The swing dance: A groovin’ time

by Lee Carson
Newspack Staff

A sixteen piece Swing Band played at the Swing Dance on Friday, August 27,1999.

Swing is defined as the combination of six and eight beats. The description given little, if any turnning, as to how difficult swing dancing really is. Last Friday, the incoming freshman were all invited to Alden to participate in, which can only be referred to as one of the last social events they would get to experience before they fell under the academic as, A swing dance. Despite probably not knowing how to swing dance, Alden was quite full of all kinds of people, of all kinds of ability. For those of use who had no clue what we were doing, two very knowledgeable instructors provided group lessons at various points during the night. Beginners had the chance to learn a variety of moves, ranging from the basic two step, to more advanced moves that were seen.

As for the night itself, it turned out to be very hot, sticky and even suffocating. Valley of these people dancing in the standard swing dress of kakis and a dress shirt, the heat and humidity felt almost unbearable. Many people had to take periodic trips to get some fresh air. But all in all it didn’t diminish the jovial atmosphere around most of the people there.

The only drawback to the night (for the guys there anyway) was that, true to form, the MAN to WOMAN ratio was tilted heavily against the guys who hoped to find someone to dance with when they got there. But if you were lucky enough to have some one to dance with, it was quite the experience that will not soon be forgotten by these who attended, and had a great time.

President Parrish among four nominees for President of national organization

by George Stuart

WPI President Edward Alton Parrish is seeking the position of President of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He is one of four candidates, each from the United States, the pre- sent batch is the most successful ever. Freshman who participated in this year will soon get the chance to let the NSO staff know how they liked it though, as student evaluations are in the mail. For freshman who fill out and return the survey, there is a chance to win.

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Orientation was a big success

by David Laccarini
Newspack Staff

Well, classes have started, the tent in the quad has come down, and the freshman are no longer carrying around bright yellow maps. But in the Student Activi­ ties Office, the orientation workshops and the success of NSO 99 is far from over. In fact, it will most likely carry over into next year when the class of 2004 arrives on campus.

In a recent interview with Snoddy, he said that all concerned were very pleased with the result of the week long orientation process. “NSO was a great time this year because of the OL’s and PC’s involvement” he said. He went on to say that “We’re looking for a new group of OL’s and RAs for next year so keep us in mind. Jennifer and I really stress that the importance of quality OL’s a number of times during the inter­ view and everyone pleased that he was with this years batch.

Third year OL, Ben Nawrath said the feeling was mutual. Unbeknownst to all but those on the inside, OL training is “more of a bonding experience than anything else” according to Ben. He says that most OL’s apply for the position because they like helping people, and he encourages everyone to apply for the posi­ tion, as does Greg Snoddy. All interested students should con­ tact. Greg Snoddy in the NSO office. The same goes for students interested in be­ coming RAs.

The Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) is an organization that seeks to expand technological advancement across the globe. They publish papers and journals, as well as holding sympo­siums. They are a membership based organization so there are dues paid by each member. These dues are then used to provide many services to members.

Dr. Parrish feels that his goals and the IEEE goals are very much the same. He has been working hard here at WPI to stay on the cutting edge of technology and to prolifer­ ate that technology as much as possible. He thinks these leader­ ship traits will be an advantage to the IEEE. Parrish’s technical background and the IEEE’s commitment to technological advancement make them the perfect blend.

At the University of Virginia, Dr. Parrish obtained his M.E., B.E. and Sc. D. In 1968 he joined the Uni­ versity of Virginia Department of Elec­ trical Engineering as an Assistant Professor, and served as Chairman there from 1978 until 1986. He then served as Dean of the School of Engineering at Vanderbilt Univer­ sity for 7 years before becoming President of WPI in 1995.

For 30 years Dr. Parrish has ben­ efited from work with the IEEE and according to him it’s “payback time”. Parrish wants to expand the accessibility of IEEE functions (pa­ pers, articles, journals, and sympo­siums). In fact, apparently only 15% of IEEE members attend symposia. Parrish sees this as an opportu­ nity to use the Internet (and the upcoming Internet-2) to allow mem­ bers to participate from locations worldwide and only 4 candidates, each from the United States, the pre­ dictability is about that same as good game of Blackjack. The ballots were sent out on September 1 but are not due back until Oct 31. And since all tabulations are handling by a non­ governmental organization, there is no preliminary election data. We will all just have to wait.
WPI Forges New Link in Metal Processing Research

Worcester, Mass. - More than 80 companies joined Worcester Polytechnic Institute in celebrating the opening of its Center for Heat Treating Excellence this week. The center is an industry-university partnership devoted to increasing knowledge and innovation by collaborating on research and development.

The center is the next link in WPI's Metal Processing Institute, an organization that has included research centers for aluminum casting, powder metallurgy and semisolid materials processing. "The new Center for Heat Treating Excellence closes the loop," said Executive Director Diran Apelian, WPI's Howmet professor of engineering and director of the Metal Processing Institute.

Through its centers, the university completes research in cooperation with industry. The Metal Processing Institute has attracted more than 120 members from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. The thermal-processing industry is composed of corporations that manufacture heat-treating furnaces, shops that carry out heat treating, and major manufacturers of industrial equipment including Timken, John Deere and Caterpillar.

"In essence, heat treating is the process of using thermal energy to modify and alter the microstructure of a metal component to optimize its mechanical properties," explains Apelian. "The Center of Heat Treating Excellence, with its 55-plus corporate partners, along with the three other net-shape manufacturing centers, make WPI's Metal Processing Institute the largest industry-university alliance in North America."

The marriage of WPI and industry, as Apelian calls it, began in 1985 with the aluminum casting research center. Powder metallurgy research began in 1992, followed by semisolid materials processing in 1994. Now, with the Center for Heat Treating Excellence, WPI's Metal Processing Institute boasts alliances with four sectors of the metal industry that have a combined annual revenue of more than $50 billion.

Apelian played a key role in the establishment of WPI's Metal Processing Institute. "WPI research has led to increased efficiency and productivity in metal casting. Among other innovations, the university developed a device for detecting cracks in metals as well as sensors that identify impurities in liquid metal before it is cast. In addition to support by its corporate members, the Metal Processing Institute is funded by federal agencies, including the Department of Energy, and by private foundations."

PERSON ON THE STREET

What do you think of the 25% female population in the freshman class?

by Emily Reynolds
Newspeak Staff

As we have settled into another school year at WPI, you might have noticed some of the changes around campus. You have probably figured out what classes you're taking, who teaches them, and what 30th edition book is going to cost you $80 more than the 29th edition that lacks the histograms. You might also have noticed the faster library and computer centers, the new shrubbery and those copy cards that cost ten cents BEFORE you put money on them. You might not have noticed as you were searching furiously to find your roommates that Barry Manilow and Maple is more productive while it is crashing than running, but we wondered how the WPI community felt about this increase in female numbers. Here are a few responses:

"A lot better than last year, 'cause I like girls!" - Joel Smith

"We see more females in ROTC!" - Christine Belushko

"I would like to see the ratio more like 1:1 - J.W.

"As long as they keep the standards the same, then it's great." - Legrand Reynolds

"How many of them are Bio's?? More power to the Bio department!" - Wesley Blackstone

"I don't want people to be accepted just because they're girls. They can go to Clark for parties if they want more girls." - Jim Behnke
WPI Names Raczynski Sports Information Director

Courtesy of WPI Communications Group

Steve Raczynski, a Worcester native, has been named Sports Information Director at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, according to WPI Director of Physical Education and Athletics Ray Gilbert.

The post is effective immediately.

A 25-year veteran in the field of public relations, Raczynski is beginning his second stint in his current role. He was WPI's Sports Information Director from September, 1974 through July, 1979.

Following WPI, Raczynski went on to become the Assistant Sports Information Director at Yale University for one year (1979-80), the Sports Information Director at Princeton University for two years (1980-82), the Director of Media Relations at Stanford University for 14 years (1982-96), and the Director of Media Relations of the American Basketball League's New England Blizzard, based in Hartford, CT, for 2.5 years (1996-98).

"I'm extremely pleased that Steve is joining the WPI Department of Physical Education and Athletics as Sports Information Director," said Gilbert. "Steve returns to WPI with a wealth of knowledge and experience in all aspects of his field. His familiarity to WPI and the Worcester area, as well as his extensive background, will make for an easy transition as SID. Someone of Steve's caliber is a valuable asset to the WPI community and I'm excited to have him 'on board' to promote the athletics program and our student-athletes."

"I'm pleased to return," said Raczynski.

Raczynski attended both Assumption Preparatory School ('69) and Assumption College ('74) within the city, majoring in Business Administration. He is a graduate of Assumption College ('74) and Assumption Preparatory School ('69) within the city, majoring in Business Administration.

While at WPI in his first go–around, Raczynski was also an assistant basketball coach for four years (1976-79) under the late Charlie McNulty.

While at Stanford, Raczynski had the opportunity to cover nearly all of its 33 varsity sports programs at one time or another, and work with numerous top athletes and coaches. Included in that list of names are John Elway (football), world-record holders Summer Sanders, Pablo Morales, Jeff Rouse, and Janet Evans (swimming), Mike Mussina and Jack McDowell (baseball), and Tiger Woods, Casey Martin, and Notah Begay III (golf).

Top coaches included U.S. Olympic head coaches Mark Marquess (baseball), Fred Staun (men's volleyball), Tara VanDerveer (women's basketball), Brooks Johnson (women's track and field), Richard Quack (women's swimming), and Skip Kenney (men's swimming). Raczynski also worked directly with three current NFL while at Stanford -- Jim Fassel of the New York Giants, Dennis Green of the Minnesota Vikings, and Brian Billick of the Baltimore Ravens. Stanford won 42 national titles in Raczynski's 14-year span, and also won the Sears Cup Trophy, symbolic of the nation's top athletic program, in Division I during two of the first three years of the Cup's existence.

Raczynski has been a member of the College Sports Information Directors Association for 25 years. He has won numerous CoSIDA awards for his publications, game programs, and game stories.
Work stinks, But So Does Laziness?  
by P.J. Stevens  
Newspeak Staff

Office Space and Idle Hands came out on video Tuesday, August 31, 1999. While Office Space dwelled on work as evil, Idle Hands was more inside the office and less outside the office. Mike Judge is the director of Office Space. He's directed Beavis & Butthead and King of the Hill. I liked the movie of Beavis & Butthead but found the series as not enough and when it was more, too repetitive. It's the same with Office Space, straying from the office wasn't as well writ­ten and funny.

Jennifer Aniston (from Friends) was a “pretty girl” that helps Ron Livingston to choose the right path. Although the death scenes were wonder­fully done and a delight to see. Seth Green and Elden Ratliff make this Beatles, these Krazy Kats will play it all! We may even be able to honor some requests…

This so-called “Quartet-A-Thon” is one of several fundraisers for the instrumental groups’ concert tour to Greece over spring break. Donations and other contributions will be gladly accepted! We won’t stop playing until we reach our fundraising goal, so help us out! These ensembles will be no ordinary quartets. Due to the nature of this Quartet-A-Thon, we cannot guaran­tee what instruments will be playing at any given time! Sometimes, it may be a nice brass quartet or some strings… other times, maybe a clarinet, tuba, cello, and bassoon! So stop by and visit the unique Quartet-A-Thon in the Lower Wedge from Thurs­day the 9th at 5:00PM until Sunday… Help out your classmates and enjoy the music! Also remember the amazing raffle offer also! Just $5 could win you a trip to Greece, including almost all of the expenses... a $1400 value! Email band@wpi.edu for more info. Visit us for some music and fun in the Lower Wedge! We hope to see you there!

The DVD has a lot. It has CC, Multiple Languages, Commentaries, production notes, pan and scan, and a Featurette. The DVD is loaded, as a result it gets an A.

Introducing “Life lines”: Are you Creative?  

It has come to the attention of the Newspeak staff that although WPI is an extremely technologically based school, there is a large number of students who posses an artistic talent of one sort or another. Many of these students have an outlet or club, such as Concert Band and Chorus, Glee Club, or Masque, that shares its collective talent with the rest of the student body quite frequently. There are also students on campus who are interested and talented in the art of creative writing. These students may become involved in the creative writing course offered by WPI or the school’s writing journal. Newspeak has decided to try something new to circulate creative writing on campus. A column for students’ creative writing will be run in the next few editions of the paper. If this a becomes popular column, then it will be continued throughout the year. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, all you have to do is submit your original work via e-mail to Newspeak@wpi.edu or drop a typed copy accompanied by a copy on disk in the Newspeak box by Student Activities. The sub­missions will be looked through each week, and a few pieces will be published in that week’s edition of the paper. Since this is a new concept to both this paper and the campus, the theme of the submissions will be left open until further notice. So, if you fancy yourself a writer, or are just trying your hand at something new and would like to share your work with the rest of the WPI student body, please send your pieces in for publication.

Do you like to listen to music?  
by Brian Faull  
Class of ’01

How about instrumental quartets? Read on! On Thursday, September 9, the instru­mental groups on campus will be begin­ning the Quartet-A-Thon! This is an excit­ing event involving several days of musical cheer! We won’t quit ‘til Sunday! Be­ginning at 5:00 PM in the Lower Wedge, representatives from the Concert Band, Strings, and other musical groups will play quartet music of all sorts. From Bach to 

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“Life lines” is one of a few new columns Newspeak staff have added this year. The column’s theme is creative writing and will begin with a short story to be printed in the next edition of the newspaper. The column will run each week and will feature a new story or poem from a student on campus. The column is open to all students interested in writing and is a great way to get started in writing. This column will be a great way for students to share their writing and get feedback on their work.

The column will feature a variety of writing styles, from short stories to poems, and will be open to students of all levels of experience. The column will be judged by the Newspeak staff and the best pieces will be published in the next edition of the newspaper. Students are encouraged to submit their work, whether it be a short story or a poem, to the column. The column will be a great way for students to share their writing and get feedback on their work.

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Movie Review: The 13th Warrior

by Matthew Lug
Newspack Staff

Starring Antonio Banderas, directed by Michael Crichton and John McTiernan, based on the novel Eaters of the Dead by Michael Crichton.

The basic story is simple - horrible beasts are killing Vikings, snacking on the bodies, and keeping heads as souvenirs. A few warriors are then sent to stop them. The twist is that one of the chosen warriors, Ibn Fahlan (Banderas), is an Arab ambassador who just happens to be passing through when the group is assembled, and is forced to accompany twelve people he can't communicate with on a quest he doesn't even fully understand.

Having already read the book, I was familiar with the plot and was more interested in seeing how well the movie told the story. After seeing some very bad movies based on Crichton's novels (Does anyone remember Congo? No? Exactly.), I wasn't sure what to expect. The initial reviews seemed favorable, but you can't always trust movie critics. However, I wasn't disappointed. The story was slightly different from the book of course, and certain things were left out (including one rather important part near the end), but the movie is intended to be entertainment and not a lesson in Nordic culture. Despite the slimmed-down story, the general cultural differences between the Arabs and Vikings were still clearly shown. Ibn Fahlan's transformation from an Arab ambassador to a Viking warrior was also portrayed well. As the title of the book implies, there was plenty of bloody violence (the first brutal killing took place about five minutes into the film), so this movie isn't suitable for small children, like the three who were sitting in the row in front of me. There was also plenty of action between blood spurts, a reasonable plot, and surprisingly little sexual content.

So what's the bottom line? If you are the kind of person who is interested in the details of a story as well as blood, gore, and Vikings, then I would suggest reading the book beforehand. If you just want to see a decent movie for a change and you don't mind beheadings and such, then this movie is worth seeing. If you faint at the sight of blood in a film, this is definitely not for you.
A male initiation story
by Tom Balistreri
Student Development & Counseling Center

What follows is a story from another nation. It is an initiation story, a story meant to move ones soul. Such stories were often bizarre, intended to stimulate thought, conversation, laughter and maybe even a change in behavior. The following bizarre story is hundreds of years old and is meant to be discussed after it has been told. We hope is that you will take the time to read the story and talk about it with your friends (or at least that you will take the time to think about it relative to your own life). Ultimately, it is a story about civility, impulse control, and respect for self and others.

Once upon a time, before time was recorded on paper, before time was strapped onto the wrists of human beings there lived a young man. He lived in a country of many villages, many people, who relied upon one another for safety and survival. He lived with people who trusted one another. It so happened that this young man had the largest and most beautiful penis in the country. He was very proud of his penis and so he decided to display it to young women. Now there were those women who were interested in seeing his beautiful member but there were also those who clearly stated, "No, I do not wish to see your penis." But the young man prided himself and his penis which, was growing in size with every sunset. It wasn't too long before a horrible event occurred, the huge penis detached itself from the body of the young man. The penis traveled to village to village, ahead of the young man, violating the women in each location, not just showing itself to the women but entering the women without their permission. This was too much for the elders. It was bad enough to have a prideful man showing himself but to have a huge unattached penis on the loose, well something had to be done. This monster penis posed a danger not only to the women but placed the entire community in peril.

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The elders got together and stated that he had learned his lesson. The women were relieved and once again felt safe. The community got back to normal no longer living in fear of the young man or his detached penis.

FRATERNITY FORUM

In each edition of Newspeak the Interfraternity Council will be highlighting two chapters. This week we are proud to bring you Alpha Chi Rho and Sigma Phi Epsilon. To view the Greek system at WPI, please feel free to email Tracey Pakstis-Claisborne, WPI's Greek Advisor at tsp@wpi.edu or Jeff Byak, IFC president at bayko@wpi.edu.

Alpha Chi Rho (AXP)
by Kenneth Fountain
Alpha Chi Rho President

The Delta Sigma Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho has seen much improvement in the last few years and has become an integral part of the WPI campus. What makes "Crow" brothers unique is the fact that they participate in every type of activity that WPI has to offer. Some of these activities are concert band, variety swim­ming, physics society, volleyball club, fencing, chamber choir, glee club, soccer club, water polo, SocCom, Tau Beta Pi, and LEAP. This is just on an individual level. As a whole, the brothers of Alpha Chi Rho participate in intramurals, Penny Wars (an annual fundraiser which raises money for a charity picked by the winner of the competition), and Worcester City Clean-up. Also, about 95% of our undergraduate brothers are TIPS certified. Just in the past two years, the fraternity has seen many changes and has reacted well to them. We had $100,000 worth of renovations done to our house during the summer of '98 and we initiated 14 new brothers last year, which is the biggest class in about 3 to 4 years. Also, at our 95th National Convention this past summer, we received two awards. One was the Bedford Award for the best executive leadership of any Crow chapter in the nation. The other was an award for pioneering a new national program called Strategic Success for 2000, which helped individual chapters to accomplish lofty goals via a three-year action plan.

As for brotherhood, Alpha Chi Rho strives to achieve academic excellence while still maintaining an active role on the campus. We are a non-hazing fraternity and have developed multiple distribution mechanisms. They include:

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"I guess they don't want to know why I write code..."
by Will Zuidema

There's this guy who frequents Store 24, I guess, and has this laugh like a staccato duck call, like someone one the park and put mud flaps on all of the geese bills who were hanging around the pond waiting to be fed. I write because of this guy; my window overlooks the parking lot of Store 24 and although my blinds are permanently shut I know when he's around because as he gets into his car with his buddy, whatever strikes him as funny strikes me as funny too. I write because I need to figure out this guy—the first time I heard him it wasn't just laugh-car door-slam-engine-ped out, it was an extended conversation with said friend, and the only thing this guy seemed to be contributing was the sound effects for the way it takes so much time to dig up such miniscule—almost worthless—treasures.

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Bio Club

Curious about MQPs, internships and graduate school? Learn about opportunities and career choices at the Bio Club meeting on Thursday, October 21st, at 7 PM in the Student Center. The meeting will include a presentation by a graduate student about their research and experiences.

Newman Club

We've got a great welcoming cookout for the class of '03 and the return of all our Newman Newman members. Please join us on Saturday, September 26th, from 5-9 PM in the Newman Center. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact bio@wpi.edu. Hope to see you there!

FRATERNITY FORUM

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call our candidates for initiation "postu­
late." Our house postulant is basically a man
who desires initiation into the fraternity and
is a student to the history and land­
marks of Alpha Chi Rho. Hazing is in no way
affiliated with our organization due to the fact
that it detracts from brotherhood rather than
preparing an individual for membership.

The success of our chapter has boosted
the morale of our brothers. Campus in­
volvement and desire for excellence, both
academically and fraternally, has made this
possible. If you take the time to notice,
you will see Crow brothers everywhere,
involved in every activity, and making a
difference on the WPI campus. Just look
for the "AXP."

The AXP fraternity house is located at 8
Boynton Street. For more information please
email rec@wpi.edu.

Sigma Pi (Z7I)

The Gamma Iota chapter of Sigma Pi
Fraternity International has been a pro­
iminent member of the WPI community since
1967. We strive to graduate with distinc­
tion and make sure that we have fun
along the way. Brothers participate in sports, such as hockey, swimming, water
polo, skiing, and golf; and we play all
intramural sports offered at WPI. To show
our appreciation to the community, we
raise money for several charities. We
walk for multiple sclerosis and for breast
cancer. During our recruitment, we set
a goal to give back to the Worcester
City Clean-up every year. We run a cam­
pus-wide can drive to support the Emer­
ald Club, which helps children with dis­
abilities.

The basic rule of fraternities is this: work
hard, play hard. Eighty percent of all For­
tune 500 CEO's and the majority of all
United States Presidents are fraternity
members. What it boils down to is that
if you're surrounded by a bunch of suc­
cessful, motivated students, it rubs off.
Fraternity members have an even larger
GPA than independent students. This
isn't a grade point average, Sigma Pi does just
so we know where we stand. At WPI
fraternity members have an even larger
advantage over independent students.
Since WPI is an engineering school, all
brothers have gone through the basic
course sequence of math and science
to do things together as brothers. We
sit around and watch television. We like
through academic challenges.

You're surrounded by a bunch of suc­
cessful, motivated students, it rubs off.
Fraternity members have an even larger
GPA than independent students. In order
for the "AXP" to remain successful,
you must have an even larger GPA,
so we know where we stand. At WPI
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We're not the kind of guys who just
sign up for intramurals. We like to
do things together as brothers. We
go ski together, rent a condo near the
mountains like Crow, and party hearty into it and
hit the slopes. We do the same on
Martha's Vineyard in the summer (except
for the skiing). We head to Florida for
Spring Break. We go clubbing downtown,
go shopping, and visit friends. We
like to hit the slopes and skydive and
play paintball against lunatic rednecks
and win.

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Look for GE at WPI's 7th Annual Career Fair September 15 - 1:00pm-5:00pm Harrington Auditorium & Alden Memorial Hall (Visit the GE Team and Bring Your Resume)

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Your Weekly Horoscope

by Miss Anna
Associated Press Writer

Aries: (March 21-April 20)
A trip seems to be just what you need to relax and refocus on all other aspects of the daily grind. You may even fantasize about relocating to some far away place... and you might even go. Being in a learning phase, use what you observe to make daily changes.

Taurus: (April 21-May 21)
Joint funds are highlighted this week, and it will take some work to reach a compromise with a mate or business partner. Your gut feeling is strongly telling you that you are right, and you very well may be. Your sensitive nature will attract others to you.

Gemini: (May 22-June 21)
Usually you are somewhat content on your own and independent, but there is a pervading feeling that you are missing out on something special by not being connected to someone close to you. You can accomplish more than usual when working in tandem with someone else.

Cancer: (June 22-July 23)
The workplace is very active for you right now and hard work will result in a number of accomplishments. There is nothing wrong with pushing to accomplish as much as possible, but don't become overstressed, it's not healthy. A new pet could come into your life.

Leo: (July 24-August 23)
You are in the mood for love most of the time lately, and those amorous feelings may go on for a while. Usually you are somewhat content on your own, but this week you want more. You find children a lot of fun and interesting. You find children a lot of fun and interesting.

Virgo: (August 24-September 23)
Personal matters may keep you at home more than usual this week. Spending more time with your family will be beneficial to all involved. Your attitude is very relaxed and you feel less pressurized by the outside world. If things are less than perfect, figure out how to make the changes.

Libra: (September 24-October 23)
Siblings, if you have any, play an important role for you this week - you are more likely to get together with them and have some great times. You are just busier in general, and that's great for your attitude. Stay in your peak form, keep yourself healthy.

Scorpio: (October 24-November 22)
Cash flow may be of some concern right now, possibly because you have spent to freely in the last several months. You have a natural savvy for financial matters, so you will no doubt come out of this situation on top. You might consider investing more of your money so it works for you.

Sagittarius: (November 23-December 21)
You feel very energized now because this is your time of the year. It's time to take more chances and do more of the things that seem important to you. Plans that have been in the making are finally being realized and it gives you a positive sense of power.

Capricorn: (December 22-January 20)
This is a quieter time of the year than usual for you. A lot of things are on your mind and now you have the time to consider them more seriously and the impact they have on your life. It's time to plan for the future and review events of the past to learn from them.

Aquarius: (January 21-February 19)
New goals for the future are forming in your mind presently. It's time to take account and make sense of your life as a whole, and your career. Determine where you want to put your energies in the future. Joint resources may need overhaul or at least a review.

Pisces: (February 20-March 20)
This is a busy period for you at work, and you feel that your career is really important and somehow defines who you are as a person. If you are presently retired or not working, gaining employment will give you peace of mind.

If This Week Is Your Birthday:

There will be help or support from an influential person who has until now remained in the background of your life. You have an abundance of energy, courage and assertiveness to take on any challenge or work towards any goal.

The Crimson Clipboard

Community Service as Work Study

Do you have Work Study but haven't found a job yet??
Get paid and help the community too!!!

Come to the Student Activities Office and sign up to do community service as your job!

You can work up to 10 hours and placements are within 5 minutes walking distance from campus.

Contact Lindsay Freed at v_freed@wpi, or x5291 if you are interested.

Info: On the 16th and 17th of this month, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Phi Sigma Sigma sorority will be sponsoring the annual Swing-A-Thon on the Quad. Monies will be raised through donations during the event, local businesses, as well as cups placed in department offices around campus. Proceeds of this charity event will benefit the Special Olympics and the National Kidney Foundation.

The CCC invites you to attend:

What: Helpdesk and Training Open House
Where: Fuller Labs Rooms B12 & B27 refreshments to be served in FLB20
When: Thursday, September 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Over the summer, both the Helpdesk and Training areas have experienced many changes. The Helpdesk has expanded it’s office area and added new personnel, Chris O’Connor and Anne Valorio. The training room has upgraded software and installed new hardware. And, I’ve completely changed the structure and length of training sessions, reference material, and implemented a new training administrative software package from PTS Learning Systems. This software package enables me to provide customized reference material and instructor-led sessions, testing and CBT (computer based training). The benefits of what PTS calls “Learning Central” allow trainees more choices when it comes to learning new software. People can either register for instructor-led sessions, set up a CBT appointment, purchase the reference material, assess their skills or take part in all these activities! Check out the new training website and register for sessions in September at: http://www.wpi.edu/cCCC

October’s sessions will soon be available so bookmark that page!

Take this opportunity to meet new Helpdesk staff members, enjoy some munchies, take part in all these activities, and see for yourself the new and improved training and helpdesk areas!

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Looking for a work/study position? The Social Science and Policy Studies needs two students this year, preferably with Federal funding, to assist with various clerical duties. Must have computer skills. Small office, congenial people. Contact Pam Riley, Department Secretary, x5296, Rm. 127 Atwater Kent.

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Making an appointment today?

Taking Spanish, and not able to pay for the expensive new books? Email jcondon@wpi, for info about hers.

Anyone looking for something really fun to do on a weekend? Well if you like designing things and being artistic, then drop by on the newspaper office on a Sunday morning and help out with graphics layout. We could really use your help.

Being over tired makes you punchy. (Punch... Ow) What was the Goat’s Head Pub and where was it originally located?

How do you define concentration? Hmmm?

How many WPI students does it take to screw in a light bulb? (Punch... Ow)

Non computer screens look crisper in the dark.

Live life to the fullest... Do Homework!!!

I can’t think of anything to fill in this box so you can make something up for yourself. K?

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Dilbert® by Scott Adams

WHAT WAS THE GOAT’S HEAD PUB AND WHERE WAS IT ORIGINALLY LOCATED?

Pearls Before Swine

by Stephan T. Pastis

ID LIKE TO START THE MELTING WITH A GUTSY, UNANSWERABLE QUESTION.

why can’t anyone make a decision around here?

I WANT A JOB WHERE I CAN MAKE GOOD MONEY... BUT STILL CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY. YOU MIGHT BE AN ATTORNEY?

NO SERIOUSLY, I WAS THINKING MAYBE A MESSER OR SOME THING LIKE THAT... THEY DO HAVE AN HONDA CODE.

by Mark Parisi

off the mark®

“Yo3 think you’re some kind of wise guy, eh? You hear this, Vinny... he thinks he’s a real wise guy!”

you think you’re some kind of wise guy, eh?

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IDENTITY CRISIS FOR A BULLAR DR. SEUSS CHARACTER

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NEWSPROCKET GODMEN

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HOW DO YOU DEFINE CONCENTRATION?

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NON COMPUTER SCREENS LOOK CRISPER IN THE DARK.

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Corporate-in-Residence Mock Interviews - CDC
7:00 PM - Men's Soccer vs Trinity College

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10:30 AM & 2:30 PM - Interviewing Skills Workshop, OH 107
9:00 PM - Volleyball vs. Worcester State

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

11:40 AM - Alarm - Fire/Sprinkler Alarm
12:52 AM - Suspicious Person - Founders Hall
2:21 PM - LinkedHashMap - 16 Elbridge St.
4:37 PM - Roommate Dispute - 85 Salisbury St.

Friday, September 9, 1999

3:38 AM - Disorderly Persons - Group near Founders Hall
4:46 AM - Lockout - Founders Hall
9:35 AM - Code 5: Package was a music electronic counter

Saturday, September 10, 1999

2:31 AM - Disorderly Persons - Founders Hall
2:40 AM - Lockout - Morgan Hall 3rd Floor
9:19 AM - MV Jump: Black Mini-Van, student, no AAA
5:17 PM - Disorderly Persons: Disorderly group near Founders Hall

Monday, September 12, 1999

4:18 PM - Lockout - Ellsworth
4:30 PM - Lockout - Morgan Hall 3rd Floor
11:13 AM - MV Jump: Black Mini-Van, student, no AAA

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Tuesday, September 8, 1999

11:14 AM - Alarm - Founders Hall
4:30 AM - Lockout - 16 Elbridge St.
4:21 PM - Lockout - 16 Elbridge St.
4:06 PM - Lockout - Morgan Hall 3rd Floor

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