there were very exciting, and recommends the program to anyone who speaks German.

The Alps are a major resource for skiing in Europe. Switzerland, especially, is full of mountains, and skiers come from all over Europe for the experience. The season lasts from December to April, with year round skiing possible on some of the higher (above 3000 metres), glacier-covered peaks. The Swiss are generally good skiers, and everyone participates in the sport. This is probably how they spend all that money they earn from exporting chocolates and watches. Not to mention the vast sums of money kept in Swiss bank accounts, which are hardly regulated.

Weather reports accompanying the news regularly describe avalanche danger in addition to snowfalls. There are fences all the way up the mountain to stop avalanches from destroying the villages.

Eric described a typical day in the Alps for me, and I'll try to reproduce that as closely as possible. He usually went skiing every other weekend while he was in Switzerland. After getting up at 6am, he takes a train ride to the mountains. Eric typically skied from 9am to 5pm, before taking a train ride back home. Trains are very convenient in Switzerland - it takes only 3 hours to go from one end of the country to the other. The trains have special racks for skis, near the door. Eric said that, in all the time he spent there, he had never heard of anyone's skis being stolen. In the season, almost everyone in the train is a skier, fully equipped with hat, boots, etcetera. He always noticed the large number of rich European

tourists from Germany, France, and northern Italy, who drove up to the mountains themselves in their 500 series Mercedes or 7 series BMWs. The Davos ski resort is supposed to be one of Switzerland's finest. It is almost 4000 metres high, and has a large run that is 12 km (7.5 miles) long and has a height difference of 2km (1.25 miles). It goes from the top of the mountain to a tiny village near the bottom. Skiing costs between 30 and 60 Swiss Francs (\$20 - \$40) per day, depending on where you ski, which is quite reasonable.

Skiing in Switzerland is quite different from skiing in the Eastern United States. Cross-country and downhill skiing are both very popular, and skiers also do what is called ski touring - using skis to climb mountains, which they then ski down on. They accomplish this with a felt strapped to the bottom of their skis, which allows them to ski forward with little friction, but prevents them from sliding backwards. When they reach the top of the mountain, they just take off the felt and ski back down. There is also a special binding to go with the skis to allow people to ski both cross-country and downhill. When the heel of the binding is open, they can go cross country skiing, and when the binding is closed, they can use the skis to ski downhill.

The experience itself is also unique. The snow in the Alps is always a deep powder, never ice. There are often gondolas the size of buses, holding thirty to forty people, instead of chairlifts, to transport people up the mountain. T-bar ski lifts are available for individual runs. The trails, especially in the taller mountains, are usually through large snowfields, where there are no trees. At the bottom of the trail, where the trails pass through woods, there are often signs asking skiers to stop for wildlife, since the Swiss are extremely environmentally conscious.

Last year, there wasn't much snow. The skiing industry took its toll on the rest of the economy, and the unemployment rate, which is among the lowest in the world, shot up. The government subsidized workers affected by the lack of snow to make up for nature's will. However, the Alps in general have been a boon to the Swiss. They are probably the reason Switzerland has managed to remain neutral for so long.

# Europe: a Favorable View

## How Kind are the French?

by Thomas Pane  
Newspeak Staff

This summer, I enjoyed my first trip out of the United States, and I must say, the experience was very pleasant. I became aware of Clark University's May Term in Luxembourg last spring, enrolled, and took one of the three class offerings: Field Biology of Western Europe. The program was based in the country of Luxembourg, and we stayed in Walferdange, a small town a few miles north of Luxembourg City. For the geographically uninitiated, Luxembourg is about the size of Rhode Island, wedged neatly between Belgium, France and Germany. The summer program began on May 12th and concluded on June 9th, and I have seen this program advertised right here in the pages of Newspeak. One of the most useful aspects of the program is that although your plane ticket is round trip, you may change the date of your return flight to allow for independent travel once the formal program is concluded. Roughly half of the people in the program took advantage of this option. If you are interested in this program, contact Professor Douglas Johnson at Clark University, Department of Geography.

And now for our story... The way the program works is this:

there are classes every day of the week, and usually the mornings are filled with regular lecture. After lunch, there are usually field trips, guest lecturers, or independent activities. Therefore, the weekdays are quite packed with activity until dinnertime, but the weekends are free. From the end of class Friday until

classtime Monday, you are free to go wherever you like, with the only limiting factors being your wallet power and your imagination. One group drove to Berlin and back (10 hours each way) and chiseled their own pieces of the Berlin Wall. My three weekends took me to Cologne, Amsterdam, and Paris.

My travel group consisted of myself, Mike, and Gary (both Clark class of '91). All the students in the program were from Clark or Holy Cross, except me. Anyhow, I grew up with Mike, and we've known Gary for a few years.

This was our final weekend with which to travel, so we decided to save Paris for last. Gary wasn't in the same course as Mike and I, so he wasn't available until around 5 pm. Mike and I decided to go into Luxembourg City after lunch on Friday and wait for Gary to meet us at the train station. From there, we would get our tickets and hop on the train to France. We arrived in Luxembourg City at about 1 pm, and during the time we waited for Gary, Mike and I met Loni Anderson, got her autograph and some shots of her on Mike's camcorder, and also saw the woman who plays "Dede McCall" on the television show "Hunter". They were filming the CBS miniseries "Coins of a Fountain", and we caught them in the act. (In the movie, they are supposed to be in Rome, not Luxembourg!) The miniseries aired this fall, and got poor reviews, but I missed it anyhow.

We purchased our tickets at the counter, and were told that we had round trip tickets to Paris and back. (\$70) (On the way back from Paris on Sunday night we realized we'd been ripped off, because the conductor looked at our tick-

ets, and explained that these tickets were no good and we'd have to pay another \$20 each on the spot or be tossed from the train at the next stop.)

It was a long ride to Paris, and we didn't even get seats until some passengers left the train at Metz. (French city, south of Luxembourg) Once we sat down, the ride flowed along nicely. I remember looking out the window as the sun went down, wondering how such a beautiful continent could have harbored two hideous wars. My career in historical philosophy was cut short when I was jarred awake by the train stopping in Paris. Due to the covered station, we had no idea that the city was in the midst of a torrential downpour. We were apprehensive upon our arrival, because we had heard that many people in the group who had gone to France had been received with sarcasm and disrespect from the French natives. I wasn't looking forward to being insulted by a waiter or driven around in circles by a cab driver. Sure enough, when we got outside and tried to hail a cab to take us to our hotel, we encountered a lot of unnecessary difficulty. We walked outside, loaded down with our bags, in the pouring rain. We stood in the taxi line, waiting for cabs to stop, but all of them ignored us and stopped further down the line, even though we were first. After about 15 minutes of this, I was livid with anger. During the entire trip, I did my best to be as polite as possible, despite my ignorance of the local language and customs.

Now, I was here in Paris, about to waste lots of money in the upcoming two days, and these damn cabbies were flagrantly ignoring us for

the sole reason that we were tourists. Finally, a young man hailed a cab, and after opening the door, beckoned for us to take it. He realized what was going on, and he was very kind to help us out. I feel that his kindness overrode the rudeness of the taxi drivers. As we drove away from the station, I thought about the treatment that French tourists to New York City would receive, and I realized that we actually were getting a good deal.

The rest of the weekend was filled with sightseeing, and we got the chance to display some of our flagrant ignorance for famous artwork in the Louvre. Mike was interested in seeing the painting "The Last Supper", but we couldn't find it in the pamphlet, so Mike decided to ask the woman working at the counter for some help. The conversation went as follows:

Mike: "Excuse me miss, but could you tell us where to find The Last Supper?"

Woman: "I'm sorry, that's not here, it's in Milan"

Mike: "Oh, I see. Where's Milan?" (At this point, Gary and I began to smirk, because we knew what was coming next)

Woman: "Milan is in Italy!"

Mike: (reddening) "Thanks!"

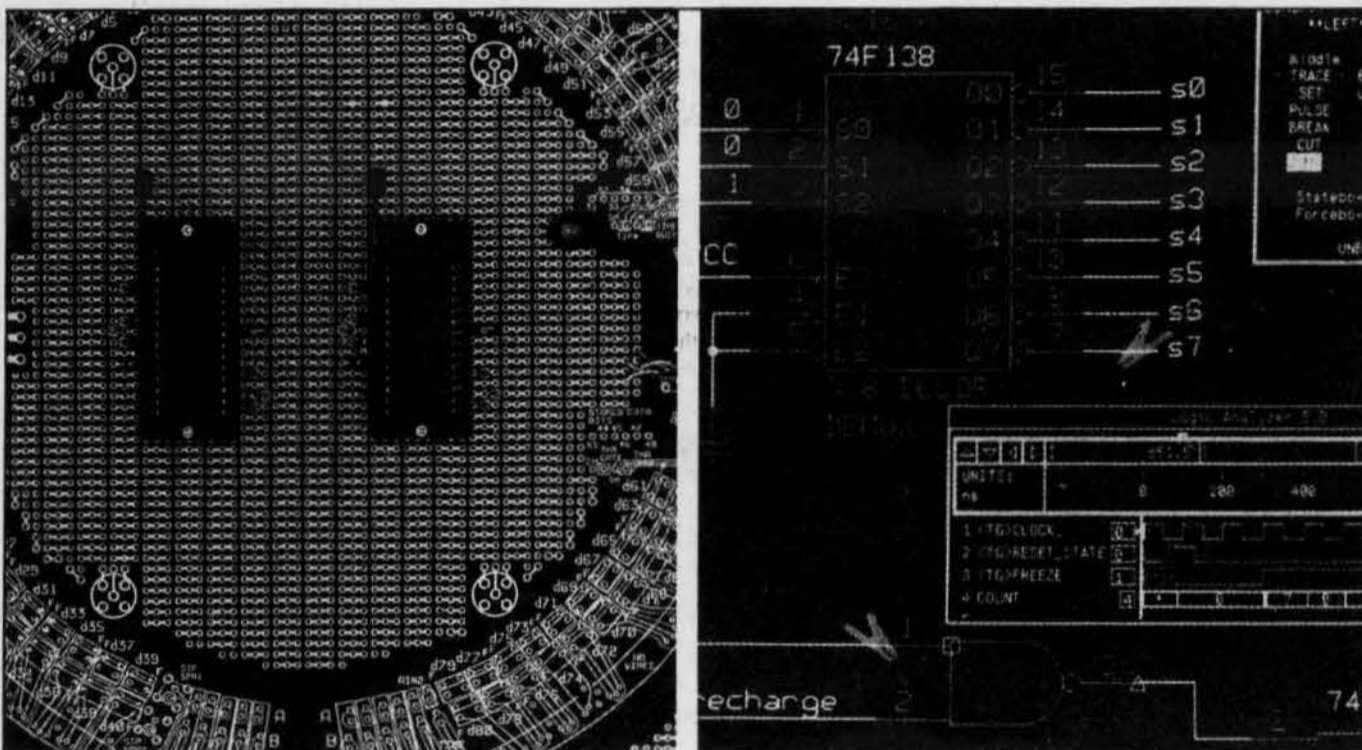
This is a show of tolerance for what was a truly ridiculous question. Unfortunately, not all tour guides were so kind; for example, when we toured Notre Dame, our guide spoke in German and French, but apparently could not speak English. When the tour was over, his voice changed, and in perfect, unhalting English, he said, "Gratuities for my services would be greatly appreciated". Needless to say, I only gave one franc to this swindler, since 90% of the people taking the tour were Americans!

My conclusion would normally be a split decision on the issue of French hospitality, but an event which I have not yet mentioned will cause my vote to swing to the positive side.

When we arrived in the train station Friday night, it was 10:05 pm. On our previous trips, we would go to the tourist information center as soon as we got off the train, in order to make hotel reservations. These offices are usually located within or a short distance from the station. The clerks will make your appropriate reservations, and charge a small fee (\$2). You then have a few hours to claim your reservation in person. When we used this service for the first time in Cologne, we were apprehensive, but our accommodations were excellent and reasonably priced.

We walked up to the tourist office at the Paris train station, and the clerk had the key in the lock, and was just about to click it shut. He saw our looks of despair through the glass doors, and reluctantly opened the door and pulled us inside. As he took his place behind the counter, he said, "Hotel reservations, correct?" Mike replied by saying, "Yes please, and thank you for opening the door for us" Unexpectedly, the clerk snapped back, "And I'm sure my wife and daughter appreciate it also!" We looked at one another, dumbfounded. Silently we waited as he called in the reservation. By now a crowd had formed outside the doors, but the clerk waved them off. "We're closed!" As we were preparing to leave, Mike, Gary and I exchanged glances. We wondered what kind of tip to give this man, because after all, he saved us from a long and rainy trek, but he also insulted us! I looked at Mike, and said to myself, "Hell, if this guy wanted to insult us, he would have clicked the door shut and ditched us. Then we'd be lucky if we even got into a Roach Motel!"

Gary nodded to Mike, and slapped twenty-five francs into our new friend's hand. This tip was a sizeable one, and it was unexpected. Mike looked the clerk in the eye and said gently, "Tell your wife and daughter that we said thanks" The clerk gave us a strangely pleased look, but nothing more was said. We shouldered our bags and stepped out of the room, into that cold, rainy night.



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

# The last clean place on planet Earth

by Isaac Asimov

Antarctica is the last clean place of any size that's left on Earth, and 2 years ago today the northernmost edge of it was subjected to an oil spill. Things might get worse, too, for Antarctica (believe it or not) is expected to get increasing numbers of tourists, and ships, and garbage, and pollution in general. It might not seem that this is one of the things we ought to worry about because, after all, isn't Antarctica just a huge waste of ice?

Actually, though, that isn't all it is. The interior, admittedly, is the most life-free spot on Earth, but the rim of the continent is home to penguins, seals, and skua gulls.

And more than that, suppose we consider the area around it, the Antarctic Ocean...

Life on land depends on water rather than oxygen. Oxygen is freely available wherever one can breathe reasonably clean air, but water

is unevenly distributed. There are places on land that get very little water and those places are deserts where life is rare. There are places where rain is copious and there we have forests that are filled with a riot of life.

For life at sea, it is just the other way around; it is oxygen that counts, not water. Water is freely available everywhere in the sea, but oxygen is not. Oxygen from the air and oxygen formed by microscopic green plants in the ocean surface dissolve in water and it is on this dissolved water on which all animal life in the sea must live.

The winds see to it that the surface of the ocean is roiled up, so that oxygen is constantly being dissolved. Water currents in the sea carry that dissolved oxygen to all parts and to all depths, even to the very bottom. Still, how much oxygen is that? Is it enough?

That depends on temperature. The warmer the temperature of the water, the less gas of any kind it will dissolve; and that, of course, in-

cludes oxygen. This means that the warm water of the tropical seas dissolves only a little more than half as much oxygen as the icy water of the polar seas.

For human beings exposed to the cold water near the poles there is only numbness and quick death, while the tropics is a paradise for swimmers — but not so for sea life in general.

The tropical waters, with their dearth of oxygen, are, compared with other parts of the ocean, deserts. The polar waters, however, are rich with life. Microscopic life swarms in incredible abundance. Small animals feed on it, larger animals feed on them, and are eaten by still larger animals — and so on.

In fact, the largest animal that ever lived on Earth, past or present, the gigantic blue whale, which can weigh up to 150 tons, twice the mass of the largest dinosaur that ever lived, makes its home in the Antarctic, where it lives by scooping up, in its gigantic maw, vast quantities of krill, small shrimplike animals up to 2

inches long.

So if the continent of Antarctica itself is largely a frozen wasteland, the waters surrounding it are the richest reservoir of life on the planet, and support the familiar large animals of the far southern seas — the penguins, gulls, seals, dolphins and whales. If we damage the region badly, we tear an enormous hole in the fabric of the planetary ecology. Remember that every part depends on every other part, so that damage in the one place that is richest in life is bound to result in some damage everywhere.

Many kinds of pollution are cleaned up gradually by natural processes. An oil spill, damaging though it is, evaporates to some extent, breaks down, is gradually degraded, and finally disappears. It doesn't do this quickly enough, to be sure, so that before it degrades, it causes much harm. In this Antarctic incident, several hundred tons of diesel fuel were spilled. Diesel fuel spreads out and evaporates more rapidly than fuel oil — but it is also more toxic.

Unfortunately, all chemical processes tend to slow down as temperatures drop, so that, in cold water, the evaporation and degradation of the spill is slowed. And, at cold Antarctic temperatures, the rate of evaporation and degradation may be only one-one hundredth what it is in warmer climates. It may be, then, as some pessimists calculate, that spills of this sort may make their effects felt for a full century or more.

The Antarctic region is valuable to the people of Earth because of its ecological role and as a mine of information useful to science. In addition, we have a responsibility to try to protect and preserve in as pristine a state as possible the few areas on Earth not yet spoiled by man.

Opening up the continent for the pleasure of tourists will only make things worse. A continual infusion of sightseers will only make accidents like this more likely.

The Argentinean ship that went aground and spilled the diesel fuel two years ago was a supply ship for the Argentinean scientific station on the continent, but it also carried about a hundred tourists. Such ships should limit themselves to their essential supply functions and let the tourists find somewhere else to spend their leisure time.

# Something's awesome in Denmark

by Geoff Littlefield and Jim Ropp  
Newspeak Staff

Geoff: This is it, loyal readers, we have a CLASSIC film to review for you this week; namely, *Hamlet* starring Mel Gibson and Glenn Close. After viewing *Hamlet*, Jim and I were wondering what we could possibly say about it. I mean, could we actually propose to judge such a script? Well, you know we never back down to challenges, so here goes...

For those of you who don't know your Shakespeare, *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark* is the story of a Danish prince (hence the title) who sets out to avenge his father's death. Until Hamlet meets his father's ghost, he is grief-stricken and plans to leave Denmark to return to school in Germany. One fateful night, however, he sees the king's ghost and learns that the death was actually a murder and his mother, the queen has wed the murderer!

Hamlet sets about feigning insanity and scheming to bring his father's killer, now the king, to justice. Polonius, the misguided lord chamberlain, brings Hamlet's apparent mental suffering to the king and queen's attention, thereby raising the king's suspicions. The king tries to get Hamlet out of the way while Hamlet tries to get the proof he needs to judge the king guilty.

Hamlet manages to always turn the king's tricks and plots against him, thereby displaying to the audience his presence of mind and cunning. Unfortunately, in a heated argument with his mother, he kills Polonius causing the king to send him away to his apparent death, his love interest, Ophelia, who is also Polonius' daughter, to kill herself, and Polonius' son, Laertes, to demand a duel with Hamlet. Phew, the odds seem stacked against him, don't they? He manages to outwit the king once again and escape the death waiting for him in Britain. But he returns home to find Ophelia dead and Laertes demanding satisfaction. What happens? Well, I think I've given away enough, so I'll just say the final scenes are some of the most perfect dramatic and suspenseful scenes I've ever seen.

The film was directed by Franco Zeffirelli, who removed several bits of scenes to cut the movie into a length your average viewing

public could sit through. He also added a few bits here and there, according to the articles I've read, but, not knowing the play by heart, I couldn't tell which parts they were. I think I'd go as far as to say that his directing was nigh-flawless. He managed to obtain interesting shots of the location sets in Great Britain as well as getting top performances out of his cast. Way to go, Franco!

As I just said, the performances were excellent. I forgot Mel Gibson was Mel Gibson after the first couple minutes. He simply became Hamlet, which is actually not a simple accomplishment. Glenn Close was a very good queen, even though she does not have as big a role as one would expect. Ophelia, Polonius, Horatio, the Gravedigger, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, everyone was exceptional; much higher quality work than is the norm nowadays.

What have you to say, Jim?  
Jim: I too, was somewhat dispondent about the concept of reviewing this film, after all, what more can I really say about the most incredible movie that I've seen in a long time? Trying to describe to beauty and magnitude of the scenes would simply be an exercise in futility, and as for the script, well let's just say that William Shakespeare truly deserves his place as the greatest writer in history. For those of you that have always had trouble reading his works due to the difficulty of the language used, *Hamlet* is a "must see" as watching it performed immediately lends itself a particular fluency that is lost on paper.

As Geoff stated, the performances were excellent. No longer will I doubt the acting ability of Mel Gibson (I guess I never really did anyway) as he brought the character to life from the very beginning. Gibson's own personality also added a new charm to Hamlet which intensified the entire story. Similar praises go to Glenn Close and the rest of the cast as well.

Zeffirelli's direction was nothing short of incredible in being able to bring it all together. He has definitely done the story justice. I was also not familiar with the play well enough to catch what scenes he had omitted and/or added but I hardly think that anything was taken away from the whole. The only criticism that I could

possibly find was a couple of scenes that were a bit choppy with camera switching, but this was simply overwhelmed by the rest of the film.

See it or be lost in eternal ignorance.  
I give *Hamlet* an unpolluted world except for the charred remains of nearly every other film laid at its feet.

Geoff: Well, I guess by now you can guess that we are pretty taken with *Hamlet*. In fact, Jim just said to me, "Let's go see *Hamlet*, again." I have many favorite classic and contemporary movies, but the shock of seeing work like this on the big screen that so outshines all but a very, very few modern films has left me awestruck. I left the theater thinking, "If this is an example of what filmmakers could be doing, WHY AREN'T THEY DOING IT MORE OFTEN?!!!"

This is a tough movie to rate, but I'll give it a completed, perfect MQP, six years of grad school under the belt, a perfect job paying a hundred thousand dollars a year doing politically and environmentally and morally acceptable research, a wife, two kids, and a golden retriever and a house in the country. In short, the entire sum of my hopes and dreams.

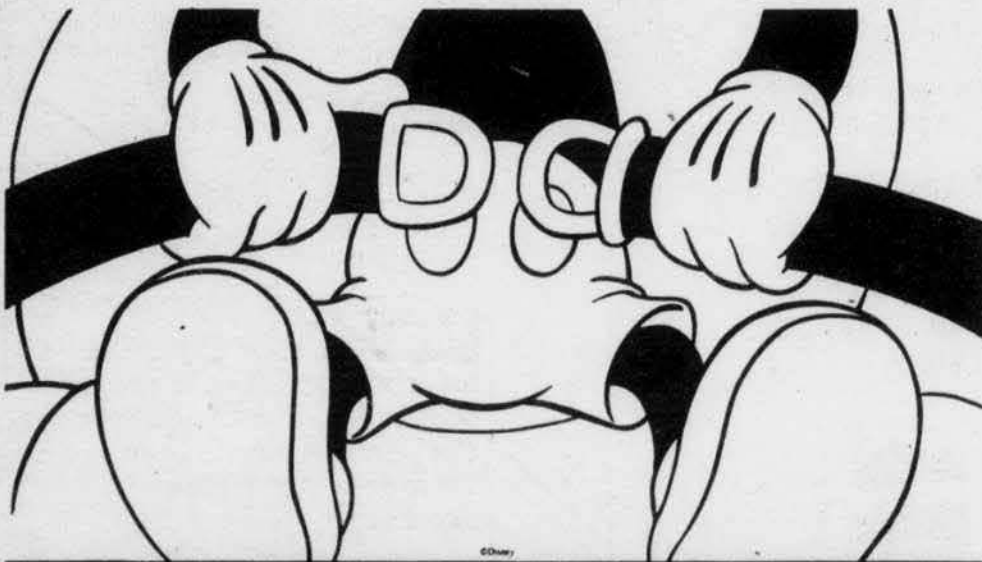
# IQP opportunities at Higgins Armory Museum

by Ellen Madigan

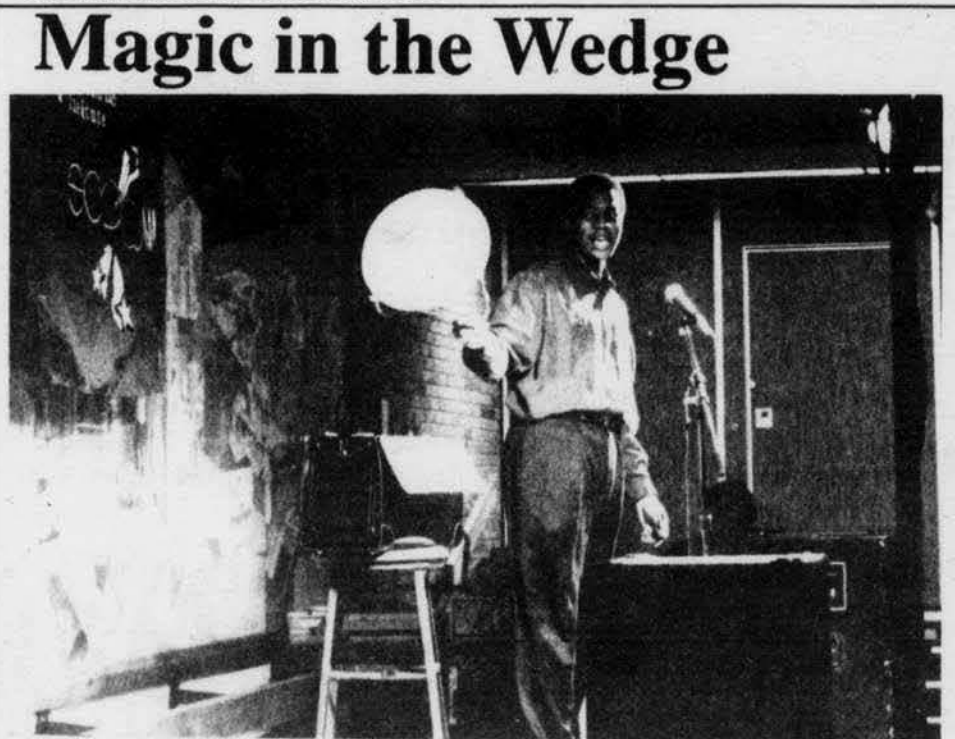
As a part of WPI's "Living Museums" Program, students can choose to complete their IQPs at Higgins Armory Museum. Located only a few minutes from campus, the Armory houses one of the most extensive collections of medieval and Renaissance arms, armor, and martial artifacts in the Western Hemisphere. The idea for this museum was conceived by John Woodman Higgins, who was a graduate of WPI and later a professor. The Higgins family name has a long-time connection with WPI.

In the past, students have done many differ-

ent IQP projects at the Armory. One study done last year focused on torture and torture weapons in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The project was done in collaboration with Amnesty International. Another project focused on Vincent Van Gogh and his dual career as an artist and a military engineer. A battalion of future projects are available, as the staff of the Armory is always looking for new ideas or help with upcoming exhibits. Contact Professor Hayes (SL 16) or Professor Parkinson (SL 27) as soon as possible if you are interested in working on a project at the Higgins Armory Museum.



**Buckle Up For Spring Break '91**



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Charles Green proves that he is more than a magician as he charms a WPI crowd in the Lower Wedge last Friday night. The show was sponsored by Two Towers After Hours.

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SPORTS

# Men's Swimming wins two straight \ Women win one

WPI Sports News

Both the men's and the women's swimming teams had their best results of the season with the men winning two straight and the women winning their first meet of the year. The men are currently 3-4 while the women are 1-6.

In the men's swim meet versus UMass/Boston, 11 different swimmers took first place as WPI ran away with a 169-67 win. Freshman Frank Hodum came in first in the 200yd freestyle, freshman Gerry Ducharme won the 50 yd backstroke, and freshman Charlie Donohue won the 50yd breaststroke. Sophomore Rick Porter won the 100yd butterfly and freshman Mike Dempsey won the 50 freestyle. Co-captain senior Brian Sylvester won the 100 freestyle and senior Paul Ormond won the 100yd backstroke. Sophomore Greg Link won the 100 yd breaststroke, freshman Matt Thibodeau won the 500 yd freestyle and junior Mark Borek won the 50 yd butterfly. Senior Brian Daly took first place in 3-meter diving to close out the first place finishes for WPI.

The swim meet at SMU was a much closer affair but the engineers managed to come out on top, 152-148. Freshman Joao Gama won the 50-

100-, and 200-yard freestyles as expected. WPI received a big performance from Ducharme's winning effort in the 50- and 100-yard backstrokes. In both races, Ducharme came from behind on the last length to win the race. Freshman Bill Blondin won both the 50- and 100- yard butterfly and sophomore Eric Bell came from nowhere to win the 50 yard breaststroke by 0:00.01.

The women had similar results at UMass/Boston, coming away with a 141-49 victory. The women also enjoyed a team effort with seven different swimmers taking first place finish. Sophomore Deb Sanna won the 200 freestyle, Sophomore Michelle Boucher took first place in the 50-yard backstroke, and sophomore Corien Bakermans won the 50-yard breaststroke. Freshman Sara Pollard won the 100 yard butterfly, freshman Christine Clifton won the 50 freestyle, and junior Tara Zarahoff came in first in the 100-yard freestyle. Senior Sarah Glow won the 100-yard backstroke and senior Becky Griffith won the 500-yard freestyle. Boucher, Baker, Pollard and Sanna combined earlier in the meet to win the 200 medley relay.

The women looked to carry over the same

effort into the meet against SMU but ran into a stronger team and lost 172-119. Sanna won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles while Pollard won

the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard IM and also finished a close second in the 50-yard butterfly.



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WPI swimmer strives towards the finish line.

## WPI Ski Team starts season

WPI Sports News

The WPI Alpine Ski Team's 1990-1991 season began over Christmas break with a six day training camp at Waterville Valley in the not so white mountains of New Hampshire. A great deal of improvement was made in everyone's skiing.

Time trials were held after camp and the travelling team selected using those results and performances in past college racing for WPI. The travelling team consists of: Men; 1.Burritt Haag 2.Igor Manoylovich 3.Rick Willet 4.Jon Webster 5.Dave Kasper 6.Don Wyse 7.John Chapdelaine 8.Mike Kimack 9.John Harrington 10.Ryan Hedstrom alternates: 11.Toby Bergstrom 12.John Kingsley 13.Jack Whitman 14.Emilio Sacristan 15.Bill White 16.Jeff Richman 17.Jay Flannigan 18.Brandon Goodwin. Women; 1.Tori Pesek 2.Jen Shiel 3.Wendy Sears 4.Beth McGee 5.Delphine Clomenil 6.Gayle Sanders 7.Christie Jones.

The Ski Team's winter schedule includes the following races: Wildcat in New Hampshire on Jan. 19-20, Loon in New Hampshire on Jan. 26-27, Burke in Vermont on Feb. 2-3, Bosque in Massachusetts on Feb. 9-10, Haystack in Vermont on Feb. 16-17, and the regional championships at Waterville Valley on Feb. 22-24.

WPI skis against seven other regional schools: Babson College, St. Anselm College, Green Mountain College, Lowell University, Boston University, Franklin Pierce College, and Connecticut College.

At Wildcat, our first race, the men's team captured sixth place in both the slalom on Saturday and the giant slalom on Sunday. Burritt Haag was in first place in the men's overall standings after the weekend by coming in second in the slalom and fourth in the giant slalom.

After the first race on Saturday, the women's team was in third place. After Sunday's giant slalom race the women's team had pulled itself up into second place in the overall team stand-

ings. Notable women skiers include Wendy Sears and Tori Pesek who left Wildcat in fourth and fifth place in the individual standings.

At Loon the men's team remained consistent and came in sixth place in both the slalom on Saturday and the giant slalom on Sunday. Burritt Haag came in fifth in the slalom but DNF'd in the giant slalom dropping him to fifth place in the very tight individual standings.

The women's team crushed the competition at Loon by finishing second in the slalom and first in the giant slalom to continue their rise into first place. Tori Pesek continued to place well coming in fourth and third in the slalom and giant slalom. Wendy Sears placed sixth in

## Wrestling continues to win

by Roger Bureson  
Newspeak Staff

The wrestling team continued to do what it knows best, win. After this week WPI raised its record to an impressive 11-2 with four victories during the week. The teams of Lowell, Williams, Trinity, and Skidmore tell by scores of 25-15, 27-16, 41-6, and 51-6.

First, against Division II power Lowell, Chris Paraskevacos opened the meet up with a hard earned 9-7 victory at 118 pounds. Bill Musiak and Brian Chu dominated their opponents at 134 and 142 with scores of 10-1 and 7-3. Toby Wyman gave WPI a 13-9 lead with a 10-3 triumph at 158. Chris Carey squeaked out a 3-2 victory. Dean Zenie continued his winning ways with an 8-3 match at 177 to open the lead to 19-9. Heavyweight Mike Ahearn put the finishing touches on Lowell with a pin in 3:38.

Against an improved Williams team, WPI found itself behind 12-0 after the first three bouts. After that, though, WPI won the next three bouts to retake the lead, 13-12. Chu started the comeback with a 7-5 score. Garrett Trombi helped the cause with a pin in 1:59. Wyman then produced a victory with a 10-2. Going into the 177 bout, WPI again found itself behind by a score of 16-12. Zenie regained the lead with a 11-10 victory. After that, WPI never looked

back. John Roy won by technical fall, 18-3, at 190, and Ahearn took a forfeit at heavyweight.

Against Trinity WPI never found itself in trouble. Tam Huynh and John Weibe each took forfeits at 118 and 126. Pete Grabowski made quick work of his opponent at 134, pinning him in 1:15. Tom Trecartin took care of the 142 bout with a 6-4 score. Trombi won by a 22-7 technical fall at 150. Dino Yannitsadis took care of business at 158 in a 3:00 pin. George Willwerth won at 177 by a 6-2 margin. Steve Potvin took the forfeit at heavyweight.

Against Skidmore, it was more of the same. WPI dominating the meet. WPI had a total of five pins in the meet. The pins were score by Pete Hanson (126), Musiak, Pat Burke (150), Yannitsadis, and Potvin in times of 3:55, 4:10, 1:30, :13, and 1:27. Pat Leamy had a technical fall of 15-0 in 2:20. Vinny Ceceri took a 11-1 decision at 190. John Lynch and Joe Laskowski took forfeits at 167 and 177.

Tonight WPI takes on Coast Guard Academy at 7:00 in New London in one of the most important meets of every year. This meet always proves to be a very close and an exciting meet. Saturday, WPI will be in action against Trinity and Wesleyan in a 1:00 match. WPI will return home February 13 for a tri-meet against Bridgewater and Norwich. This meet will start a 6:00 p.m.



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WPI's Thomas Bartolomei takes it to the hoop with Jason Golden and Kevin Daniels looking on.

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## EDITORIAL

# Think before you trash these events

Something troublesome happened in the mailroom this past week. Unfortunately, it occurs on a monthly basis. Students go to their mailboxes and find a Soccomm (Social Committee) calendar for the upcoming month. Nearly half of the student body will take this calendar and immediately throw it in the nearest trash can. These students did not memorize the events printed on the calendar before disposing of it; they just don't care about the Soccomm events that will happen on campus during the month. This is a personal choice, of course,

but students should consider that few other colleges have a month full of low-cost activities planned in advance and printed on a calendar that is distributed to the entire student body. WPI is the ONLY Worcester-area college that has such a calendar.

Only about 3% of the student population is involved in Soccomm—a organization that plans events for 100% of the student body. Soccomm is open to any student who would like to work in planning and executing concerts, films, and special events. It is estimated that, on the

average, the total time put into planning and executing Soccomm events takes at least 60 hours a week. Even more time is given to the events in the case of a major show. For example, a major concert is nearly a 16-hour day for the people working the show (let alone the planning and booking procedures!).

When students throw away the calendar, they are disregarding the enormous amount of effort that goes into creating them. So take a look at the February calendar and take part in one of the Soccomm-sponsored events.

## LETTERS / COMMENTARY

## Thin Red Line won battle unfairly - early returns

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express a few observations and opinions about this year's Battle of the Bands. For the second year in a row there was little suspense about the outcome. Thin Red Line, the heavy favorites, came away with first prize based on "early

returns" from the judges. The band was so overwhelmingly good in fact, that the judges were able to announce their decision within seconds of the end of the show. Apparently "early returns" may be translated to mean voting done one to three weeks in advance of the actual performance.

The battle for second place was a much more interesting contest, as the remaining four bands were actually judged based on the stated criteria of the Battle. It appears that Thin Red Line's status as a veteran WPI band means that the rules don't apply to them. Had they been judged with everyone else, there would have been at least one band to beat them in nearly every category. They may have won Creativity points for being the only WPI band in recent history to mimic Pink Floyd. As for their Stage Presence, how do we know how good it was? The musicians were hidden by darkness for a large portion of the show. Their Crowd Appeal was mixed at best. On one hand, there was a small core of intensely loyal fans dancing and screaming their support. On the other hand, more people (by my count) walked out on Thin Red Line than any other band. Professionalism? From what I could tell, the band exceeded their time limit by 5-10 minutes. What's so

professional about flaunting rules that everyone else must follow?

Their musical talent is purely a subjective issue and is open to debate. Thin Red Line is widely acknowledged to be a talented band. But they failed to show that talent Saturday night. The outstanding qualities of most (not all) of their songs were that they were louder than anyone else (why is that?) and that they tended to grate painfully on the ears.

I don't expect this to be a popular letter. I don't even expect many people to agree with my opinions. But, that's all they are: my opinions. I would also like to offer a few words of consolation to the other four bands at the Battle: Death Defeating Gravity, Society of Beverages, Adam's Eve, and Mysterious. Don't feel too bad guys... you weren't supposed to win anyway.

Bryan Packard '92

## Thoughts on MLK celebration

To the Editor:

As a member of the Black History Month Committee I would like to respond to a recent *Newspeak* article concerning the W.P.I. commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

As the article noted, the moral strength and emotional power of the gospel music sung by the Emmanuel Baptist Choir brought forth from the heritage of black oppression a stirring message of resilience and humanity. Your reporter rightly expressed, I believe, a concern about the fact that this oppression has not yet ended: Racism is very much alive throughout Worcester (ask your minority friends!). The inequities in education between blacks and whites is scandalous—less than 6 percent of all bachelor degrees go to Afro-American men and women while college-age blacks make up almost 15 percent of the population. And yes, within scientific and engineering education, including at W.P.I., minorities are woefully underrepresented.

However, your reporter errs, it seems to me, in implying that the racial inequities that continue to burden your community are somehow the result of a lack of will or sensitivity on the part of the President of the Institute, or that the

commemoration was simply a publicity opportunity for W.P.I. President Strauss spoke only because the Black History Month Committee asked him to do so. In that request, we sought a public affirmation at the highest level of the Institute of a commitment to address the racial inequities and prejudices within our community.

Racism, like other prejudices, survives not because those in power somehow fail to end it, but because a whole community tolerates it, because a whole community lacks the vigor to rectify its pernicious effects. President Strauss, faculty, and administrators will meet this month with leaders from the minority community to lay out strategies whereby W.P.I. might better serve that community. This month's program devoted to black history, thick with educational and social events, offers many opportunities for students to learn about and participate in the struggle against racism. Join us.

We shall overcome someday....

Bland Addison, Jr.  
Assistant Professor  
Humanities Department.

## New regulations on running in Harrington Auditorium

To the Editor:

Due to an ever-increasing number of unauthorized individuals running on the upper level of Harrington Auditorium, especially during "C" term, the following policy must be restated and reinforced:

Harrington Auditorium is not designed for running on the upper level. Running IS NOT ALLOWED Monday through Friday between 4:30pm and 8:30pm or during a scheduled event, without Athletic Department approval. At all times, runners are running at their own

risk.

The unauthorized use of Harrington Auditorium raises safety and liability concerns. Thus, the need to reinforce the existing policy. Runner's cooperation will go a long way in reducing liability risk and the safety of authorized individuals.

Thank you,

Raymond Gilbert  
Director of Physical Education and Athletics

## Sounding Off From Stoddard

### "I'm Telling Mom!!!"

by Matt Meyer  
Newspeak Staff

"Hey! I was watching that show!"  
"Well, you're not anymore."  
"What do you mean I'm not. I was here first. I had the television first."  
"Well, you don't anymore."  
"That's not fair you butt brain!"  
"Shut up you little dork, before I pound you into the hardwood floor."  
"I'm telling mom!!!"

Sound familiar? With all the rumors flying around in the last two weeks surrounding members of BiLaga and some freshman, that is the kind of scenario I was expecting to hear when I finally got the real story. Unfortunately, that is an inaccurate oversimplification of the circumstances. After last week's column came out, which one person called a journalistically irresponsible article because it was based on rumor (but a rumor on the WPI campus can be passed off as news anytime because very little happens here. Of course when something does, like the "alleged" rape and the IFC finally voting through the B.Y.O.B. policy, nobody wants to talk about it. It's amazing how tight-lipped people can be when they want to be. I'm digressing.), I got some response and was then informed of the real story. So this is what happened as told to me by one of the two people involved in the most prominent case of any I have heard about.

One night on his way to the ATM, the person who was pressing charges was passed by a

group of people and someone in the group called him a "faggot". He didn't know which one of them said it and he ignored them. On his way back from the ATM he was passed by the group and was called a "faggot" yet again. This time he approached the group, let them know he did not appreciate their remarks, and warned them of the campus' policy on discrimination and harassment. At this point, one of the group member stepped right up to his face and said quite audibly (like you could hear him at Store 24) "Thanks for the warning, faggot!" The victim walked away rather pissed off without saying anything further. A few minutes later he told his friends what had happened and one of them returned with him to where the group was so they could identify the members of the group. When they got there the first person stood away from the group while the second approached them. He tried to talk with them, but they just ignored what he had to say and insulted him. Then one person from the group, the one who had called the first person a faggot earlier in the evening, walked by and called him a faggot again (You would think this guy might have a more diverse vocabulary than he was demonstrating but I doubt it. Then again, I hear this guy would like to occupy public office, but in order to do that you have to be able to b.s. really well. Is there any hope for this butthead.). At this point, the two friends gave up the idea of trying to talk intelligently with this group of "ignoramuses" (I read this word on the bathroom wall. It's interesting what people will write on the walls while they are taking a dump. Of course, this word was used in a reply to some gay bashing that had been going back and forth between people. Whoever said that all engineers are illiterate is wrong. It's only the engineers who write for their school newspapers who are illiterate.) and returned to the wedge. You'll never guess what happened next and I'm not going to give you the time to guess either. Our buddy with the expansive vocabulary came traipsing through wedge with a couple of his friends and they began a chorus insults that ranged from

"homo" to "faggot". Is this guy a literary force or what? I think we could use him in *Newspeak*. SNaP didn't interfere with what was going on but they followed the crooners out of the wedge and made sure that they weren't coming back.

By definition, which I supplied in last week's article, which is of course, suggested reading, this is harassment and the victim can press charges. That is exactly what he did. He brought it to the attention of Janet Richardson (Dean of Students) and found that he had two options. The first option was to try to settle the case by mediation between the people involved. The second option was to take it to The Campus Judiciary Committee. They tried mediation and it was agreed that the offender was to write an anonymous and open letter of apology which, after it was given approval by those involved, was to be printed in *Newspeak*. Unfortunately, the letter was judged to be unacceptable because the offender made it appear like he was just joking around and having "fun". He refused to write another letter and further mediation was unsuccessful. The next step was to take the matter to the Judiciary Committee but the victim dropped the charges because he didn't want to deal with the hassle.

So there's the story. If mediation had been successful the person pressing charges probably would have kept the story quiet and not given *Newspeak* the details and the names of the people involved. Since it wasn't successful and the other person involved had shown very little cooperation he feels no obligation to protect the guilty party. As it turns out, the offender is involved in student government. Aren't you glad to see that we have the highest quality representatives who are both outstanding citizens and open, understanding, tactful, intelligent, and in touch with the issues surrounding our campus? Now, I shouldn't be generalizing. The only one I want to crucify is this butthead. I know he wants to keep his name out of the paper and I'm going to do him a favor and not print it.... yet. It seems he is

worried about whether or not he will be able to maintain his position in student government if this gets out. Well, people probably know who the offender is just by the rumors, but if I find out his name is on the ballot when Student Government elections come up, I'm going to identify him in print. Is this a threat? No, it's a public service. There is no reason that our student body should be represented by bigots. It is not a prerequisite that a person in Student Government should have to understand everyone and their social practices, but they shouldn't be routinely harassing and persecuting minorities. It's kind of like a southern state electing the former Grand Wizard of the K.K.K. to a seat in Congress. That's not a swift political move if you ask me. I'll bet the N.A.A.C.P. would have fits if that happened.

Hey Erik, exactly how deep of a hole have I dug myself this week? I really don't care, but if you want to send me a new shovel (box 1589) I would really appreciate it. The one I have is on its way out.

## Remember Vietnam veterans, POW / MIA

by Rob Baham  
Class of '94

Vietnam. A country, a time, a war no one wants to remember. But, it is worthwhile to remember because there are soldiers, fellow human beings being held over there. Others are missing. Their families do not know if they are dead or still alive. With the current struggle in the Middle East, it is easy to put the POW/MIA's of Vietnam out of our minds. But, we shouldn't. This week on Tuesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 7, from 11:00-1:00 in the Wedge the Arnold Air Society of Air Force ROTC will be selling POW/MIA T-shirts, bracelets, and other memorabilia of the people still unaccounted for from Vietnam. Don't shun these people or their families, but instead show your support for them.

### Correction to the January 22nd issue

In the January 22 issue of *Newspeak*, in the column Board Walk - Indian Trains by Ajay Khanna, it was hinted that the doors for the *Rajdhani Express* remain open while the train is in motion. It was pointed out that this is not correct. We apologize for the error.



COMMENTARY

# The Wilderness Writer

## Mountains and Miscellany

by Athena Demetry  
Newspeak Staff

*Look around, leaves are brown,  
And the sky is a hazy shade of winter.*

- Paul Simon

*a wind has blown the rain away and blown  
the sky away and all the leaves away,  
and the trees stand. I think i too  
have known  
autumn too long  
- e.e. cummings*

First, the miscellany. Is there any-thing good about winter? If you actually like winter, please write to me at Box 841 and tell me why. I hope Mr. Groundhog doesn't see his shadow because, save for the intensely colorful winter sunsets, the star-dense winter skies, and the cold bite of winter air with a hint of chimney-smoke in it, I am now officially sick of winter. I am sick of February, dirty snow, freezing rain, wind chill factors, bare trees, dark at four-thirty, heavy coats, mittens, long pants, and shoes. If I were spending a weekend cross-country skiing in the White Mountains, it would be a different matter, but winter in the city is the pits.

Second, the war. As much as I didn't want to bring politics into this column, I can't help but to comment on the War in the Gulf since it has a great deal to do with the health of our environment. If I hear the words *evil, brutal dictator, naked aggression, forces of peace* (an oxymoron?), *beacon of freedom, new world order, a thousand points of light, or our cause is just, our cause is moral, our cause is right* coming from George Bush's face one more time I may just lose my lunch. This war cannot be justified on a moral basis. The United States has made it a policy to selectively ignore *naked aggression* in the past and has, in fact, chosen to support *brutal dictators* when they have served our interests. So the moral argument clearly does not hold. What is clear, and what the president avidly denies (doth he protest too much?), is that this is a war to secure our supply of cheap oil - a non-renewable resource that will soon be totally depleted. Americans currently are paying an artificially low price for oil, so we have little incentive to conserve. What the US needs is, not a war, but a comprehensive, long-term energy policy - research and development of alternate, renewable energy sources and more energy-efficient homes, cars, and factories, for a start. Since the average American is feeling powerless and is searching for ways to make a difference in this war, now would be a perfect time

for the President to initiate an aggressive conservation policy and call on each person to do his or her fair share to conserve energy - leave the car at home one day a week, turn down the thermostat, install double-paned windows and efficient light bulbs. But Mr. Bush has chosen a more politically safe route.

What pains me the most is the loss of the promise and the hope of last spring, when the world was emerging from the Cold War, the troops were coming home from Europe, the defense budget was showing signs of decreasing, and when attention was focused on environmental issues with the celebration of Earth Day 1990, passage of the Clean Air Act, and a ban on oil drilling off the California Coast. Was this a sign that national priorities were beginning to shift away from a heavy military/industrial complex and "evil empire" jingoism, toward domestic and environmental problems? Unfortunately, this has not turned out to be the case; rather conveniently, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait has provided George Bush with a rallying point around which he can revamp the military and defense industry, boost his approval rating, and call for renewed oil drilling in environmentally sensitive areas - off the California coast and in the fragile coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge - all in the name of "national security." Meanwhile, Bush vetoes a bill to raise auto efficiency standards when the technology to do so exists; such a simple measure would significantly decrease our reliance on imported oil. We could, then, laugh aside Saddam Hussein's threats to raise the price of oil and let the Middle Eastern region take care of a problem that is regional in scope.

Mr. Bush has much to learn from the ancient Taoists:

*Peace is easily maintained;  
Trouble is easily overcome before it starts.  
The brittle is easily shattered;  
The small is easily scattered.*

*Deal with it before it happens.  
Set things in order before there is confusion.*

- Lao Tsu, *Tao Te Ching*, ch. 64

I find it despicable that Saddam Hussein has used environmental catastrophe as a weapon of war. Are there to be no parts of this earth that are not subject to the destructive whims of humanity? What a gut-wrenching sight, to see oil-blackened cormorants washing up from thick, oily water onto oil-drenched beaches. The coast, the sea, the animals may never recover, not to mention the tank-ravaged desert ecosystem.

When you wage war on the environment, you destroy our essential faith in the sanctity, the endurance of life, and this is unforgivable.

I hate to see humans killing each other, so I truly hope we can end this war quickly and decisively. I do, however, find it interesting that the attacks on civilian Israelis is "brutal terrorism," while the bombing of civilian Iraqis is "collateral damage" - typical verbal sanitization of the messy business of war.

Third, the byline in last week's column was meant to read "by Professor Patrick Dunn." I hope it is clear that "Inch by Inch" was written by Professor Dunn, the final winner of the Wilderness Writer Contest.

And last, mountains. I read my column each Tuesday morning with some anxiety, fearing that I will get a new idea which, in hindsight, seems essential to the integrity of the subject. In my last column, "Go Climb A Mountain," I realized that I had missed several aspects of mountain climbing that beg for description if I am to be true to the character of the mountain. So here's an addendum to that column.

One thing that really sets mountain climbing apart from other hiking activities is the variety of ecosystems you will find in a short five-mile climb. Walk five miles in the hills or the forest or around a lake or on the beach and you will become thoroughly acquainted with that one ecosystem, but walk five miles up a mountain and you will be privileged to know four, five, maybe more, unique ecosystems. Environmental gradients going up a mountain provide so wide a variety of conditions and, thus, ecosystems, that one would have to travel from the Tropics to the Arctic to witness such variety at sea-level.

My most memorable experience in this respect was climbing Mount Humphreys - at 12,000 (plus) feet, the highest peak in Arizona. Starting at about 9,000 feet, we walked through a meadow of the most iridescent, purple-veined, graceful wild irises I have ever seen. Then through an aspen forest of slender, silver trunks and glowing, lacy leaves; I was told that in autumn these aspens shine in vibrant gold, melting in and out of the green of ponderosa pine. We tried to find the line where the height became too extreme for the aspens, where they finally stopped and where the ponderosa pines took over in earnest. Walking through the vanilla-scented ponderosas, we found them gradually diminishing in size, becoming stocky and sculpted in shape, until finally our heads rose above their tips and we could see the line where the trees surrendered to the mountaintop. If you were to close your eyes how-

ever, you could still sense the approach of the tree line; the air feels somehow thinner, the wind slightly sharper, the sun more direct, space more hollow. Finally, the trees are left behind and you are in that special world of the mountaintops, witnessing the changes brought on by wide, daily swings from cold, frosty nights to warm, sun filled days and an ever-strong wind; these conditions select only those plants which have evolved to compete and thrive in these adverse conditions. Many of these thriving plants display the advantages gained by growing squat and close to the ground, retaining dead leaves to insulate the tender leaves inside, and forming a thick, waxy cuticle over the surface of their leaves.

At the summit of this Arizona mountain we witnessed a very strange phenomenon. Swarms of tiny black flies surrounded us, getting in our noses, under our shirts, into our hair; later we shook the little critters out of our clothing and found them in all sorts of creases and pockets of our packs. We never found the source of these flies or why they thrived so at the summit only, with no great animal presence on which to feed.

As I stood on that peak and looked out, the differences between Eastern and Western mountains were very apparent. Besides the fact that cars steadily roll up the flanks of so many Eastern mountains, one sees that the Eastern mountains are ancient, rounded, and tame in comparison to these Western peaks. Look out from Mt. Washington, at 6,288 feet, and you see other rounded, evenly-forested mounds. Weathering and erosion have steadily worn away these once towering peaks, leaving them as fragments of their former stature. But look from 12,000 (plus) feet in Arizona, or Colorado, California, or New Mexico, and you see

majesty and drama and variety - jagged, snow-specked, tree-variegated, pinnacled, young, unweathered, solid-stoned majesties. Western heights of 12,000 feet are so tangibly higher than eastern heights of 6,000 feet. In the West, space is vast and actually empty, not a crowded filler between cities and towns. In the West, there is wildlife unaccustomed to the sight of a human being, wildlife that is unafraid to merely stand and observe the human as the human is observing him. There is variety - more than the ubiquitous squirrel and chipmunk, the quail, the assorted birds, and the rare, skittery deer of New England. In various areas of the West, I've seen bison, a bobcat, a fox, a peregrine falcon, and entire families of deer; on one memorable hike by the coast, I came upon a doe standing quietly on a ridge, perfectly silhouetted against the sunset on the ocean, not moving even when I came within ten feet of her. When camping, foodstuff must be suspended high on a post or a tree to keep it from the bears. One is much more cognizant of the presence of varied wildlife.

And where else but in the West, in Yosemite National Park, can you hike up the granite alongside the thundering roar and mist of a massive waterfall; where else, just before the water careens over the edge into the valley far below, can you find a clear, calm, deep, icy-cold pool, a perfect swimming-hole, and stop to swim in that perfect spot with the cobalt sky all above you and the liquid cold touching every part of your body; and when you've had your fill of floating on the top of a waterfall, where else can you climb out to dry yourself on sun-baked granite with cliffs rising all around you and trees growing on those cliffs? Blue sky - rushing water - solid earth - not a care in the world - what more could a person want?

## Joger's View

### B.Y.O.B.

I'm back folks. I haven't had much to say lately, so I haven't bored you people. I think I'm the only columnist on this staff (and, as you know, there are about 600 of them) that hasn't written something about the Iraq war, and I won't bore you with how I feel, unless you really want to hear it.) I thought I'd talk about something closer to home (but not in my home, which I'm sure plant services is extremely happy about.)

It's the BYOB policy that the fraternities have suddenly adopted, after months of fighting against the very idea of it. After quite a few votes of 6-5 against, the Nationals (and I'm sure Nancy Hunter Denney) came down hard on the fraternities (and their threats were pretty nasty), so they voted for it.

I, personally, think that BYOB is a good idea. For people that don't drink a hell of a lot, it's much cheaper. In fact, it's free if you don't drink at all. I'm sure that some finance-ridden people are jumping for joy in the streets at the prospect of not having to pay for the chance to meet the females on this campus. If not, they're happy that they can go and have a good time for little or no expense.

However, some fraternity people I've talked to (here's your column Tony!) don't like the idea at all. This past weekend I was down at the house dancing my brains out (much to the amusement of the people there, because, you see, I'm a horrible dancer) having a pretty good time, because I thought the party was pretty good, when Tony came over to me, nearly shook my head off my shoulders, and said "BYOB sucks!" (He wasn't having the greatest night of his life in the first place, so this statement may be a reflection of that.)

I must admit, the place wasn't jam packed, but there was a pretty decent

amount of people there, and most of them were dancing and having a good time, as well. (Although after we heard "You Shook Me All Night Long" the third time, people started to make their way off the dance floor) I thought there was a good amount of people, because it wasn't too crowded, because I like to dance in more than a 6 inch square spot, I like to move around, so this way I wasn't plowing into everyone else.

Now, I wouldn't know nearly as well as Tony the usual turnout at these parties, but I would have considered it a success. I can't help but think that it must be easier for the fraternities to put on the BYOB parties, because they don't have the responsibility of having to buy the alcohol for everyone that's coming, or the chance of being responsible for someone who wrapped his car around a tree after you gave them booze. You just hand them your stuff, and they hand you your tickets. The only way to get bombed is to put out a reasonable investment yourself. (Unless you're a brother, then you can drink as much as you want.)

I can also understand one reason why the fraternities wouldn't like this, though, and that is the biggest commodity on campus: females. Women used to getting in free to any party and drinking as much as they want are not gonna like the idea of having to provide their own stuff, therefore, attendance will drop, at least somewhat. This is pretty bogus, but I still think that they will still show up, after all, the parties are still good. As far as I'm concerned (and this will probably cause a ruckus) the BYOB policy will be good for the entire campus, at least eventually.

Well, until next time, which will probably be when something goes wrong at our house, or something really interesting (and moderately amusing), I am Joger.

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I mean, you guys are as obvious as a weasel on acid.

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\*PUDDLE\*

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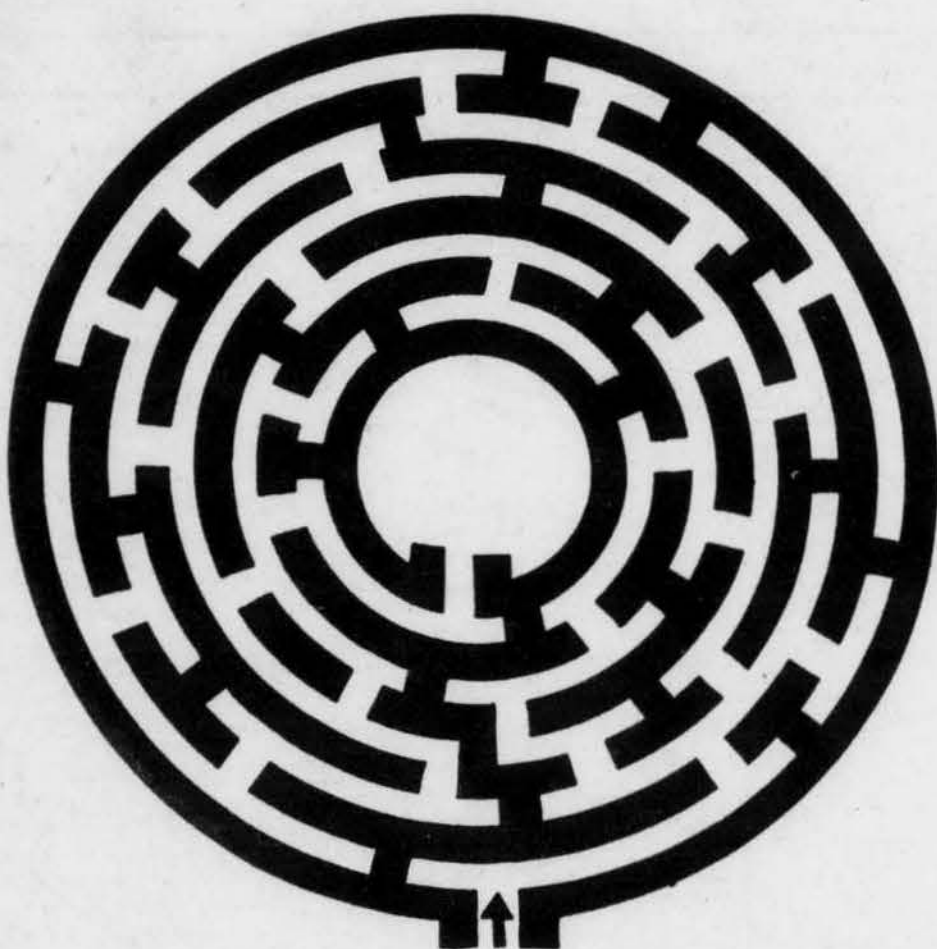
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COMMENTARY

# Europe: A Review

## Is Scandinavia a Civilized Country? - Part 2

by Shawn Zimmerman  
Newspeak Staff

Last week we heard about the points against Scandinavia in this argument. (Actually we only read about them. If any of you out there heard voices reading it to you...Well, I'd give you the number of my therapist but they won't let him have any visitors yet.) Some of the more convincing of these arguments were the chronic, and in my mind criminal, lack of Pez; stinky weather; no hand held weapons capable of leveling entire continents; and no high culture, such as "Friday the Thirteenth Part 12 - Freddy Gets Gas". A quick look at this summary will show not only that it makes a pretty airtight case, but that it also consists mostly of what Scandinavia doesn't have. Today we'll explore what they do have, and see if there's any hope for these people.

**Cool Museums out the wazoo.** For you cultureless bozos out there, this might not be an important point, but let me tell you, when you've got a budget of about five bucks a day, you're going to spend a lot of time in museums, so they'd better be cool. And Stockholm (Sweden, not Indiana) has more than its share. Of course they've got Art museums, that's required by law. The best one (because we got there on a free admission day) had a bunch of Picassos, which I'm not normally fond of, but these didn't look entirely like something that might come out of a damaged Body Snatcher pod, so they weren't too bad. And they had a Dali, "The Legend of William Tell" (I think. It was in Swedish, so maybe it was called "Salvador wigs out and does the Twist"). That's about all I can really say about it, though. You either like Surrealism or you don't. And anyway, you can't really adequately describe a surreal painting (except maybe to say "The moon does not lice").

Of course, there were other museums. Like this museum that had a recovered sixteenth century sailing ship (whose name I've conveniently forgotten, so you can't check to see whether I'm making all this up nor not. Nyah,

nyah). Several hundred years ago a Swedish King said to his makers "Hey, I love how you cats have been putting those cannons on the ships, but I want you to stick about a thousand more on this new ship here without significantly altering the design at all. Then go out and find John Crapper and convince him to make us some pay urinals, there isn't enough cash in the royal treasury for Mickey Mouse shades and those cool pink flamingo lawn ornaments". Needless to say, it was an impressive-looking ship. And, just as needless to say, it made it about an inch into the harbor before the weight of all those cannons caused the whole impressive thing to plummet impressively to the bottom. Where it stayed for a couple of centuries, until someone finally remembered it and started to salvage it. That's the official story, anyway. How can you forget about a ship on the bottom of your harbor? Did everybody suddenly remember that they had a cake in the oven or that the Superbowl was about to begin or what? I, personally, think that it was the secret Soviet base that stole American football and hockey players and turned them into babushka wearing peasant women. But I could be wrong.

Another good museum was the Swedish National Museum. But all I can remember about it is that it was a Swede who invented the Coke bottle. Not much of a theme for a museum, I agree, but, hey, those Winter months get awfully cold and there's not much else to do. Except maybe to admire the:

**Packing babes.** We all hear about how Scandinavian women are amazingly beautiful and everything. Let me tell you - unlike stories of Elvis' death, snide comments that Liz Taylor is slightly plump, and rumors of truth in advertising - it is true. I don't mean "Golly, what a swell doll", but blonde, legs up to their ears, and ENORMOUS... tracts of land. And it's not just genetics, it's also hard work. You have to admire the dedication behind wearing high heels and mini skirts in the three week blizzards and six months of darkness that they get up there.

<WARNING, WARNING. The following paragraph contains hidden humor. Please con-

sult a doctor before reading this if you have (a) a low sarcasm threshold, or (b) a low tolerance for sentences that last from here to next Thursday.> Now, many of you may feel that hot babes in cold climes isn't an appropriate subject for a review in such a distinguished and exclusive newspaper as this. However, this is my column and I happen to enjoy the way women look so I'm going to comment when they look especially good. If you don't like that, well tough noogies. Apparently, I alone have the courage to stand up for my deepest, heartfelt convictions and thus nothing you can do could possibly sway me. Many have tried - pleading, political

torture, exile from America - but the Power of the Press will not be swayed one iota from it's Holy Mission of Informing the Masses. And anyway, when last I heard, America was still a free Democracy that allowed Freedom of the Press as well as Freedom of Religion, and as a High Priest of the Church of Spandex, admiring women just happens to be my Religion, so bug off buddy or I might just have to do something mindlessly violent to you, your immediate family, and anyone else that happens to get in the way. And I really mean it. (However, if you really feel strongly about it, then a ten spot might influence me....)

## Country versus Troops

by Erik Currin  
Newspeak Staff

Ok, let's get one thing straight, there is a difference between supporting what we are doing in the Middle East and supporting the troops over there. I was reading a national newspaper today and the opinion seems to be that those opposing President Bush and the Middle East war are somehow betraying the troops there. This simply is not true. I asked a few members that are against being in the Middle East, and they all express the same opinion. They all oppose the conflict, but they all want the soldiers to come home as soon as possible and in one piece. They all understand that, as Joe Provo put it that "It's just a f\* in job, it's probably not what they expected to be doing, but it's not like I'm not in support of them."

Why this need to connect supporting the liberation of Kuwait and the support of the troops? If this connection persists and the fighting doesn't all go our way, then we could have another situation like Vietnam on our hands. One in which the soldiers return home from a war they had to fight to a hostile home. As one person put it "The foolishness being the idea that if you are against the war, you must be against the troops." Well, if the United States loses a couple of battles, and the public opinion swings

against the war, then the soldiers could be at blame also.

I don't see what this foolishness about supporting the troops is anyway. Supporting means wanting them to come home in peace, right? It's being proud of them for doing a tough job, right? Well, then I can't see the peace movers saying they don't want all the soldiers back in one piece. Also, I can't believe that they admire the soldiers there for doing their job.

Does anyone seriously think that the people protesting for peace are not supporting our troops? If so, I would appreciate dropping me a note.

Any comments are welcome. Drop me a note at Box 817.

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**CLUB CORNER**

**Alpha Phi Omega**

Yes, we're back, everyone's favorite co-ed service fraternity. We know you missed us so much. Sue's better, YEAH! LOTS of things are still going on during C-term:

**RUSH:** Interested in becoming a brother? You can be in a social fraternity and Alpha Phi Omega at the same time. There is an informational meeting in the Lower Wedge at 7:30 tonight (Trivial Pursuit and Pictionary to follow). Anything else, see Keith, box 932

**SERVANT AUCTION:** We need Wedge sitters and servants. Remember you cannot be forced to do anything! Questions? Ask Kevin or John.

**BIG SCREW:** Wedge sitters also needed here. Comments? See Dave, after all he is the chairman.

**BIG BROTHERS:** Want to be a big brother to a pledge? If so, get in touch with Ed C. or me.

**CONCLAVE:** It's coming sooner than you think. Want to help? See Bill.

Nice haircut/shave Shep!!

At least my hair doesn't match the inside of my jacket.

I have nothing to write.

Ed, please, wear some socks!!

WELCOME to all prospective pledges!!!

Two in a row... it's starting to come together!

I finally made it to a meeting.

The slugs are still winless.

Hey, they can't do that.

John B. is cool, totally!!

I live at E6 too!!! Chris

I finished all my homework and decided to say hi!

I think Lou needs a shave!

Cetta is having to much fun in Ireland!

Go, Giants, Go! (2nd best team in the NFL... 49'ers are first)

Kevin got beat by an 11 year old at chess, HA!!

Happy Birthday, Mark!

That's all for now, see ya later.

**Association of Computing Machinery**

The new year is underway, and so too are the new officers of ACM. Elections were held, and the new officers are:

- Mike Stein - President
- Thomas Proulx - Vice-President
- Mark Gibelli - Treasurer

Erik Zidowecki - Secretary  
Kristina Wood - Special Project Officer  
Congratulations to them all!

Now, down to business:

Many events are being planned for the upcoming year, and so the GENERAL MEETING, for all ACM members and anyone interested in ACM, will be held on Feb. 12 in FL320. The purpose is to discuss and plan the upcoming activities.

One event to be planned is the ACM vs. IEEE volleyball game! They beat us before (with some help from OUR professors), but we're gonna fry their circuitry this time!

Then, to celebrate the new year, we'll be having an ACM "Happy Hour" on the 15th. Come all ACM members and faculty!

Not all ACM is fun and games, however. ACM is also holding sessions for SCHEME and Pascal. The SCHEME sessions are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday night in FL B11, from 7-9pm. They will also be held every other Wednesday night, from 6-8pm. Come on in if you have any questions or need some help with the language of "C"

The Pascal sessions will be held every Monday and Thursday night, from 7-9pm in FL B17. Questions are problems are welcome!

**BiLAGA**

Hi all, sorry I missed writing last week's club corner - just too much other work to do. Meeting day has changed - AND, we are also now meeting at a new location. Get in touch with me, or Shane, or G. for more info...

The MIT dances were a sensational hit. Also, there is a Worcester based dance in the works. It is scheduled for February 16 (Saturday) at 8pm. Tickets are \$2 with a student I.D. and \$4 without an I.D.

There has also been a lot of "other" things going on. Come to the next meeting for info on what's been happening.

Until next time...

Kelli

Anyone with questions concerning BiLAGA can contact: Shane McBride, Box 828; Janet Richardson, Dean of Student Life Office; or send mail to BiLAGA in the Student Activities Office. All inquiries are confidential.

**Christian Bible Fellowship**

Greetings pilgrims! CBF is a fellowship of

Christian students. We will be sponsoring a seminar on Evolution and Creation on Feb. 12th, 7 pm in Kinnicutt Hall. If you have any questions, spiritual or other, or want to be involved in a Bible discussion, just drop a note to our student activities box or call 792-9483.

Yo! you got a problem or something? No, you're the one with the problem. Hey what's your problem? .....

At dawn Jesus appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:2-11)

Whether we admit it or not, we all have a problem. It's a problem that keeps us from enjoying the life God wants us for us. The problem is sin. Sin is disobedience to God. We all sin. Sometimes on purpose, sometimes it just seems to happen.

As the account above illustrates, everyone, even the nicest, most religious people sin. But Jesus offers forgiveness, freedom and victory. The guilt that is weighing you down can be lifted forever. There is no sin you can imagine that is stronger than Jesus' love.

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.... For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

- Jesus Christ (Matthew 9:12-13)

**Men's Glee Club**

We finally got to perform this weekend at Trinity. WOW. It's really good to perform to get in shape for the big challenges that lie ahead. Life can't be all work and no play, however, so there is a special event organized for Sunday at F-14. Then, the "Carbofest" on the following Saturday will be the ultimate test for the digestive system.

If you have any ideas for some non-singing events that you'd like to see the Club organize (for example the trio to Monadnok), contact Brillo, the social chairman. He is a cool cat who is willing to listen to your comments, so do not hesitate to contact him.

Take to heart what appeared last week about the offices of the Club. I realize that all four officers plan to return next year, but that does not mean there is no room for YOU to challenge and give of yourself for the better of the club. Why do I always get serious in this column? Must be hereditary.

**LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWERS**

\* Rob-Bob won the inaugural "Yak".

\* Hormone has the most nominations this year

\* I forgot the other question I asked.

**THIS WEEK: WHEEL OF FORTUNE**

(clue: the great depression in Norton)

T E L E (R,S,T,L,N,E given)

\*nuf said — see you in rehearsal!!

**Muslim Student Association**

"The History of African-American Muslims" is the topic of a lecture and a slide show that is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30pm in KINNICUT HALL. The speaker is Dr. Allen Austin.

Dr. Austin is an associate professor of English and African-American History. He is the author of several books on this subject. His

lecture will inform the audience about the role of ISLAM in many aspects of the African American life at the time.

All are welcome to this very important event. The lecture is sponsored by the Muslim Student Association of WPI and is co-sponsored by the Student Life Office.

**Rugby Team**

Hide your daughters. Another season of fast-paced WPI rugby is approaching. But first congratulations to our new officers.

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|----------------|----------------|
| Greg Link      | Co-president   |
| Richard Lolos  | Co-president   |
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| Jesse Johnson  | Publicity      |
| Sean Kavanaugh | SAB Chairman   |

Practice will start the first week of February on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 at Alumni Gym. If you are interested in joining show up with your running shoes. Coming soon WPI Rugby T-shirts to support our tournament trip to Bermuda over Spring Break, and remember... the S & M man can make hurting feel good.

**Students for Social Awareness**

Hey, all, what can I say? The club has turned in an entirely new direction, and things are looking bright for the future. And so you ask, "what new things could possibly happen to that rag-tag bunch of anachronistic hippies?" Well, it is my job to tell you. You see, SSA, after many long, fruitless weeks, has actually done something! Yes, perhaps we should change the "Awareness" to "Action!"

First, many of us (actually only five WPI guys, five Clark girls and Barbara, but it seemed awfully crowded to me...) trucked off to Washington D.C. on a moment's notice, at midnight on Friday. We put our faith in Glen's driving (reaching DC, with the help of my radar detector, at an average speed of 72 miles per hour! In a 15 person van!) and our \$20 in Matt's hands. This trip offered many wonderful opportunities for our club, as it was the historic first merger of the concerned students from Clark University and WPI. Through Wednesday's diplomatic meeting, Matt and I, of the new SSA Peace Committee, together with Clark students, Erica and Stacey, of the Worcester Campuses for Peace, laid the underpinnings of these new relationships. In the future, we expect our activities to be much more intertwined.

While in Washington, we witnessed many fine aspects of our Constitutional Socialist Democracy at work. The snipers on the roof of the Capitol building were indeed a great draw, as were the Storm Troopers surrounding the White House. According to CSPAN, 250,000 people showed up to march through the streets of DC to oppose the war in the Gulf. ABC reported 75,000, and the organizers quoted 300,000. Therefore, I believe that, in fact, only eleven of us showed up. The Anarchists did not attempt to burn the flag, though Glen and I were photographed by the FBI/CIA/INS/MIT for feeding taco shells to some birds. On the way back, we stopped in New York City to do nothing in particular. Glen reports that it was enjoyable to drive and 18 foot long through the streets of Manhattan at midnight on a Saturday. All in all, it was a wonderful, sleepless experience for all.

We discussed the impeachment of the SSA president and the future of the "light one up for Peace" campaign at our meeting, but next week promises to be much more enjoyable.

Now some plugs:

\*Come to the Wedge weekdays at noon and light a candle to show your consideration for the troops in the Gulf.

\*Come to Lincoln Square every Tuesday at 4:30 to show your concern for the lives of the troops in the Middle East in a candlelight vigil.

\*Come to our next meeting on Thursday at 6:00pm in Salisbury Lounge.

\*And finally, don't believe the hype. Find out all facts of the War for yourself, and then determine the manner of action which you believe is justified.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Music Review Ghost of a Dog

by Troy Nielsen  
and Joe Parker

Troy: I must admit, I've never really paid much attention to Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians. When they made their big debut,

I heard "What I Am" on the radio—but that's the extent of my Edie Brickell listening experience. That is, until now.

After my first listening, "Ghost of a Dog" (Geffen Records) struck me as being a clean-sounding and well-produced recording. No

matter how many instruments are playing at the same time, the mix is extremely clear. The engineers really knew what they were doing.

The musicianship of the band is very good. It is evident that the New Bohemians come from the folk-blues-mellow school of playing. None of the playing really comes and grabs your throat. During "Mama Help Me" the lead guitarist displays some tasty slide guitar work. Other songs featured auxiliary percussion such as tambourine and bongos. Overall the choice of instrumentation is well-thought out.

What I'm getting at is that the technical abilities are intact on this recording. But the music is fairly mellow; and if you don't enjoy mellow folk type of music (like myself) then don't waste your money on this album. I'm sorry but this album just sort of oozed out of my stereo. And as far as I'm concerned, Edie Brickell is a high-strung Janis Joplin clone with no voice. I rate this album a 58 out of 100.

Joe: Well, I thought that this album was

pretty good. I have the first album, *Shooting Rubberbands at the Sky* and I like that. The first thing I noticed while leafing through the liner notes was that on the latest effort Edie made a slight move concerning her work. On the debut album she wrote the lyrics and made up the melodies for the songs, while on this album she penned most of the songs in their entirety.

This album, contrary to what Troy may think, was much less mellow than the debut album, and much more varied as well. I thought the album started and finished strongly, but kind of floundered in the middle. I also noticed the frequent references to dogs throughout the album. On that note, I should probably mention that I thought the title track was really bizarre, and a little too mellow for my tastes, and that I thought that it was probably the worst track on the whole album. The rest, on the whole was well played and well engineered, as Troy mentioned. I liked it, and will give it an 82 out of 100.

## Music Trivia

by Troy Nielsen  
Newspeak Staff

All questions from The Rolling Stone Encyclopedia of Rock & Roll (Summit Books, 1983).

Questions:

- 1) Name the members of the early 1980s supergroup, Asia.
- 2) What group had the original hits "Cherish" (#1, 1966) and "Windy" (#1, 1967).
- 3) Bad Company's first album was released in what year.
- 4) Bad Company's first album was the first recording on what Led Zeppelin-created record label.
- 5) Where did The Band form?
- 6) In what year did Syd Barrett form Pink Floyd?
- 7) Who is Elias Bates?
- 8) What guitarist had a string of instrumental hits ("Rebel Rouser" and "Peter Gunn") that featured his staccato style and "twangy" sound.
- 9) What group recorded the 1966 hit "I Had Too Much to Dream (Last Night)"?
- 10) What is Brian Eno's (studio experimentalist, producer and composer) full name?

Answer:

- 1) Carl Palmer, John Wetton, Steve Howe, and Geoffrey Downes.
- 2) The Association
- 3) 1974
- 4) Swan Song
- 5) Woodstock, New York
- 6) 1964.
- 7) Bo Diddley
- 8) Duane Eddy (born in Coming, New York)
- 9) The Electric Prunes
- 10) Brian Peter George St. John de Baptiste de la Salle Eno.

## Eating In... Boy it's chili!!!

by Kelly McQueeney  
and Kaja Cadwell  
and Josh Howard

Being a vegetarian is more than just eating vegetables. To be a good vegetarian, it is important to eat complete proteins. A complete protein contains a balanced ratio of amino acids. All animal meats and products contain all nine necessary amino acids. If meat is not being consumed, these nine essential amino acids must be obtained in parts and combined to form complete proteins. For example, neither peanuts nor wheat bread form complete proteins by themselves, but together they form a complete protein. As a general rule, try to always eat grains and legumes (garbanzo beans, kidney beans, black-eyed peas, lentils, lima beans, peanuts, and soy products) together. Rice should be eaten with wheat, legumes, or sesame seeds.

### Chili

One of the best foods for you, this chili is perfect for lunch or dinner: winter, spring, or fall! Vegetarian Chili should be eaten with rice or bread to provide a complete protein.

Ingredients:

- (1 lb. ground beef or ground turkey...optional for all non-veggies)
- 1 tablespoon safflower oil
- 1 green pepper
- 1 medium onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 cup spaghetti sauce or tomato sauce

- 3 cups (1-19 oz. can) kidney beans
- 1 dash pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon chili con carne powder

Utensils:

- large frying pan
- cutting board
- sharp knife
- plate
- paper towel

Directions:

Cook ground beef into the frying pan until no pink parts remain. Put the paper towel onto the plate and spoon the meat on the towel. Drain away all remaining fat from frying pan.

Slice the onion, garlic, and pepper into bite-size pieces. Into the frying pan (no need to wash it) heat the oil over a medium flame. Add the onion, garlic, and pepper and cook slowly until onions are clear and soft: 2-3 minutes. Turn off heat and stir in seasonings. Add the tomato sauce, ground beef, and kidney beans. Bring mixture to a boil, then lower heat and simmer for about 10 minutes.

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## Thin Red Line scores TKO

by Ray Bert  
Associate Editor

On Saturday, January 26th, WPI's 4th annual Battle of the Bands took place in Alden Hall. This year's Battle featured five WPI bands and was emceed by comedian (well, sort of) Charlie Hall. Hall had the roughest evening of anyone as joke after joke fell flat, and we're certainly hoping for better next year. Anyway, Thin Red Line won and collected the \$500 gift certificate, while The Society of Beverages took second and the \$200 gift certificate, both good at Union Music.

The first band to perform was The Society of Beverages, a four piece band playing rock and progressive rock. Lead vocalist Jim Fox has one of those voices that combines some melody with a talking pace that recalls REM. The band played a nicely varied, nine-song set of originals. Some of the better tunes were "The Fountain", "A New Beginning" and "Drive", which appropriately sounded like a great car song. Additionally, there was a goofy, bluesy song with many sexual innuendos that was a lot of fun. Pretty much all of the numbers had tempo changes and other elements that kept them interesting.

On the flip side, "Beverage Cheer" was pretty dumb and a thrash-thing called "PCB" was rather bizarre. All in all, the Society played well but lacked much in the areas of stage presence and energy, except bassist Mehool Patel, and, for brief flashes, Fox. They probably scored big in the talent and creativity categories of judging.

Following the Society was Adam's Eve, a five man, four piece outfit playing hard rock and metal. Opening with Dokken's "Breaking the Chains", it became immediately apparent that while the players could play, the singer really couldn't sing. He sang with some authority and was animated, but lacked any range. They next moved into a couple of originals. The first, called "Pimp of the Lord", was okay but again the vocals hurt. Next came a standard "power ballad" that I couldn't make out any of the words to, even the title. Going back to covers, they then ripped (musically) through Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train", including an insane rendition of Randy Rhoads' solo by guitarist Derron Blakely. That solo drew some of the loudest cheers of the evening, even before the song was over. The band then inexplicably left the stage after less than twenty minutes. Later it was discovered that they thought they had only 35 minutes to play and greatly overestimated their set-up and break-down time.

Up next was Myschief, a four man, three piece band playing covers of hard rock and metal. Opening with Billy Idol's "Dancing With Myself", they ran into problems as the bridge on Jim Kokernak's guitar loosened, throwing it out of tune. Switching to a borrowed guitar, he eventually got his own back halfway through their seven song set. From the start, vocalist Al Marandola proved to be the most energetic and animated performer of the evening, injecting much personality into the songs. He shined on "Dancing", as well as The Black Crowes' "Hard to Handle" and Faith No More's "Falling to Pieces", the two highlights of the set. The band was especially tight on those two, with Dave Mann laying down the persistent, funky baseline to "Falling" and Jason Wright pacing everyone on drums.

The downside of doing covers, of course, is that you can't sound just like the original. Marandola was a little out of his range on Rush's "Limelight" and a lot out of it during a light-speed run-through of Salty Dog's "Come

Along", to close the set. Several of the songs could have used some strong backing vocals, as well. They were undoubtedly hurt in the creativity department for not doing any originals, but it should be noted that they learned all of the songs by ear, with no sheet music, and Kokernak improvised all his own solos.

Following the two hard rock entries, Death Defeyeing Gravity (easily the best name) succeeding in slowing things down with a more mellow style. Consisting of a duo with guitars, harmonica and alternating lead vocals, Gravity played a mix of covers and originals in an acoustic/art rock vein. They did a Lou Reed song as well as a very mellow "Psychokiller" from the Talking Heads that came off very well. Alan Allen had a vocal style reminiscent of Reed which I found monotonous after a while but which is a legitimate style. John Powers had the more melodic voice, and both played some strong guitar. The eight song set wasn't very varied because of the nature of the music, which seems to beg to flow together, but it was interesting and enjoyable for the most part. The best tunes came off as introspective and atmospheric, such as "Rain" and the closing tune; while others seemed at times self-consciously poetic and artsy. Death Defeyeing Gravity probably scored well in talent and creativity while being doomed not to win for the same reasons as Influenza at last year's Battle - the energy and stage presence categories.

The last band of the Evening was Thin Red Line. As advertised all week before the Battle, the main portion of their set was a concept piece called "The Plan". Lasting about 35 minutes and including maybe six to eight songs (including the rollicking standby "Kill Yer Roommate"), "The Plan" was accompanied and held together by a video montage shot in and around the WPI campus. The idea was creative and original and supplied a professional, MTV-type atmosphere to their set. Unfortunately, I couldn't make out much of John MacNeill's vocals, and thus missed a lot of the meaning to "The Plan's" concept. Unfortunate too because MacNeill has an excellent voice that carries many of the songs when they aren't being led by Troy Nielsen's varying guitar riffs or keyboard passages. After "The Plan", TRL did several more songs, both of which were as good as anything from the former. Peter Gabriel's "Solisbury Hill" was well done and "Do You Really Care?" was a powerful and catchy closing number.

In terms of dislikes, several parts of "The Plan" were overly laden with keyboard and other noise that created all kinds of cacophony. Also, the band took the stage in darkness save for the video and some colored glowing pieces on their outfits. This was interesting and gave them a rather ominous stage presence, but it also persisted through most of "The Plan", which was too long and became annoying after a while. All in all, though, Thin Red Line was easily the best band on Saturday night, and deserved to win.

Lastly, though this is not directly related to the band, it is relevant. A row of people behind me there to see TRL proved themselves to be a bunch of asses by refusing to shut up during the other performances and mocking the other bands. This is the type of favoritism that helped make the outcome inevitable. Next time, why don't you people just stay home in your narrow little houses pondering your narrow little worlds that match perfectly your narrow little minds. In all sincerity, congratulations to the winners and the others and good luck in the future.

**POLICE LOG**

**Monday, January 21, 1991**

12:29am - MISSING PERSON: Call from Enfield Ct. Police reporting student missing from home. Officer investigating incident.

10:38pm - MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Student reported sick in Stoddard Complex, EMS responds, student refused transport to hospital.

**Thursday, January 24, 1991**

1:47am - MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Student in Daniels Hall with laceration, EMS responds. Student transported to hospital.

**Saturday, January 26, 1991**

10:43pm - MALICIOUS MISCHIEF: Officers advise members of Zeta Psi fraternity about lighting fire in front yard.

**Sunday, January 27, 1991**

5:17pm - MISSING PERSON: Parent calls to report son missing since Jan. 22, 1991. Officers investigating incident.

*SAFETY TIP: All students on campus have a responsibility to protect themselves and prevent campus crime. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Police.*

**What's Happening**

**Tuesday, February 5**

Returning Students Receive Circle Sheets in Mailboxes  
7:00pm - War in the Gulf - Support Group for students with family/friends in the Gulf, Morgan A.

**Wednesday, February 6**

8:00pm - Video: "9 1/2 Weeks", Lower Wedge in Daniels Hall \$1.00.

**Thursday, February 7**

7:30pm - Spectrum an Black History Month Committee presents: live performance 1001 Black Inventions, Lower Wedge in Daniels Hall Free.

**Friday, February 8**

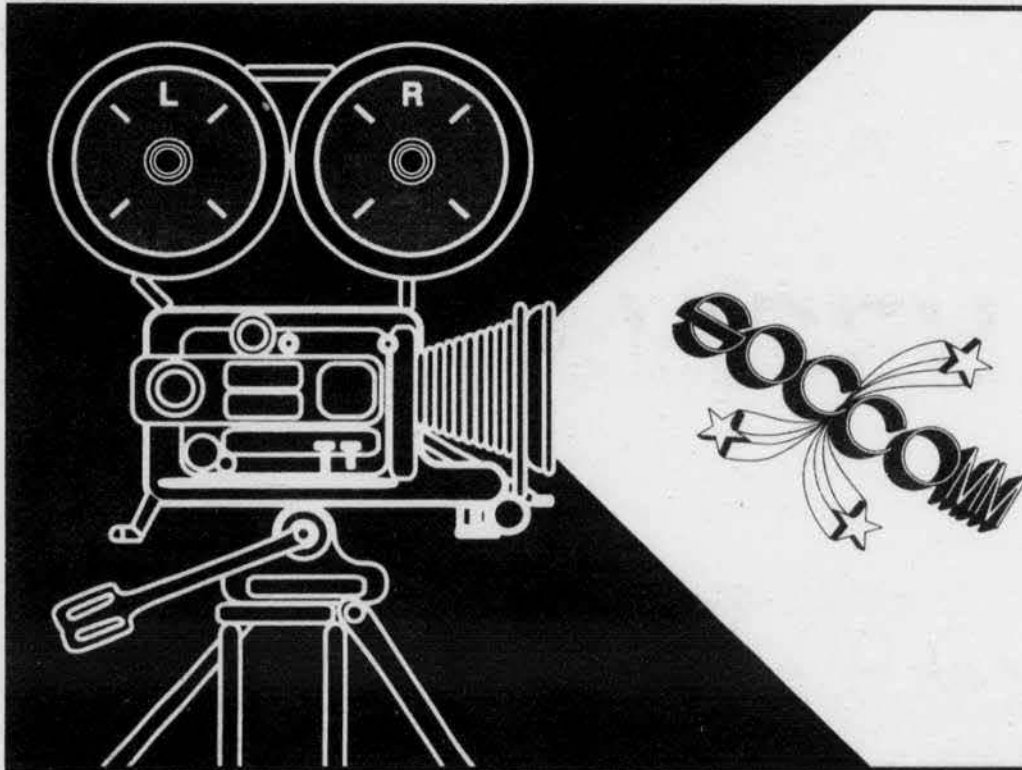
8:00pm - Coffehouse and Special Events presents: Ventriloquist Dan Horn, Lower Wedge in Daniels Hall \$1.00.

**Sunday, February 10**

6:30 and 9:30pm - "Ghost," Perreault Hall - Fuller Labs, \$2.00.

February 1-28

Exhibit: BLACK WOMEN: ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST THE ODDS, Gordon George C. Library



**SOCCOMM**  
presents

*"Ghost"*

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 and 9:30 PM  
Perreault Hall  
Only \$2.00

**SOCCOMM Pub Committee Presents:**

***"OFFICER RUCKUS"***

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 PM

Alden Hall

TICKETS: \$1.00

