

# Campus Center to become a reality

## This time it will be built

by Kevin Parker  
Editor-In-Chief

The Trustees are fully committed to the construction of a Campus Center at WPI. In a recent interview Dean of Student Life, Janet Richardson, stated simply, "the search for the third tower is over." Progress will be quick, as she has been charged by President Strauss to deliver an official report to the Trustees on an overall program for the Campus Center at their February meeting. Richardson said "it's [the Campus Center proposal] never been at this point and there's never been the commitment to raise money for the project." Approximately \$1.3 million dollars has already been contributed solely to this project by an anonymous donor.

Several of students' original concerns, especially anxiety over the location of the building, have been eliminated. Richardson said that "Riley [Hall] is not going to be part of the campus center...there will be new construction." "The whole notion of a

connector between Riley [Hall] and Daniels [Hall] has been abandoned," Richardson added.

The Trustees approach to this project indicates their committal. Richardson indicated that The Trustees Physical Facilities Committee has only two things on its agenda, the Mechanical Engineering building and the Campus Center building. Richardson stated the Trustees are also committed to the "form following the function" in designing and erecting the Campus Center building. They have not designed a building or even picked a final location for its construction. Instead, the Trustees are seeking an overall "program" for the Campus Center project before designing the building and picking a site.

The Trustees Physical Facilities Committee hired another architectural firm to take a fresh look at the issue. Perry, Dean, Rogers and Partners looked at SGA's community survey (compiled last spring), past Campus Center proposals and some of the data Flansburgh

and Associates collected and developed several new models. Richardson said the Committee wanted someone to develop a proposal without the idea of a connector already in their head. One of their proposals is to put a building on the end of the quad overlooking the football field, leaving the possibility of connecting this new building with Morgan and Riley Halls. But Richardson stressed that this was not the final proposal and that "all of it can be shifted, changed, moved and dumped," if the community decides the current proposals do not fit their needs.

Janet Richardson's committee, which has yet to be formed, will try to

answering the question "what do students and faculty need building to do for us?" Her goals are to collect ideas during A term by committee meetings with various community groups. During B term she will combine those ideas into a rough programming plan and re-interview the community to get their reactions. Sections that do not seem to fit the "vision" of the campus will be rewritten. Finally, during C term, the committee will develop a program and submit it to the Trustees. She stressed that this committee would not be designing the Campus Center but would instead construct a "program" for the building.

Janet Richardson and Chris Jachimowicz, Assistant Dean for Student Activities, hope this committee represents the entire community. They are seeking thinkers, not advocates for specific needs, since they will not be asking what does each campus group need. Rather, as Jachimowicz stated, they will ask, "what do you see the campus

center doing for the campus?" Jachimowicz believes the answer lies in creative solutions and hopes the community will be able to develop a philosophical approach to answering this question. He said, thinking back to his own college days, that his vision of his college Campus Center was "a place where I feel comfortable walking in any time, day or night. [There is] information that I need there, no academic pressure and things to do." He felt it was "a place to drop [his] defenses before hitting the books again."

Both Richardson and Jachimowicz are looking for an overlap of different groups' needs as they develop a program. They stressed that the process was very public and they want everyone to feel a part of the process. They emphasized that no one should feel that the Campus Center is a plan imposed down on students. Jachimowicz feels that it is time for the community to move away from being a "watch-dog" to a more actively involved role in developing a Campus Center which will meet the future needs of the WPI community.

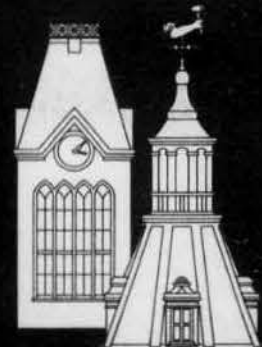
"The Search for the third tower is over"  
-Janet Richardson, Dean of Student Life

find a shared vision for the Campus Center. Richardson emphasized the need for speaking to today's problems but, more importantly, to the future in

# NEWSPEAK

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## WPI seeks direction for the 21st century

by Chris Freeman  
News Editor

This year, WPI administrators, faculty, and students are being called on to make decisions that will have an effect on the campus's future. Last year saw the formation of the Blue Ribbon Task Force. This committee, chaired by Provost Diran Apelian, was formed in order to define a direction of growth for WPI into the twenty first century. Last year also saw a major campaign for a Campus Center. Several plans were drawn up, but none have been approved. Finally, the parking issue was addressed. Controversy erupted as the WPI administration decided to place a parking lot on Higgins Lower Lawn. These three issues are currently undecided; through "such concepts as shared governance and community consensus," the administration hopes to see these issues resolved.

Due to poor scheduling, an open meeting of the Blue Ribbon Task Force was held on May 10, 1993, after most students had already left for summer break. The meeting was held so that the many possibilities for WPI's future could be presented and discussed in an open forum. According to Provost Apelian, the meeting went well with nearly 300 faculty, staff and students attending. He stated that "a framework was achieved" that is broken down into three parts: quality of life, academic experience, and financial equilibrium.

The quality of life includes such issues as the Campus Center and the parking problem of WPI. Committees have been formed to address these individual issues and to devise a list of possible solutions. According to President Strauss, the Campus Center is a "top priority." He stated

that Janet Richardson has been assigned as the "focal point" between the administration and the students. It is her job to see what the campus needs in the way of the center. Strauss stated that he "wanted to see this generation of students involved in the building of the center." Both the President and the Provost were very enthusiastic about a donation of approximately \$1.3 million to be put toward the project.

The President stated that the parking issue was also still undecided. He suggested some possible options would be higher parking fees, stricter enforcement, and building more facilities. Currently, there is a committee made up of faculty and students addressing this campus-wide

problem.

Academically, the BRTF recommends that "the WPI of the 21st century be a technologically based, comprehensive university." Plans are being made to broaden the curriculum to include "interface technologies" such as technical journalism and environmental law. This curriculum will be "flexible" and it will "respond to industry's needs and student interests." This new curriculum will also broaden globalization plans and allow for programs such as international Co-op.

Financially, these programs will be difficult. A program of cost containment and enhancing net revenue must be set up. Ideas for such a program include critically

reviewing existing programs with respect to quality" and cost. New programs that are implemented by the academic planning committees must also be reviewed for cost first. According to Provost Apelian, engineering is an expensive discipline to teach. Newer programs must not exceed the costs already incurred from the engineering programs. Other options include revising the financial aid policy and "downsizing the campus."

President Strauss stated that an Open Campus Meeting would be held "as soon as possible" in order to discuss with students the results of the May 10th meeting and other related events that happened over the summer. He indicated that the Com-

munity Council was responsible for organizing the meeting and presenting the information to the students. Strauss stated that the meeting would be held either late in the afternoon or more than once during the day. By doing so, Strauss hopes most students can attend the meeting.

The President and the Provost want to see all of the campus involved in these issues. They want "all sectors of the Institute [to] adopt proactive community mechanisms, including all-campus forums." Strauss acknowledged that many students would be leery of this open forum because of last year. He summed up by saying instead of discussing this openness, "we'll just do it. The proof is in the putting."

## Continuing changes in WPI Dining Services

by Jennifer Kavka  
Features Editor

Many new changes have taken place in WPI Dining Services this year. Gompei's Place, located in Riley Hall, is now serving alcohol. Also, the vending machines found around campus in the residence halls, in the administration buildings, and in the gyms are now owned by WPI Dining Services (DAKA). In addition to these changes, Daka is continuing with special programs created in the past few years.

Beer and wine have been added to the menu at Gompei's Place. It has been eight years since alcohol was served in Gompei's Pub room. WPI Dining Services obtained a beer and wine license and the managers have attended the TIPS program, an alcohol training program. The managers and those who work in Gompei's are trained to be responsible for all as-

pects of this new policy. They are responsible for carding patrons and for not allowing any bottles to pass beyond the counter. Also, all beer and wines will be poured into glasses before being served. Emergency alarms on all exits in Gompei's function room keep those drinking the alcohol in the room without access to the residence hall. These regulations were instituted by Worcester's Alcoholic Beverage Commission who came to check out the building before the alcohol was served.

Some research was done into the types and prices of the beer and wines offered. Most beers are \$1.85 or \$2.50 and the wines are \$2.50. These prices are competitive with Tweeds, Ralph's, the Boynton, and the Northworks. Beer and wine can be purchased with cash in Gompei's. It is too early to determine the success of this new service

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NEWSPEAK PHOTO / JOE FERRA

DAKA now owns all vending machines on campus. They claim repair service will be quicker

Fall athletic  
schedule

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NEWS

# WPI Welcomes Ellen Servetnick

by Lexie Chutoransky  
Newspeak Staff

On Thursday, September 2, Ellen Servetnick was welcomed to the WPI community at a reception in the Higgins House. She has been named WPI's new Assistant Dean of Special Programs and Greek Life as Nancy Hunter Denney's replacement.

Servetnick comes to WPI with a bachelor's degree from George Washington University and a master's degree from Framingham State College in public administration. She comes here from Bryant College in Smithfield, RI, where she was the Director of Student Activities. Just last year, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Fraternity Advisors. In past years, she has also been Assistant Director of Student Activities at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington and at Framingham State College.

Servetnick will be assuming responsibilities with Greek Life, Orientation, certain Judicial opportunities, the Disabled Program, and several other special programs. Being a Greek herself, she will be working as a liaison between the Greek chapters and the WPI

community. Her dealings with the Greek community will include involvement with Panhellenic, IFC, and individual chapters and Fraternities as well. She will be a helpful resource to all WPI Greeks to show the multifaceted advantages of Greek life to all realms.

Servetnick will be available for meeting all Greek members, for brainstorming, and for discussing ideas. Her involvement will be one in which the WPI community can gain knowledge into success in all realms of WPI life, both social and academic. She believes that one of the greatest strengths in this experience and success is the system of self-governance, as seen in the Greek system.

Orientation coordination is amongst one of her other responsibilities. She will be choosing the Orientation leaders as well as planning Orientation events that will situate all new/transfer students upon their arrival at WPI. Her outlook is to meet the demanding needs and to increase success and motivation in the beginning, and continuation of life at WPI.

Servetnick is looking forward to her stay here at WPI. She is always looking forward to looking at, and taking part in, the WPI community.

# WPI Food Service

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but Ed Murphy, manager of Daka, expects the outcome to be very positive.

There are forty-seven vending machines on campus, all of which are now owned by Daka. One reason for this is that the repair service is quicker because the machines are owned by a company on campus. The machines are new, only having been there for a week and a half but already there has been some shaving cream vandalism. However, because Daka owns the machines, they are fixed immediately. All of the machines have the dining office extension phone number on them so they can quickly alleviate any lost money problems. There are special coupons on certain candy bars and pepsy cans for entries in special raffles or

coupons worth \$1.00 off any food purchases.

There are two programs that are being continued this year - the Student Advisory Board, and the Dining Out Club. The Student Advisor Board meetings are the perfect opportunity to express feelings about the food service. Ed Murphy welcomes all student responses and will do his best to correct any unpositive situation. He cannot correct anything if he does not know so everyone is welcome to attend the two monthly meetings. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 15 at 12:00 p.m. in Morgan Dining Hall. The Dining Out Club is a monthly group who eats out at an elegant dinner in Higgins House. There is going to be a Halloween dinner so be on the lookout for more information on this and the Dining Advisory Board.



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A small reminder that beer and wine is now being served in Gompei's

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SPORTS

# 1993 WPI Fall Composite Athletic Schedule

September		
FRI. 10	SOC VS. ANNA MARIA	**7:00 P.M.
SAT. 11	VB AT HAVERFORD INVITATIONAL	9:00 A.M.
	FB VS. URSINUS	1:30 P.M.
MON. 13	FH VS. ASSUMPTION	**7:15 P.M.
TUES. 14	SOC AT UMASS-LOWELL	3:30 P.M.
	WTEN VS. UMASS-DARTMOUTH	4:00 P.M.
	VB AT BRANDIES	**7:00 P.M.
WED. 15	FH AT BRIDGE WATER STATE	4:00 P.M.
THUR. 16	GOLF AT LITTLE FOUR @ CLARK	1:00 P.M.
	WTEN VS. BABSON	4:00 P.M.
	VB AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE	**7:00 P.M.
SAT. 18	FH VS. AMHERST	11:00 A.M.
	VB VS. COAST GUARD	11:00 A.M.
	WTEN VS. WHEATON	1:00 P.M.
	FB AT UNION	1:30 P.M.
	SOC AT WESLEYAN	2:00 P.M.
	MXC AT MIT W/ RENSSLAER	TBA
	WXC AT MIT W/ RENSSLAER	TBA
SUN. 19	JVFB VS. WORCESTER ACADEMY	1:30 P.M.
MON. 20	GOLF AT CAC CHAMPIONSHIP W/BABSON	1:00 P.M.
TUES. 21	VB AT UMASS-BOSTON W/WORCESTER STATE	6:00 P.M.
	FH VS. MERRIMACK	3:30 P.M.
WED. 22	SOC AT MIT	3:30 P.M.
	WTEN AT MIT	3:30 P.M.
THUR. 23	GOLF AT LITTLE FOUR @ SUFFOLK	1:00 P.M.
	VB VS. SMITH	**7:00 P.M.
	FH VS. BENTLEY	**7:15 P.M.
FRI. 24	MXC AT FRAMINGHAM STATE W/BABSON	4:00 P.M.
	WXC AT FRAMINGHAM STATE W/BABSON	4:00 P.M.
SAT. 25	WTEN VS. REGIS	11:00 A.M.
	FH AT UMASS-DARTMOUTH	1:00 P.M.
	SOC AT COAST GUARD	1:00 P.M.
SUN. 26	VB AT AMHERST W/TUFTS	11:00 A.M.
MON. 27	JVFB VS. SACRED HEART	**7:00 P.M.
TUES. 28	WTEN AT CLARK	4:00 P.M.
	VB AT EASTERN NAZARENE W/CONN. COLL.	** 6:00 P.M.
	FH VS. TUFTS	**7:15 P.M.
WED. 29	SOC VS. ASSUMPTION	**7:00 P.M.
THUR. 30	WTEN AT WORCESTER STATE	3:30 P.M.
	FH AT BABSON	4:00 P.M.
	VB VS. WHEATON	**7:00 P.M.

October

FRI. 1	SOC BS. WNEC	**7:00 P.M.
SAT. 2	VB VS BABSON	9:00 A.M.
	WTEN VS. SALVA REGINA	11:00 A.M.
	FB VS RENSSLAER	1:30 P.M.
	MXC AT TRI-STATES @ BRYANT	11:00 A.M.
	WXC AT TRI-STATES @ BRYANT	11:00 A.M.
SUN. 3	JVFB VS. MCI	2:00 P.M.
MON. 4	GOLF AT LITTLE FOUR @ BRANDIES	1:00 P.M.
	SOC AT FITCHBURG STATE	4:00 P.M.
TUES. 5	WTEN VS. SUFFOLK	3:30 P.M.
	FH AT SMITH	**7:00 P.M.
WED. 6	SOC VS. NICHOLS	**7:00 P.M.
	VB VS. MIT	**7:00 P.M.
THUR. 7	WTEN AT MOUNT HOLYOKE	3:30 P.M.
	FH AT CLARK	4:30 P.M.
	VB VS. WELLESLEY	**7:00 P.M.
SAT. 9	FH VS. MOUNT HOLYOKE	10:00 P.M.
	WTEN AT GORDON	11:00 A.M.
	FB VS. NORWICH	1:30 P.M.
	SOC BS. TRINITY	**7:00 P.M.
	MXC HOSTS CITY MEEI' (CLK, ASS, HC, WSC)	11:30 A.M.
	WXC HOSTS CITY MEET (CLK, ASS, HC, WSC)	11:30 A.M.
MON. 11	JVFB VS. TUFTS	**7:00 P.M.
TUES. 12	FH AT NICHOLS	4:00 P.M.
	SOC VS. BRANDIES	**7:00 P.M.
THUR. 14	SOC VS. GORDON	3:30 P.M.
	FH VS. WHEATON	**7:15 P.M.
SAT. 16	MXC VS. COAST GUARD	11:30 A.M.
	FH AT UMASS-LOWELL	1:00 P.M.
	FB VS. MERCHANT MARINE	**7:30 P.M.
	VB AT CITY TOURNAMENT @ ASSUMPTION	TBA
	WTEN AT MAIAW	TBA
SUN. 17	GOLF AT NEW ENGLANDS @ SEABURY	TBA
MON. 18	GOLF AT NEW ENGLANDS @ SEABURY	TBA
TUES. 19	VB AT SIMMONS	**7:00 P.M.
	GOLF AT NEW ENGLANDS @ SEABURY	TBA

THUR. 21	SOC VS. EASTERN NAZARENE	3:30 P.M.
	VB AT ROGER WILLIAMS	**7:00 P.M.
	FH VS. WELLESLEY	**7:15 P.M.
FRI. 22	GOLF AT MIT	1:15 P.M.
	WTEN AT NEW ENGLANDS	TBA
SAT. 23	FH AT MIT	11:00 A.M.
	FB AT WILLIAM PATTERSON	1:30 P.M.
	SOC AT NORWICH	2:00 P.M.
	VB AT MAIAW	TBA
	WTEN AT NEW ENGLANDS	TBA
	WXC HOSTS NEW 8	TBA
	MXC AT CONSTITUTION ATH. CONF. @ MIT	TBA
SUN. 24	JVFB AT DEAN JUCO	2:00 P.M.
MON. 25	GOLF AT PAUL JOHNSON TOURNAMENT	TBA
TUES. 26	VB AT MOUNT HOLYOKE	**7:00 P.M.
	WTEN AT NEW 8 TOURNAMENT	TBA
WED. 27	SOC VS. BABSON	**7:00 P.M.
THUR. 28	FH AT NEW 8	TBA
FRI. 29	WTEN AT NEW 8 TOURNAMENT	TBA
SAT. 30	VB VS. DANIEL WEBSTER	11:00 A.M.
	MXC VS. CLARK	11:00 A.M.
	WXC VS. CLARK	11:00 A.M.
	SOC AT CLARK	1:00 P.M.
	FB VS. UMASS-LOWELL	1:30 P.M.
	FH AT NEW 8	TBA
	WTEN AT NEW 8 TOURNAMENT	TBA
SUN. 31	FH AT NEW 8	TBA

November

MON. 1	SOC VS. WORCESTER STATE	**7:00 P.M.
TUES. 2	VB AT UMASS-DARTMOUTH W/FRAMINGHAM	**6:00 P.M.
THUR. 4	VB AT NEW 8	TBA
SAT. 6	FB AT COAST GUARD	1:00 P.M.
	VB HOSTING NEW 8 CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBA
	MXC AT ECAC @ TUFTS	TBA
	WXC AT ECAC @ TUFTS	TBA
SAT. 13	FB VS. PLYMOUTH STATE	1:00 P.M.
	MXC AT NCAA @ UMASS-DARTMOUTH	TBA
	WXC AT NCAA @ UMASS-DARTMOUTH	TBA

KEY: SOC = SOCCER  
 VB = VOLLEYBALL  
 FH = FIELD HOCKEY  
 FB = FOOTBALL  
 WTEN = WOMEN'S TENNIS  
 MXC = MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY  
 WXC = WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY  
 JVFB = JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

NIGHT GAMES NOTED WITH \*\*

## Field Hockey preview

by Jason Hutt  
 Class of 1997

As this year's WPI Field Hockey team prepares to take the field, the players hope to play their way into the national championship. Seniors Danielle Luongo, Kristi Henrickson, Christy Hinkley, Victoria Klan, Kirstin DiPietro, and Amy Knapp hope to take the much underrated WPI team all the way to number one. The team's underrated ranking is a result of their Division III schedule; however, they have consistently beaten their toughest opponents.

This year's team hopes to improve its passing game and grass game from last year. They need to improve their grass game because most of their road games are played on grass. Combined with already outstanding home play, an improved road record would surely propel the team to the nationals.

This team hopes to improve fan attendance. As a result of the unfamiliar rules some fans tend to stay away and view the sport as just a lot of running around, but the team hopes to show that field hockey is a very exciting and enjoyable sport. A sport all fans will come to watch and enjoy.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Lucky One

by Alexander Emanuel, Professor,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

I've had a house,  
Rajho, my neighbor, had one too.

I have a son,  
Rajho, my neighbor, had one too.

A fine computer I gave my son.  
Rajho, my neighbor, gave his son  
a gun.

Now Rajho, my neighbor, has two houses.  
And his son  
Has a computer and a gun.

My son has only me,  
And we are lucky.

by Rezak Hukanovic

Holocaust in Europe

The Bosnian poet Rezak Hukanovic has spent six months in a Serb concentration camp. He is the author of six books. Recently he wrote *The Tenth Door of Hell* in which he describes the tragedy lived by the "non-Serbs" and the honest Serbs at the hands of the "Chetniks".

The Bosnian land has no oil; this little country has no military strategic significance and no great economical value in the eyes of politicians. The leading European powers, the "luminaries of the civilized world" choose to ignore the barbaric events that take place in their own backyard. We witness the same scenario that happened 54 years ago with another small country Czechoslovakia. That country was then betrayed and sacrificed in exchange for peace. We witness again the dreadful times of holocaust when a segment of our society, considered as undesirable by a

more powerful group, is brutally eliminated. The writings about World War I, when innocent Armenians were tortured and destroyed in mass in the Syrian desert and the images of World War II, when innocent Jews were killed, pass vividly in front of my eyes.

Is it impossible to stop all this evil? Couldn't an effective embargo bring the Serbian and Croat fascists to a halt? Shouldn't the United States send more food and medicine and even armaments (yes, armaments) to the Bosnians.

If you feel a sense of shame for not yet standing to be counted, as I do, if you agree that the events in Bosnia are flagrant violations of the law that honest and just people should obey, make your voice heard. Talk with your friends and write your opinion to our leaders.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Career Fair featured during Career Development Day

by Lisa Hastings

Director of Young Alumni Programs

The Career Development Center will sponsor its first Career Fair as part of Career Development Day, Thursday, September 23, 1993. Career Development Day is a day-long program for students and alumni focused on building career development and job search skills.

The Career Fair will take place in Harrington Auditorium from 12:00 - 3:30 PM. Representatives from 25 companies will be on hand to speak with students and alumni. Among those participating will be:

Andersen Consulting  
Cambridge Biotechnology Corporation  
Coopers & Lybrand  
General Electric

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IBM Employment Solutions  
Martin Marietta  
Norton Company  
NYPRO, Inc.  
Otis Elevator  
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Detailed information about Career Development Day and the Career Fair including a registration form will be sent to every student this week. Students who pre-register will be eligible to win prizes valued at \$125 to be raffled off during the Career Fair.

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

## TKE wins top chapter award

by Charlie Gillis

Class of 95

Four delegates from the Zeta-Mu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at WPI recently attended their fraternity's 47th Biennial Conclave in San Francisco, California. WPI's TKE chapter was presented with its second Top TKE Chapter Award at Conclave. The first was presented during a special ceremony at WPI's Higgins House last year.

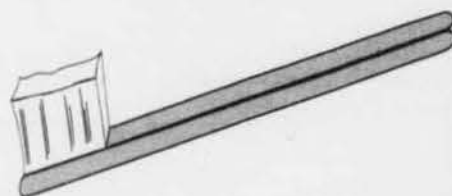
The Top TKE Chapter Award is given to a select number of undergraduate chapters each year who excel in scholarship, community service, and chapter operations. Only 12 were awarded this year, out of 315 chapters and colonies. The award recognizes and celebrates another highly successful year of hard work and fun.

At the awards banquet, TKE was recognized for their annual Special Olympics volunteer work. Last April, over 60 brothers got together to organize and run the Special Olympics Spring Basketball Tournament. TKE handled almost every detail of the tourna-

ment, from presenting the awards to serving lunches for players and families. TKE was also recognized for their annual Bedsheet Volleyball fundraiser in the fall, which raised over \$1100 for the Special Olympics last year.

Other accomplishments leading to the award include strong Alumni involvement, and ground breaking New Member Education Program. TKE-ZM abandoned the old ways of pledging years ago and continues to refine its anti-hazing position to reflect the growing needs of college men.

The Top TKE Chapter Award is a great honor to receive and mean Zeta-Mu is a model for other TKE chapters to follow.



## Time to relax

WPI's athletic facilities will be open for recreation during Term A according to the following schedule:

**Harrington Gym:** Friday, 6:30 p.m. to midnight; Saturday and Sunday noon to midnight.

**Alumni Gym:** Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to midnight; Saturday and Sunday, noon to midnight.

**Fitness Center:** Monday through Friday, 7 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

**Swimming Pool:** Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Bowling Alley:** Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Note: Scheduled events have priority over open recreation.

## Something for all the Folks

Saturday, Sept. 18, is Parent's Day. The annual event, sponsored by the Student Life Office, will begin at 9:30 a.m., after registration. James E. Groccia, director of the Center for Curricular Innovation and Educational Development, will give the welcome address.

Program highlights include academic and residence hall receptions, IQP and MQP presentations, laboratory tours, and a presentation by WPI international students. There will also be field hockey, tennis and volleyball games, and a comedy/magic show. Music will be provided by the Women's Chorale, Glee Club, Stage Band, Brass Ensemble and Concert Band. Parents are also invited to join members of the WPI community at a lecture on the impact of foreigners on the people and economy of Germany.

## Homecoming is Oct. 1-3

Members of the WPI community are invited to join alumni and their guests during Homecoming 1993 on Oct. 1, 2 and 3.

The schedule includes varsity soccer and football, women's volleyball and tennis, and alumni soccer and rugby. Saturday's Quad Festival will feature activities for children, miniature golf, entertainment by WPI's musical groups and by the improvisational group Chain Link Fence, and a Food Fest. Other events include Goat's head Pub Revisited, the 16th annual Frank Sanella Road Race, the traditional freshman-sophomore rope pull, and the Homecoming Reception after the football game.

"What's fall in New England without hot apple cider, a turtleneck sweater and a Homecoming Football game?", asks Lisa Hastings, director of young alumni programs. "I hope members of the campus community will mark their calendars with these dates and plan to join in the fun!"

## Tour Time

Instrumental music groups directed by Douglas Weeks, administrator of applied music, and by Richard Falco, director of jazz studies, are planning a concert tour in March that will include performances in Vienna and Prague. The eight-day tour begins March 3. The cost includes hotels, transportation and two meals a day. Members of the WPI community who would like to travel with these musicians should call Weeks at ext. 5696 for more information.

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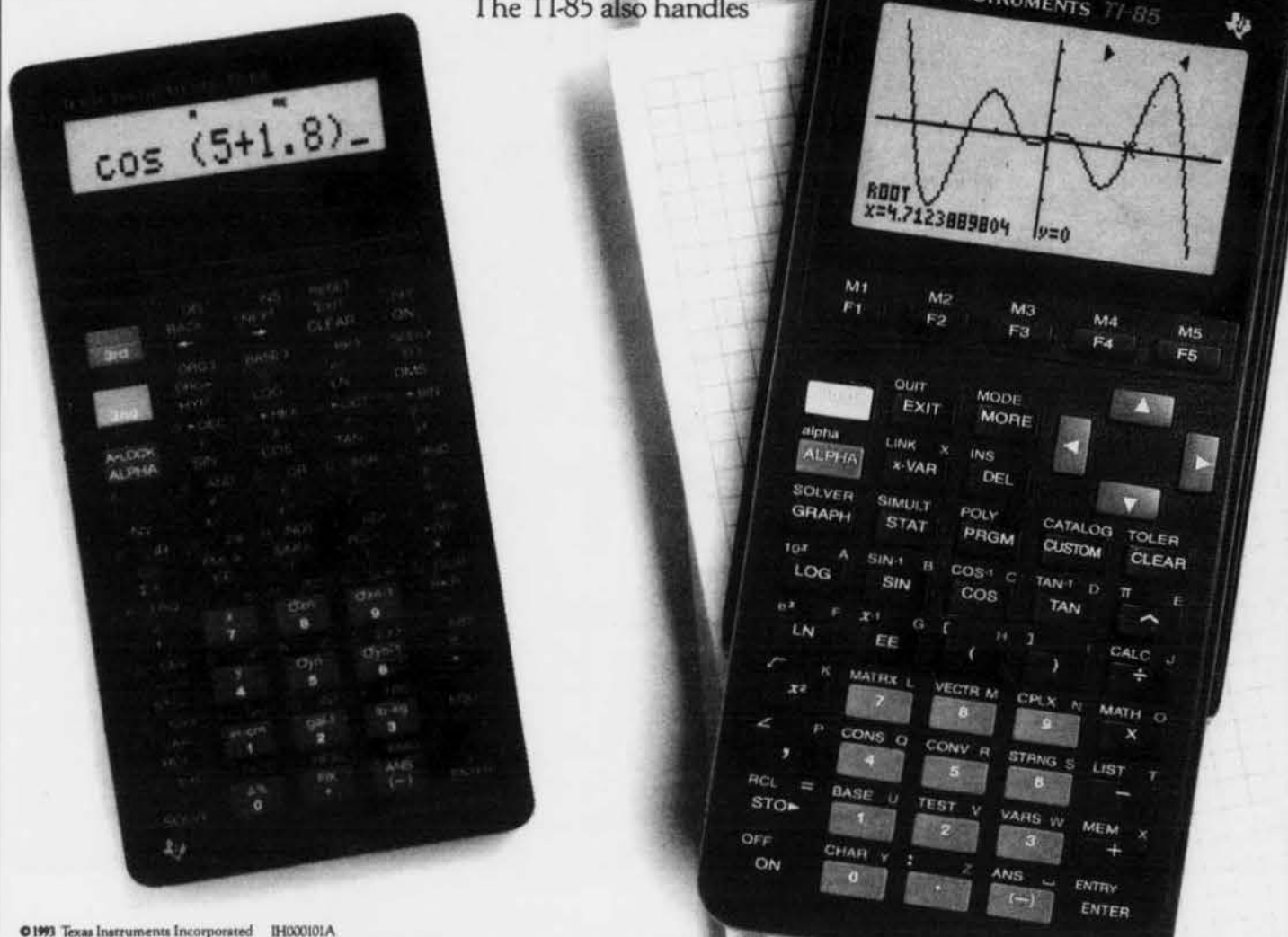
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

# College Bowl, The Varsity Sport of the Mind '93

by Stacey Watrous  
Class of '95

College Bowl, the Varsity Sport of the Mind, is back! College Bowl is a fast-paced question and answer game of general knowledge and quick recall. Created in 1953 as a radio program, College Bowl became a wealthy television series in 1959. Since then, the National Championship Tournament has been televised several times. College Bowl has provided an arena for the fastest minds on college campuses to demonstrate their great skills under the fire of intense competition.

College Bowl is played between two teams of four students each. The game is played in halves, each lasting seven minutes. A whistle starts and ends each half. Points are scored by correct answers to questions. There are two types of questions: Toss-ups, worth 10 points

each, and bonuses, worth a stated number of points, from 20-30. Questions cover every conceivable subject from history, math, science, literature, geography, current events, the arts, social sciences, sports, and popular culture. Multi-cultural questions are also featured in each format.

Teams consist of four players, with one of the players acting as a captain. All campus clubs and groups of any kind are encouraged to send a team to College Bowl to compete against their rivals. Individuals may sign up as a member of a four person team, or alone, as they will be combined with others to form four players.

Teams will compete in tournaments held on September 30, October 7, November 4, 11, and 18, and December 2 and 9. The time will be 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night. Only 8 teams will compete each night with the win-

ners advancing to the next round. The tournament champions will represent WPI at off-campus tournaments and the Regional Championship Tournament. This is an open competition for all students, graduate and undergraduate.

College bowl is an all-campus event. It has drama and excitement from the campus tournaments through to the National Championship. It recognizes intellectual achievement and helps students learn the values of group participation, gamesmanship, and more. It successfully combines entertainment and academics into a popular game.

## Zeta Advisor wins award

by Dan DiSalvio  
Class of '95

Zeta Psi advisor, Alan Okun, won the prestigious James H. McLaughlin Award two weeks ago at the 146th International Convention of Zeta Psi in Toronto. This award is given to someone who has shown excellent service to Zeta Psi. Alan has been Zeta Psi's advisor here at WPI for the past three years and we hope for many more years of his greatly appreciated guidance and service. In addition to being our advisor, Alan Okun is the president of the regional FCC, the president of Okun Broadcasting Co., and involved with the United Way.

## Death of Claire Batifoulier

Those of you who were here in July may have heard of the death of Claire Batifoulier, an exchange student from the University of Marne la Vallee, Paris. Claire died in a one-car accident when returning with other exchange students from a weekend trip.

At the time of the accident, several WPI faculty, administration, spiritual and mental health professionals made themselves available and reached out to those students who knew Claire and were grieving her death. The grieving process, however, is different for everyone: some students may still be dealing with the loss, while others may have come to terms with it. The persons who reached out to Claire's friends in July are mindful to these differences and encourage any student who wishes to contact them feel free to do so throughout the academic year.

If you would like to talk to someone about Claire's death, please feel free to contact the Student Life Office (831-5201), the Counseling and Student Development Center (831-5540), or the Collegiate Religious Center (Protestant Minister, 831-1395; Catholic Chaplain, 757-6097).

Official Entry Form

Name(s)	Box	Phone
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(if four people are signing up, please designate the captain and list an alternate)

Only names listed above will be allowed to compete in tournament play. Please return forms by Friday, September 24, to the Student Activities Office.

## Dance classes offered

Consortium Dance Class offered at Holy Cross. Learn ballroom dancing with students from the other colleges. The cost is \$25 for 10 lessons which begin on Sept. 13. Call Laura at 792-1717 for more information.

## TERM A '93

### CALCULUS TUTOR

Michael Min Shui  
KH 204 Monday through Thursday  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

and

Lower Wedge  
Sunday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America holds Walkathon

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America has the first Solvay Pharmaceutical Pace Setter Walk, October 10 at Noon at Artesani Park, Boston, along the Charles River. There will be a two mile loop that walkers can circle as often as they like.

There are many volunteer opportunities associated with this event in addition to walking, recruiting and sponsoring walkers. For additional information, please call (617) 449-0324. The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation is the only nonprofit health organization dedicated to finding a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

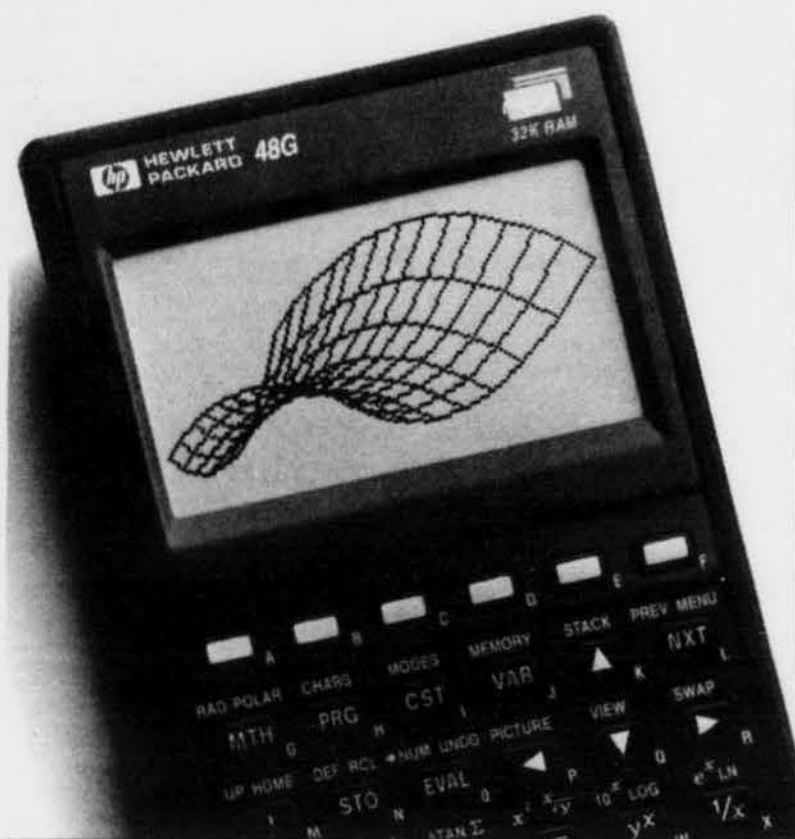
## Writing assistance:

Barbara McCarthy and peer tutors will staff the Department of Humanities Writing Resource Center located in Salisbury Labs 134. They will be available to tutor those WPI students requiring writing assistance in their course and project work during the following hours in A-Term:

Monday: 8-12 noon; 12:30-3:30 pm  
Tuesday: 9-10 am; 12:30-3:30 pm  
Wednesday: 10-12 noon  
Thursday: 8-10 am; 12:30-2:30 pm  
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## EDITORIAL

## Now the hard part, where do we go from here?

Now that we have convinced the Trustees to build a Campus Center, where do we go from here? It almost seems as if we have had the rug pulled out from under our feet. Until now our focus was simply to get the WPI administration to agree to build a Campus Center. In many ways this was easy. We could ignore the special interest groups who wanted this or that specific piece put into a Campus Center and instead focus on getting a commitment to build one. Now, in what was a surprise move to many, they have agreed with us. Now they are looking to us for guidance and involvement in the next phase as they explore the "program theme" for this new project. We can not afford to lose our momentum as we ask: what is our role in this next phase?

Our greatest test at this point is to show that we still have a sense of community at WPI. Our Campus Center should not be built haphazardly to suit the needs of the few special interests who speak the loudest. We must develop a shared vision of what the Campus Center can, and will do, for WPI both now and in the future. What follows is a unique version of what a "shared vision"

means: "A shared vision is not an idea. It is, rather, a force in people's hearts, a force of impressive power. It may be inspired by an idea, but once it goes further - if it is compelling enough to acquire the support of more than one person - then it is no longer an abstraction. It is palpable. People begin to see it as if it exists. Few, if any, forces in human affairs are as powerful as shared vision." (Peter M. Senge, *The Fifth Discipline*, co. 1990; p. 206).

Almost two years ago WPI united at an open-campus meeting to show the administration that we wanted a Campus Center and would not take "NO" for an answer. That meeting filled Perreault Hall in Fuller Labs to overflowing. Additional students sat at TV screens all over campus to watch the proceedings. This gathering put the abstract idea of a Campus Center, where students could relax, find information and get away from work for a while, into clear focus; it made the idea palpable. The support the Campus Center project received at that meeting went a long way towards showing the administration that we were committed to the building and

undoubtedly got us where we are today.

In retrospect, that was the easy part. Now we must show the administration that, not only are we committed to the physical structure, we are also committed to creating the theme around which the building will be designed.

We must support the work of Janet Richardson, Dean of Student Life, as she seeks student input for a "program" design for the new Campus Center (see related article on page 1). Only our unified support of a program that will enhance WPI's future community life will result in a building future generations are willing to frequent. We have the privilege of doing what no other generation of students has done, or ever will do, at WPI - design a building to suit our needs. Over the next three terms we have the chance to influence the building process and develop a "shared vision" for the design of OUR Campus Center. Only our support, or undoubtedly our lack of support, will be reflected in what kind of Campus Center is built here. **The seed has been planted and all ideas are welcome; now is the time to get involved!**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## "Reduce Crimes Against Women and Children by Reducing Porn"

Letter to the Editor:

After reading the front page article of the 8/31/93 Newspeak, regarding the sexual assaults on two females near WPI, I'd like to offer a suggestion aimed at reducing that kind of behavior. It is along the lines of "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The suggestion is to discourage the sales, use, and distribution of pornographic materials. Pornography is a very destructive and immoral form of expression. It puts images and thoughts into men's (and boys') minds that often lead to harmful and even criminal behavior, similar to those two above-mentioned incidents. The most common victims of pornography are women and children.

As for me, having given my life to the Lord Jesus Christ and purposing to follow His teachings, it suffices that God's Word clearly instructs me to "set before my eyes no vile thing" and to "flee from sexual immorality". I trust in the Lord that He knows what's best for me. Different people have different relationships with the Lord, but perhaps I can offer some concrete examples of how pornography hurts individuals AND is a threat to society.

One brief testimony comes from Attorney General Jimmy Evans of Montgomery, Alabama as reported in *The Birmingham News* on 6/9/93:

"The insidious nature of this material [obscene telephone communications] has a tragic impact that reaches far beyond the person watching or hearing it..."

"In all my years as prosecutor, the most brutal crimes against women and children have been committed by defendants found to have an abiding interest in hard-core pornography.... This is not a crime without a victim. The victims can be found

throughout our criminal justice system."

There was an especially personal and heart-wrenching account of the damage done to two families by pornography, the account originally appearing in the *Focus on the Family* magazine. It is too long to recount in any great detail here, but basically a twelve-year-old boy acted out what he saw in pornographic magazines

on a three-year-old girl who he was babysitting in the girl's home. Both the boy's and the little girl's families went through tremendous pain and grief, but thanks to God's mercy, much healing and forgiveness finally took place.

There is a vast difference between the genuine love that God encourages in us, and the selfish lust that pornography promotes. We can fight

against pornography and its effects in many ways, but here are a few simple examples:

1. Do not purchase any such literature or call such phone numbers.

2. If you visit a store that sells pornography, kindly inform the manager or person in charge of the damage it can do, and do not patronize the store until/unless pornography is not sold there any more.

3. Write letters to those who produce or advocate pornography and again let them know of the damage it can wreak in people's lives.

4. Pray for the victims of pornography to be healed, and for those involved in a pornographic lifestyle to have a change of heart.

Don Farley  
Supervisor of Software Operations CCC

## Former Editor responds to recent letters

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this letter to voice my feelings in regards to last week's letter submitted by Don Farley. This is not a response to the material contained in the letter, and I will not state my personal opinion about the abortion issue. Further, I do not want to create an argument which will clutter the Letters to the Editor page for weeks on end. I do, however, have a fundamental disagreement about the means he uses to present his opinions.

Having been in various editorial positions at Newspeak since 1990, I was never in a position to respond to the numerous letters, advertisements and other copy that Mr. Farley has continuously submitted in that time. However, with my graduation last year, and a complete removal from the editorial staff of the paper, I feel now that I must make clear how I feel about this material.

First of all, the Letters to the Editor section of the paper traditionally has been a place to respond to material that has been recently printed in the paper, or to react to current events, not only in Newspeak, but in most other newspapers in the country. Mr. Farley's letter is neither a response nor a reaction. It is simply a spewing of information; anyone who cares

enough to read the letter would already have heard this information, regardless of their views on the issue. One could argue that the abortion issue is a current event, and that may be true, but as I see it, abortion is an old issue. It is important in political races, and each person has a personal view on the subject. In most cases, a view that is unlikely to be changed. There are those who want the choice, and those who are against abortion. For people who are not adamant for one side or the other, it is not a major issue.

As an editor, I, along with the rest of the editorial staff walked a fine line when it came to letters such as Mr. Farley's. We were eager to avoid the controversy and flood of dissenting letters that would invariably arise in response to such a letter. However, during my tenure, and this is probably true today, it was the opinion of the editorial staff that we should run the letters we received, so as to remain objective, thus subjecting ourselves to these ongoing arguments. Regardless of why the letters are printed, I feel that this is simply

not the forum for this type of discussion.

Second, I take great offense to Mr. Farley assuming that he should ram his views down my throat, so to speak. Many hard-line Pro-Life proponents think that this is the way to do things, and I simply don't like it. Moreover, my distaste for such tactics is not limited only to abortion, I take issue with anyone who tries to force their views on me. Had a discussion come up about the subject been started in some other way, and other, possibly incorrect information arisen, then Mr. Farley may have been warranted in his biological description, but it seems to me that this was nothing more than an attempt for a person with a strong belief trying to pull people onto his side. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but letters and advertisements which push only one side of the story not only puts the newspaper in a difficult position, for it may seem that the newspaper supports a particular view, when in fact that may not be the case, but incites readers.

The abortion issue is one that will

not die, and one for which there will never be unanimous agreement. Furthermore, most people do not want to be subjected to preaching. In my somewhat limited experience, I have found that such sermons only serve to turn people away instead of moving them to the "right" side, whatever that may be. As a former editor, I worked hard to improve the paper, and I can probably speak for a number of editors past and present who would say that letters such as Mr. Farley's reduce Newspeak to nothing more than a propaganda vehicle to tout his views.

I commend Mr. Farley for having such strong convictions and holding to them, but I urge him to think a little harder about exactly what he is doing when he submits unsolicited information such as he has. I think that such testimonials serve only to hinder the true purpose of the newspaper and needlessly anger individuals.

Sincerely,  
Joe Parker  
Former Editor-In-Chief  
Class of '93

## Building racial understanding

Letter to the Editor:

My first day at WPI, I was greeted with a Newspeak. After reading the first issue, I decided that each week I would have something informative to read. So, when the next issue came out on August 31, I immediately began reading. I must say, however, that it was with extreme disappointment that I read the article entitled "Criminals' plans foiled by WPI Campus Police."

What caught my attention was the final paragraph in the article. I found it disturbing that out of the four people mentioned in the paragraph, your article only mentioned the race of one. This singled out in every reader's mind that the criminal in this story was Hispanic. Now, if this fact were newsworthy, would not the races of the other three people involved be so too?

If the article described the races of everyone involved, the readers prob-

ably would have noticed, and wondered why. The races of the victims of perpetrators have no bearing on the story. By singling out the one arrested male as a Hispanic, the article has done the WPI community a disservice, reinforcing the racial stereotypes that are already so common in our society. It is the responsibility of everyone, especially those involved in the media, to do all they can to destroy these stereotypes, not build them up.

Sincerely,

David Spencer  
Class of '97

[Editor's note: Newspeak strives to write articles which inform the community without bias. We thank this reader for pointing out error and echo his sentiments in calling for the destruction, rather than the construction, of stereotypes.]

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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

*Minutes for the meeting of  
September 1, 1993  
Student Government Association*

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:50.
- II. **ATTENDANCE:**  
Executive Council: Warren Smale, Pres; Barbara Doyle, VP; Michelle Giglio, Treas.; Amy Scott, Sect. At-Large-Senators;  
On-Campus-Senators: Lexie Chutoransky, Cathleen Connelly, Ryan Daly, Nat Fairbanks, John Grossi, Christine Jesensky, Daniel Laroche, Yolanda Larriu, Joe Laydon, Chad Schools,  
Off-Campus-Senators: Erik Felton, Mike Pereira  
Parliamentarian: Dave Wheeler

III. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**  
During the summer Warren attended four WPI Board of Trustees meetings. The decision to increase WPI parking was postponed until the new parking committee, headed by Professor Crusberg, has been able to arrive at some options that are satisfactory to the entire WPI community. The Physical Facilities committee has been meeting with an architectural firm to help determine possible locations, and rough building plans. Dean of Student Life Janet Begin-Richardson was then introduced to the SGA Senate to give a more detailed description of the process that will be used to determine the "program" of the campus center. Dean Richardson, informed SGA that on August 31st she was charged with heading up the committee that will obtain a community consensus of what the "program" of the campus center should be. The first significant donation of \$1.3 million dollars has been made by an anonymous donor, and currently plans for the campus center are include construction that might be augmented by using the first floor of Daniels Hall. The committee will report back to the Board of Trustees in February. Warren then reminded SGA Senate that SGA needs to drum up the excitement the campus has shown previously about this issue to ensure the com-

munity gets involved.  
All senators were then reminded of their senatorial duties, which consist of two office hours and attendance to all Senate meetings, an information sheet was then circulated for senators to choose office hours and the committees they would like to be on. Senators also need to inform one of the executives very soon as to whether or not they will be attending the Camp Harrington retreat on Sept. 11. Everyone was also encouraged to attend a BBQ at 4:30 on Sept. 7 at the Stoddard complex to mingle with freshmen. Warren then asked for three volunteers to attend a luncheon with the new Mid-Atlantic Admissions Counselor at 11:45 in the Admissions Office.

IV. **VICE PRES. REPORT:** Barbara announced that a new senator orientation committee will be formed to help plan and run a new senator orientation in B-term, and asked for volunteers.

V. **OLDBUSINESS:** none

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:** The concept of on and off campus senators and senators-at-large was discussed. Among the comments that were made there were concerns about how the electronic voting system could differentiate when students login to vote, also would students feel a loss of identity as to which senators represent them. The idea of senators being assigned a particular number of boxes, whose student owners they would represent, was brought up.

Nat Fairbanks then moved that Article I, Section 3, parts A, B, C, be amended so as to read the following:

**Article I: Executive Branch:**  
Section 3. Executive Branch Elections  
A. All members of the Executive Branch shall be elected during C-term for the following A-term in accordance with the SGA Election

Code. In the event that any office, other than that of the President, becomes vacant, the Executive Branch will nominate and the Senate will elect a replacement. All Executive Branch officers are eligible for re-election.

B. Each Executive Branch member shall serve a term from the May meeting of the Board of Trustees of their election year through the May Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the following year.

C. After elections in C-term until the executive term begins, a newly elected executive shall be designated as executive-elect (i.e. President-elect, Vice President-elect, Secretary-elect, Treasurer-elect)

term from the May meeting of the Board of Trustees of their election year through the May meeting of the Board of Trustees of the following year.

Erik Felton called the question, John Grossi 2nd and the motion passed 13-0-0, and will be voted on again next week.

Nat Fairbanks then moved that Article 1, Section 2, parts A and B of the By-Laws can be changed to read the following: **By-Laws**

**Article 1: Election Code**

Section 2: Order of Elections  
A. On and off campus Senator elections shall take place between the fourth and sixth weeks A-term.  
B. Executive Branch and at-large Senator elections shall take place between the fourth and sixth weeks C-term.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*-Election:* Warren Smale announced that the A-term election calendar has been set, and that this year there will be two Infontes, four days of electronic voting and one day of paper voting.

*-Van:* Nat Fairbanks informed the senate that there will now be an application for driving privileges that is very thorough. For the time being the vans will be off-line while they are being repaired and reconditioned for the safety of those that use them.

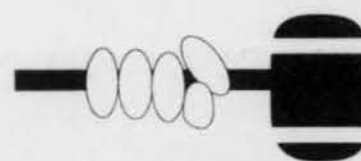
VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** SGA Retreat, all senators are strongly encouraged to participate. The area is very nice and it will serve as an excellent team building activity as well as a chance to get away from campus. We will meet in the Wedge at 8:15, and leave at 8:30, lunch will be provided.

*Election Announcement:*  
Not only are classes kicking in, but Senator elections are only a hop, skip, and jump away. So

much for a break-in period. For everybody not up to date on the Student Government Association, let us review. The SGA is here to provide students with a voice as to what transpires on campus. WE are the liaisons between students and administrators. In order for this voice to grow, we need bright, young, aspiring minds; that is where you as a part of SGA can fit in. To become part, only a few simple steps are required. First, a prospective senator must attend one of the two Infontes sessions at Gompeis. The dates are Monday, Sept. 13, at 8:00 PM and Thursday, Sept. 16, at 4:30 PM. At these very short meetings, Senatorial responsibilities will be explained and petitions will be given out. The final leap to getting your name on the ballot necessitates getting a few signatures, and dropping the filled petition off at the SGA office by Thursday, Sept. 23. On top of that, you are encouraged to write a short letter to be published by Thursday, Sept. 23. The letter must accompany the petition into SGA hands. Ballot casting will begin Monday, Oct. 4, and end Friday, Oct. 8. Paper voting will be next to the Mail Room on Oct. 8, with electronic voting (ooooohhh-ahh) from Oct. 4-7. Now, there is no reason for you not to vote! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Matt Whitten at the SGA office, or via campus mail, box 3124, or at 757-8601.

**Van Announcement:**  
In an effort to increase the safety and efficiency of our vans, the vans will be off-line for the balance of A-term. There will be a new and improved system instituted B-term. More details are forthcoming...

**IX. ADJOURNMENT: 6:50**



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and his/her responsibilities shall be to:

- 1) to assist his/her executive counterpart;
- 2) participate in all orientation programs;
- 3) to attend all meeting (executive and senate)

Failure to comply with these outlined duties shall result in expulsion.

Michelle Giglio called the question Cathleen Connelly 2nd, the motion passed 13-0-0 (yeah, nay, abstain), the motion was then tabled to be voted on again and passed the next meeting. Nat Fairbanks then moved that Article II, Section 3, Part C, be amended to read the following:

**Article II: Legislature Branch**

Section 3. Election of Senators  
C. Each at large Senator shall serve a

**COMMENTARY**

**Demosthenes  
A babble of languages**

Recently I was helping one of my Haitian speaking neighbors fill out an application and we got to the topic of should English be made the official language of America as a bill before The Congress would require. Personally I have opinions but I thought two of my friends were much more succinct in their opinions than I am.

To quote the Ancient Roman writer Galen (129-199); "The chief merit of language is clearness, and we know that nothing detracts so much from this as unfamiliar terms." The first of these opinions is written by a white male in his early 30's and living in California.

I'm not much in favor of asking Should America make English the official language? Most people believe that it already is, but the debate has been intensifying in recent years. In most countries, there is a national language, so why shouldn't the US have one? The biggest opposition so far has been from recent groups of immigrants who protest that establishing English as the national language would require them to learn the language thereby taking away their national heritage. Until recently in this century, immigrants came to this country, learned the language and became contributors to society. They also added their culture to the "melting pot" and lived here as Americans. They did not lose their culture by learning English, and by learning they were able to contribute, teach their culture to others, and take part in the democratic process. Now it appears that immigrants just want the privileges and rights of living here with-

out blending into the melting pot. This is quite evident in localized areas of immigrants in south Florida, San Francisco, and New York. Places like Little Havana, Little Haiti, ChinaTown, and Little Italy.

I have seen firsthand the effects of massive immigration of Haitians into south Florida. The original settlers of Little Haiti came here, learned English, the way the government works and paved the way for the rest, the majority of whom don't speak English, and in talking to their English speaking friends (because I don't speak Creole) find that they have no desire to learn. If they can get by without, they will. This only causes problems for future generations. If those children are taught in bilingual schools in their home language and never learn English, they will have very little opportunity to leave their small community and will have limited job opportunities. By learning English, they will have the ability to attend college, get better jobs, relocate and become active participating citizens. With racism again on the rise, those who don't speak English will find life difficult outside their home community. If we are to unite as Americans, rather than the current politically correct hyphenated Americans; i.e. African-American, Mexican-American etc; there needs to be a common bond to start with. In this diverse country, our single common trait would be language. I don't believe learning English removes a person's culture. They are free to speak their native language at home and to practice their culture. Being able to

speak English would enable them to show others their culture and to be part of a society that grew as a mixture of cultures. If they isolate themselves in their language they will remain strangers in a foreign land and they will bring their children that are born here and therefore American citizens into a strange land. If bilingual education is in place these children will remain strangers in their homeland.

"We are a nation of communities, of tens and tens of thousands of ethnic, religious, social, business, labor union, neighborhood, regional and other organizations, all of them varied, voluntary, and unique... a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky." Here follows a rebuttal of the previous opinion, this one is written by a Spanish Exchange student living in the Mid-Atlantic States, who has spent six years in this country and speaks English fluently.

I think it's fine to have an official language of the country, but I also think that the other languages should also be acknowledged. First of all, most government correspondence is written in English anyway. Second, when people are at home they are going to express themselves in the language that is native to them and they are going to communicate in that language. Language is essential to a culture, and it is vital to many people for pride and identity to preserve that culture. Let's face it: The United States is NEVER going to have a homogenous culture. It's important to

let people keep the culture that is in their roots, and let themselves express themselves in the language of that culture. I can function fine in English, but it was wonderful having my sister over for two weeks because I could finally vent out my life to her in a language I prefer speaking. Talking to her in English just wasn't the same.

From an educator's standpoint, it can be dangerous to adopt an anglocentric position and then to have the government endorse that position. If people are going to have to use English, the use of their native language should also be encouraged. Many children need to find their voice in their writing, art and the work they do in school, but they often need to resort to their native language to begin that search. That is so important because it is so linked to a child's self esteem and his or her social and emotional, intellectual and psychological development. The schools should make sure they are literate in English, but they shouldn't deny that child's native voice, which as I said before, is so linked to the child's culture and identity.

Given that we are so multicultural, we should celebrate that diversity rather than repress it. I'm not saying adopting English as the official language would repress it; I'm just saying it could set up for a superior attitude to non-native English speakers. I've seen teachers minimize a student's beautiful work because mainstream English wasn't used. I'm not only referring to other languages. This has also applied to other children, such as an African

American child who writes a beautifully expressive poem in her home jargon. I've seen a teacher take out the red pen and start circling and crossing out. This silenced the child, which is something that should NEVER happen!

My position: I didn't think the official language wasn't English, so I'm wondering what difference in government policy and procedures this would make. I haven't seen anybody in this area make an effort to make government services more accessible to minority populations by using the native languages.

In this day and age when the efforts to acknowledge and legitimate the minority cultures and people that exist in this country have barely begun, I think investing a lot of effort into this could encourage the mainstream bigotry that has existed before. Forcing a language, and in a sense forcing a mainstream culture on other people can cause more strife. I don't think adopting that policy would improve race or ethnic group relations.

If the people in Washington, DC want to meet to do this, I think it's silly. I just hope it's not MY tax money they're using to buy the coffee and donuts they're going to consume at these meetings.

Both of these people have valid points in their arguments, the problem becomes that neither of these is right or wrong, they are both right. In the world of politics there is no black or white but rather to use a turn of phrase, there are only shades of grey.



## COMMENTARY

## Shooting From the Lip

*Life begins at Conception, or Why I Kill Life on a Regular Basis*

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Foreword: This column is intended as a general discussion of issues in politics, government, and society. The author welcomes reasoned dissenting opinion, and will try to keep his own arguments on a well reasoned level. Suggestions and commentary on what topics should be addressed are solicited from all. The author can be reached by email at johndunk@wpi, or by physical mail to John Dunkelburg in care of the Department of Computer Science. The author is a graduate of the class of 1992 in Computer Science, and currently a graduate student in that Department.

Article Body: Ah, it's a new year, and I need inspiration for a new exhortation of the issues of the day. Fortunately for me I can put off my intended topic for this week, having been brought in to action by Don Farley's

Letter to the Editor last week. Just as a brief summary, Farley shows (via definitional authority) that the combination of an egg and sperm is a life form, and thus abortion is murder.

Farley's approach is valid and logical. The definition of life is drawn from an acceptable authority source (World Book Encyclopedia). Once you have agreed that the combination of sperm and ova is alive, and comes entirely from a human source, you have well defined a human person. Good idea, Don. If you know me personally, you should know that we granting this to Farley is a warning sign. You'd be right.

I would like to elaborate on his argumentation by pointing out that several things we kill on a regular basis show stronger "life signs" than the parasitic growth that Farley describes so carefully in his letter. In fact, I'm very curious how Farley can claim that it exhibits Responsiveness, Reproduction, or Spontaneous Movement. Let's contain our argumen-

tation to the first trimester, that being the predominant current legal bound of abortion. The fact that it undergoes a chemical reaction after being impregnated is "Responsiveness"? Heck, a simple chemical compound is alive by that point. "Reproduction" is defined by the fact that is male or female? There's a slack definition. I therefore name monopole chemicals male and dipole chemicals female... they're alive, Mr. Farley. "Spontaneous Movement" by cell division, he claims. I thought that would be growth. It does not itself Reproduce (though it does grow). And it certainly won't develop Spontaneous Movement until well after the first trimester.

An artificial life form can exhibit growth (it can cover the Internet, or your hard drive), it takes in food (electrical power, clock cycles), reproduction (asexual in most cases), responsiveness (self-mutation in advanced forms), and spontaneous movement (from machine to machine, disk block to disk block). However, despite Farley's admonitions, I

will continue to run Disinfectant (and the latest, most deadly version) on my computer. But by Farley's absurdly broad definition I am committing murder, if not xenocide. The wonders (and ethical trauma) of alife research, I suppose. (References available on request to above claims of artificial "life"). I also plan to continue to use anti-biotics, chemicals to kill biological viruses, and if I had a way to kill the cold virus currently in my body, I would!

But let me return to biological life, and posit another life form. It is derived from human genetics and tissue. Being from humans, it is human, and (if alive) a "person". It exhibits Growth, and can expand to many times its size. It takes in Nutrition from the host. It reproduces (asexually). It is Responsive in that it can withstand massive outside attack and intervention by self-mutation and alteration. I would be hard pressed to give it Spontaneous Movement, but we let the human parasite get away with it, so I'll slide that one in. The living human being (by Don Farley's argumentation) that I describe, is a cancerous growth. Cancer is, however, generally considered killable by most moral systems I know of. Or is that murder?

Don Farley has attempted to craft a fairly good argument. However, he began with imprecise and non-technical definitions and tried to expand them by appeal to authority. A valid method of debate, but is this case not particularly well executed. The definition of life is broader than he might want, and yet the life form he wants to protect really can't fit his own definition. The definition of "person" is trivial. But just to let everyone think about it, assume that a flawless argument for the life of a fertilized ovum was made. The question then could be posed, why is every human life sacred?

## On Parking and Campus Meetings

by Brian Parker  
Newspeak Staff

Last year, I heard someone mention that "they" were going to turn Higgins Lawn into a parking lot. At that moment, I thought that even though I didn't have a car but did enjoy the Lawn because it tends to be a quiet, relaxing place to walk on, there was nothing that I could do about the situation. Obviously, if the students had been asking for parking spaces and then were offered them, they'd jump at the chance to have more on-campus parking spaces. Thankfully, I was wrong. . .

After several posters were made, petitions were signed and demonstrations were held,

the parking lot on the lawn idea died. But as winter approaches and the "emergency artery" roads that surround our campus are closed to parking, I wonder, what will we do with our cars? According to the "WPI Campus Update" all students are invited to bring their suggestions to a meeting which will be held later this term.

However, if it is as poorly attended as last year's Blue Ribbon Task Force open meeting, don't expect much to come out of it, because too many students seemed to ignore their responsibility to attend. Even though that meeting dealt with student life and the needs for a campus center, two issues which had been well followed the year before, it seemed as if

we were just bored with it all. If we fail to attend this meeting, not only may WPI end up with an undesirable parking lot, but we may also be considered too apathetic to need to have open meetings any more.

But I've gotten off my original point. I was pleasantly surprised to see that so many students care about places like Higgins Lawn and I hope that we as students can continue with the trend of supporting the issues which are important to us all. So, this is all a reminder to at least think over what might be done about parking and to bring your suggestions to the open meeting when it is held.

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# TFM

## Emacs and Elm Mail Handler

by MegaZone

Welcome back, hope the weekend went well. This time around I'm covering the emacs editor and elm mail handler. Emacs is the most commonly used editor on the system, and, in my opinion, the easiest to understand. Elm is an alternative to mail which is easier to interact with, and is more user-friendly. Getting comfortable with emacs will make life on the networks much easier for you. (I know there are other options, but I don't know everything. These are the ones I find most useful. I personally dislike 'mail', 'pine', and 'vi', so I avoid them if at all possible. If anyone else wants to do a write up on one of those, please do. Send it to me and I'll put it in TFM, you'll get full credit/blame. Please, no religious wars.)

**Emacs:** Emacs is a powerful editor that is very common on the networks. It is fairly simple and with only a few basic commands anyone can use it productively. Just a trivial fact, I compose these columns using emacs and email them to Newspeak via elm. I never have to make a hardcopy and waste paper.

Before I begin I should explain some of the terminology. A letter preceded by a '^' indicates that letter is a control character. For instance, '^X' means you hold down the 'Control' (or Ctrl) key while pressing 'x'. It is convention to use uppercase for these characters, however, you do NOT press shift while typing them. Characters in strings indicate a command sequence. Example: '^XC' means control-x then control-c; '^X-i' means control-x then just plain 'i'.

To enter emacs you simply enter 'emacs filename' at your prompt. If you use the name of an existing file you will automatically load the file into emacs to be edited. If you use a new file name you will create a new file with the editor. Some of the commands work in other situations to. If you use 'tch' most of these commands will work at your prompt.

**Commands:** This is a brief list of commands useful with emacs.

- ^F - move forward, same as right arrow
- ^B - move backward, same as left arrow
- ^P - previous line, same as up arrow
- ^N - next line, same as down arrow
- ^I - indent, same as the Tab key
- ^V - down one screen
- ^K - delete from cursor to end of line, stores in kill ring
- ^Y - restores kill ring (opposite of ^K)
- ^E - go to the end of the line
- ^A - go to the beginning of the line
- ^D - delete character cursor is on
- ^M - newline character, like return
- ^G - emacs quit character, aborts the current command.
- ^O - insert blank line after cursor
- ^W - kill entire marked region. (This is more advanced.)

^T - transpose the character the cursor is on and the character just before the cursor.

^L - redraws screen, useful for clearing line noise. Used outside of emacs too.

^Z - pauses the job and returns you to your prompt. Type 'fg' (foreground) to return to the job. This can be used during most any job to pause it for a while.

^U - times 4. This is a multiplier used with other commands, each ^U in a string multiplies by 4. ie, ^U^N goes down 4 lines, ^U^U^N goes down 16 lines. Also, ^U followed by a number, then a command, will execute that command the specified number of times. ^U-10-^F will move forward 10 spaces.

^X^C - this is the command to exit emacs, you will be asked whether or not to save the file.

^X-s - saves the file while you continue to work. This is basically a precaution.

^X-i - include a file. You will be prompted for the name of the file to include. Make a habit of using the path, such as '~/'filename'. This allows you to include previously prepared files in a new file.

Students in programming classes, such as CS1005, who use emacs, may want to use the commands '^[-x c-mode' and '^[-x compile'. The first puts emacs into a C programming format mode, the second compiles the program in the buffer. The sequence control-left bracket-x is called Meta-x and it is the first step for nearly all of the more advanced emacs commands. From now on, if I write an emacs command such as 'M-x c-mode', the 'M' is Meta, or '^['. There are also 'fortran-mode', 'pascal-mode', and 'lisp-mode' for other languages. 'auto-fill-mode' is a mode that will automatically line-wrap your text, and 'fundamental-mode' will return you to the default

emacs mode.

With these commands you should be able to use emacs for all of your basic editing. There are also more advanced editing commands, which I may cover, a few at a time, in future columns. If you would like to use emacs for all of your editing, and have it be the default for programs using an editor, you can modify your '.login' (dot-login) file. The .login is the file the system uses to set up your defaults when you login. A dot file does not show up during a normal 'ls', to see them use 'ls -a'. Emacs the .login and add these two lines:

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setenv EDITOR /usr/local/bin/emacs setenv VISUAL /usr/local/bin/emacs
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These are called environment variables and many programs use these for their default settings. To make these take effect immediately type 'source .login'. This will be done automatically the next time you login.

**Elm:** Elm is an electronic mail reader that many users prefer over mail. It presents your mail with a menu that allows you to choose the letter you wish to read, along with a menu table that gives you the commands available to you. The first time you use elm it will ask to create two directories, Mail and .elm, answer yes to the requests.

Once in elm, you can choose which letter to read by moving the highlight bar or by simply entering the number of the letter. To read the letter press return or space. To delete the highlighted letter press 'd', to undelete a letter first go to it by entering the number (the scroll bar will skip deleted mail) then press 'u'. If you wish to reply to a letter simply press 'r'. You will be prompted for a few self-explanatory choices, then the default editor will come up. If you inserted the lines into your .login as above you will enter emacs. Once you exit emacs you will be asked whether to edit, forget it, edit headers, or send the letter. Edit will return you to the editor, forget it will cancel the mail, edit headers allows you to make changes to the header information (address, cc, etc), and send sends the letter off. If you wish to bounce a letter to someone press 'b'. Bouncing forwards the letter just as you see it, and if they reply the mail will go to the original sender, not to you. To forward mail press 'f', this will send the header and body of the letter, and it gives you the option of editing the outgoing mail. Replies will go to you in this case. Press 'p' to send a copy of the letter to the printer in the CCC. If a letter is sent to a number of people and you wish your reply to go to all of them, us 'g' for group reply. To change to a new mail folder, mbox for instance, use 'c' and then enter the path to the mail folder you want to open. If you wish to save a letter to a folder press 's' then enter the path to the folder. If you want to send mail to a new person, press 'm' and then enter the information as prompted.

When you exit elm you will be asked whether to delete any articles marked for deletion, and whether to move mail to the "received" folder. If you say no the mail will remain in your incoming mailbox. If you answer yes elm will save the letters to the default mail folder 'received' in your Mail directory. You can also use elm to send mail simply by entering 'elm person@address' at your prompt. This will enter elm's send only mode. You can mail a previously prepared file with 'elm person@address < filename'.

Once you have adjusted to elm you can begin to customize it. While in elm pressing 'o' will open an options screen with several settings you can change. And for those who really feel comfortable you can edit the 'elmcrc' (elm-resource) file in your .elm directory. This file contains all of the user modifiable variables for elm. Elm is versatile and allows for a good deal of personal modification if the user is so inclined. Entering '?' will enter help, another '?' will bring up a full list of elm commands and functions.

**Spelling:** How do I manage to keep my spelling acceptable? Simple, I get a lot of help from the computer. There is a spell checker on the system called ispell. The simplest use is typing 'ispell filename'. The commands are simple, and ispell will explain itself if you enter '?'. Ispell can also be called from within emacs, via 'M-x ispell-(press tab key)'. Pressing the tab key will display the ispell options available under emacs. 'ispell-buffer' will spell check the entire file you are working on. That's what I use for these articles.

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# Epimetheus/Prometheus Speaks...

This column is the first installment of a new series bearing the title, Epimetheus/Prometheus Speaks. Why the flowery title, you ask? Those of us with a smattering of Greek Mythology will recognize the name Prometheus as the name of the demi-god responsible for delivering fire to the first man - a parable for the discovery of technology. It's a strange twist of fate that fewer people know about Epimetheus, Prometheus's brother and fellow Titan, who was the shaper/creator of mortal man. Their names, translated literally, are Forethought (Prometheus) and Afterthought (Epimetheus) - thus bringing us to my rationale for the naming of the column. Depending on the content of my writing, I'll categorize the article as being one of Prometheus, thus representing a forward-thinking point-of-view, or one of Epimetheus, representing an article that is mainly reflective. In this way, I can pay small homage to these legendary figures of the classical age, and invoke their presence, just like any other humble writer. So without further adieu...

### Epimetheus Speaks: Savior Fare

I often wonder how advantageous it would be if civilization returned itself to the Stone Age. This reactionary turn of events may at first seem strange and unappealing, but I assure you that it would be for the best, all things considered.

Progress would become a thing of the past. No longer would we need to fear or fret over the future and its ramifications; no doubt we would quickly become intensely concerned with our own day-to-day survival. But with the more basic Maslowian needs aside, we can safely approach the much more vital topic I'd like to discuss.

Sex.

With the restraints of civilization removed, we would not be burdened with needless, purposeless, assinine ritual. I daresay we would know by instinct which members of the preferred sex were available, or else it would simply not matter, as the conventions of today would be dissolved. Sounds much easier than answering a personal ad, doesn't it?

Unfortunately, nothing short of a complete societal lobotomy is required to destroy the 10,000 years of learned response we call history, and although it might somehow be accomplished, it could be easier and more economical to simply examine the problem more closely.

I recently underwent a horrendous ordeal sponsored by an airline I will refrain from mentioning (though I will not fly their friendly skies again).

The most interesting part of this travesty was, oddly enough, the inflight movie; a little gem now available on video called *Somersby*, with Richard Gere and Jodie Foster. It was your basic romantic drama formula - with a twist. Gere ends up sacrificing himself in the name of love, a martyr who gives everything to ensure his beloved's future. I'll say this much: hanging for love isn't very high on my list.

Is this what we are inevitably reduced to? Have relationships become so complex and entangled that we must continually sacrifice ourselves to sustain them? If romance novels and romantic films are any accurate reflection of society's opinion, this is indeed the case.

In an ideal world, there would be no need for this foolishness. Relationships would be tangle-free and for the most part selfless and devoid of feelings of possessiveness. So what is it then that acts as the stumbling block between what we experience as relationships now and what we would hope is an ideal relationship? In my mind it can only be one of a small number of things.

Social convention springs immediately to mind. And all societal mores can affect the relationship between two people - the way you dress (or in some customs, the way you *don't*), the ritual of dating, the mode of conversation, and hundreds more examples of silliness that can make or break your relationship.

Of course, the continuation of convention is merely the surface of a much larger, deeper problem. In a country like our own, where culture is fed intravenously via the television tube, reality suffers a severe breakdown. The continual infusion of perfect images subjugates common sense - the suspension of disbelief rules over all reason. Life and relationship difficulties get resolved in half-hour segments on sitcoms; the harsh reality of war becomes a dazzling fireworks display; important details get chopped into over-simplified sound bites; and happily-ever-afters ensue. The point of all this being that the concept of the relationship gets skewed on the screen. Art imitates life, it is said, but in a TV culture like ours, life often mistakenly imitates art, in the perpetuation of stereotype and misconception.

So what then is left? How can we end this vicious circle of increasing complexity? A good first step towards the improvement of interpersonal relationships, I think, would be to turn off the TV, drop the romance novel, and talk to your partner; in short, abandon the meal of the savior that our culture offers us.

# Just a thought

## The power of religious belief

by Stephen Brown  
WPI Protestant Campus Ministry

The past Saturday was an anniversary of sorts. 30 years ago August 28, 300,000 people came to Washington D.C. for a march for jobs and peace. It was at that March on Washington that Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I have a Dream" speech. 10 years ago, on the 20th anniversary, I went to Washington to commemorate that great moment. This time around, I watched some of it on TV and read about it in the newspapers.

Numerous reports I saw and read all pointed out that Dr. King's dream has yet to be realized and went on to list the various reasons why. Lack of funds, lack of political will, no new leaders in the African-American community were among those cited. I think there is another reason; a lack of faith. We really do not believe that much can be done, that it is unreasonable to believe that much progress can be made in race relations.

You see, reason always fails where religious belief has faith that progress can be made and barriers between races can be broken through. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man of deep religious faith, which meant he saw the world differently than most reasonable people.

In a new book, Yale law professor Stephen Carter states it this way, "...religions can make a difference in how their (followers) see the world only if they remain independent of the world. Thus, there is nothing wrong, and much right, when a religion refuses to accommodate itself to the policies that the state prefers. To insist that the state's moral judgments should guide the practices of all religions is to trivialize the idea that faith matters to people. Martin Luther King Jr. declared in his "letter from a Birmingham Jail" that "...the authority of God is superior to the authority of the state..." and thus fought what he considered unjust, "man-made laws" which could be broken because they were in conflict with God's laws.

Today, with the rise of the "religious right" and Operation Rescue, many of us more "rational" and "liberal" people believe a life governed by religious belief is the life of a fanatic, someone who is unreasonable. We want decisions, policies, and practices to be governed by reason and order. We in the university, especially here at WPI, believe in the triumph of reason, logic, authority. We are threatened by someone who is "religious", we avoid discussions on religious faith because "they are all alike" and it's strictly a "personal" thing and it's fine as long as they "don't bother us."

Which of course is crazy. The very notion of religious belief is that the way established power is structured, reality is defined to benefit their grasp of power. All bureaucracies, governments, schools, businesses, even churches, and especially the military behave and use their authority to keep the "dreamers and fanatics" in place. There is no place in our culture or in our school, on our floor or in our apartment for people who are "religious". We want those who work with us and live with us to be reasonable people, not persons who question the very basis on which we in this country have based its success.

That is why King's dream has failed. We, the powers that be and who work to keep it that way, could tolerate King as long as he just wanted to ride in the front of the bus and sit at the soda fountain. But when King declared America to be poisoned by racism to the degree that its economic structures were created to keep Black people "in their place" and that the war in Vietnam was a "racist" war, King had to be eliminated.

And he was. He was just too "religious", too fanatical for J. Edgar Hoover and LBJ and the white liberals he betrayed by his faith. Today we would just ignore him as another fanatic... like Pat Robertson or Louis Farakhan or Kohemnh. Just like that other guy, the Jewish ex-carpenter. We like "reasonable people" who see things "the right way." You see, the power of religious faith is the power to get yourself ignored, or hung. And who wants that.



## CLUB CORNER

## AIAA

Hello there! I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of one of our campus groups, the WPI student branch of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

AIAA is a national organization of professionals interested in aircraft and space. The student branch activities include plant tours, speakers, student technical paper contests, trips to various lectures on other campuses, visits to air museums and air shows, rocket and paper contests, and other campus events. By joining AIAA nationally and locally you receive: two AIAA magazine subscriptions; Invitations to regional conferences, where you can present your technical papers for large cash prizes and also make connections with area professionals, which could be of great benefit after graduation while job hunting; listings of grad schools, employment opportunities, and aerospace companies; and the chance to discuss current related topics with people as interested in aerospace as you are. Last year, our student branch was awarded the "Most Outstanding Branch Award" at the regional conference.

There will be a meeting for all interested students, old members, and faculty on Thursday, September 9 at 4:30 pm in Higgins 109. If you can not attend, but are still interested, please drop me a note in Box 2131 to keep your name on our mailing list. Hope to see you there!

## Alpha Phi Omega

Hi all. Another week has passed in our search for that ever elusive degree. A great big thanks goes out to Professor Mott for getting us into the Walden Woods concert for free! It will be awesome, I just have that feeling.... The meeting is not on Monday this week but rather on Tuesday in the newly refurbished Goddard 227. So you all should have shown up, no excuses, even though you won't read this till Wednesday... also the info meeting was last night I hope it went well. Now some of my own personal shout outs; Meryl: Thanks for coming up this weekend I had an awesome time. Now stay! Gundy: Cards CARds CARds CARds CARds! I think it is time for a cards game. Walden Woods Crew: It was/will be awesome! Plus I know how to get there. Marc: There was nothing from Mr. Subliminal in there this week! I was crushed! He's cool! Sly: You really have to think about the implications of what you say.

## BiLAGA

Welcome, and welcome back! The first meeting of BiLAGA will be tomorrow, Wednesday Sept. 8, at 20:00. Same place as usual; if you don't know where this is and would like to attend, contact Janet Richardson in the Student Life office, or send e-mail to bilaga@wpi. This group is for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, as well as those questioning their sexuality and heterosexuals who are supportive.

## Christian Bible Fellowship

It seems this year has taken off to a very quick start. We are already looking forward to our third Friday meeting. Coming this Friday is what will undoubtedly be an excellent message on priorities. You won't want to miss this one. As usual, we meet at 7:00 p.m. Friday's in Higgins 101. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Beckett conference room (Fuller Labs) will be our second prayer and share meeting this year. Looking into the near future we have the Mt. Monadnock trip on the 25th. If it is anything like last year, it will be a great time enjoying God's creation.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23). God offers every person His free gift: eternal life. Yet somehow many of us choose to reject this gift, and those of us that accept it often take for granted just what this gift is: something of immeasurable worth offered without strings attached - there is no way to earn it, no way to deserve it, and no way to get it but through Christ Jesus our Lord. Have you received God's free gift? If not, why not? If so, how long has it been since you expressed your gratitude to God for giving this gift?

## WPI Men's Crew Team

Well gentlemen, it is again that time of the year. Time to look in the mirror and turn away disgusted at all the weight we put on over the summer. Well, it's now time to take Belmont by storm and just burn all that fat away. Time to become lean, mean, rowing machines. Time to build that stamina, endurance, and muscle tone that WPI crew men are famous for. Time

to let loose that die hard, get tough frame of mind and prepare.... prepare for U-Mass, USCGA, Temple, ad all those other boats that are just starting up like us and beginning their season just like us.

And also time to welcome the incoming freshman squad to our family of strength and fitness. Crew is a tough sport guys but I promise you will have alot of fun, make alot of friends, and get in the best shape of your lives! Now lets go ROW!

## GAP

Hello Gapsters! The meeting on Thursday night was GREAT! Thanks to everyone who came, we hope to see you often. We're currently making plans to go to the UPENN Model United Nations. If you want to attend the Model UN, please contact Marie (e-mail: johny) by Thursday, September 9th. Our next meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 9, in AK219. We'll talk more about the U-Penn Model UN. We are also looking forward to starting a campus-wide recycling program with the help of GEAE. See you Thursday!

## Glee Club

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back. And to all the new students, welcome to WPI. For those new students (well, for that matter, everyone) interested in joining the Glee Club this year, our rehearsals are held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Janet Earl Room, which is located in the lower level of Alden Hall. If you want to join, simply show up to any of our rehearsals. The Glee Club would like to personally welcome all the new members that showed up to our first few rehearsals. Our music schedule is already filling up fast. We have three concerts in the near future, and they all fall on the weekend of September 17. One of the concerts is for WPI's Parent's Day. Another one of the concerts is out at Regis College dedicating the opening of a new building and the installation of their new college president. And I forget what the third concert involves. The Glee Club will also be touring Italy during Spring Break this year. We will be traveling with Regis for a ten day trip. So if you want to see the Pope, here's your chance. Now on to internal stuff. It seems the chain letter didn't have any links. For that reason there will be no prize offered. There will be many social events rolling around soon, which brings me to the Big Brother/Little Brother program. This program will begin very shortly. So, for all the old members, make an effort to get to know the new members, and vice versa. Well, I really don't want to start up all the comic stuff in the first Club Corner. Now, for all the non-members that may be reading this, if you want a little break from the monotonous world of WPI, if you want to gain some life-long friendships, if you want some additional course credit, or if you just want to have a good time without a lot of commitment, come on down and sign up for the WPI Glee Club (We don't care if you can sing).

## Hillel

For those of you who don't know, Hillel is an organization for Jewish students here on campus. There are a lot of events coming up that everyone is welcomed to attend: Saturday, Sept. 11 is a movie night; Sept. 9 is the date for an ice-cream social with Clark's Hillel; and later in the term a local rabbi will be coming to campus to hold discussions on Jewish philosophy and living (for more info, and locations, call Zack 755-8643). This is also a very important time of the year for Jewish students: "The High Holidays are coming, the High Holidays are coming!!" If anyone needs arrangements for services, stop by any Hillel event or contact Zack and we will do everything we can for you. Speaking of Services....Friday night services are being held at Clark. Students interested in going should meet in the Wedge around 6:00 pm. The services at Clark are short and informal and no long-term commitment is attached! Hillel is a very informal and fun way to meet other Jewish students in the area and to learn more about Judaism. SHALOM.

## Lens &amp; Lights

<author's note: Due to circumstances beyond our control, this week's LnL Club Corner has been invaded by a non-officer. Deal.>

Hey, gang! Lotsa stuff is happening, so here we go! Technoir was last Saturday- way cool... I hope! I'm sure the official debut of Kemble's "children" was successful.

See Chris M. if you want your OFFICIAL LnL T-SHIRT (insert SPX-90 echo here). Chris is also taking orders for the totally awesome "Doctorin' the Tardis" Cd's- email

hades@wpi this week.

Tonight: do the TTAH thing with Greg M. and "Dorkestra." Also, if you want to learn to be a projectionist and become licensed, see that very same Greg or, as he put it, "show up to a movie!"

This year's LnL Spring/Fall Picnic/Dinner thing will be this weekend (Dave hopes). Jon promises good food, clean (?) fun, and LnL Charades! Just how DOES one do "Events Coordinator" anyway...?

Hey Freshmen, don't let these guys scare you away- they're really gentle, honest! Hey, I'm still here (but then again, I am female, so...)!!

And yes, David, Greg and I are indeed old enough to vote- scary thought, hmm? (heh, heh)

And finally, this week's LnL Trivia(1) Question (Answer) is brought to you by the warped memory of John Stoffel. There will be a prize for the first person to email me, trek@wpi, the correct QUESTION. Here it is...

"twitch" and "bald eagle"

Remember to phrase your answer in the form of a question and be at Wednesday's meeting to claim your prize!!

## Masque

Hello all, For those of you out there reading this for the first time: WELCOME TO WPI. Masque is WPI's theater group. We are dedicated to having fun, that's about it. Our definition of fun includes staying up for 30 hours straight; working 80 hour weeks; and throwing (in my opinion) the best parties at WPI; we also, every now and again put on the best theater at WPI.

Some things you should know: MEETINGS Fridays 4:30 Green room alden, behind the stage. NEWSLETTER if you want it email to joe provo, whose internet address I cannot find at the moment so email to me, elf@wpi and I'll get it to him. SHOWS Sept 24 4:30 New voices 11.5 Alden stage, FREE Hope to see you soon!

## Muslim Student Association

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Assalam-o-alaikum  
For those of you who are new at WPI, I welcome you on behalf of the MSA and Muslim community at WPI. The MSA represents the small but important proportion of Muslim Students at WPI. You will become aware of this as we take active part in arranging and participating the upcoming events of the year. If you were not aware of MSA, please leave a slip with your name and Box number in My Box (165). There will be a general meeting for the Muslims at WPI sometime next week and you will be contacted by us through your mailbox. CARS leave for Friday prayers from in front of the library every Friday at 12:45 pm.

Best of luck to everybody with their classes.

## Newman Club

Welcome freshmen! Welcome back upperclassmen! We accomplished a lot at the first meeting. Father - you tell great stories from the seminary days. Carla and Kathy pick a good movie for Friday's pizza and video night, will ya! Get psyched for our volleyball team and the Big brother/Big Sister program at Mercy Center. Should be great fun. Daily mass Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10pm at the Center start tonight September 7. Nick - are you really THAT scared of the M-word? Skip Daka this Friday, September 10 and come to Pizza and Video night 5:30 at the center.

## Pathways

The first meeting of Pathways, WPI's creative arts magazine, was held last night in our tiny little Riley office. We discussed our permanent meeting day and time and fund-raising ideas, as well as getting to know the new members. Replies so far have been very positive, we're happy to have so many new members of the community interested. We have a budget to acquire a PC for Pathways. Last year's experiment in electronic layout worked extremely well, so this year we'll have our own system to work with. Though the office is still pretty crowded, so we're going to have to move those old tables out. (hint hint) If you are interested in joining the Pathways staff, just contact us via email or mail. Or, if you wish to submit poetry, short prose, artwork, or B&W photos, please email to pathways@wpi or send campus mail to Box 5150. It's all in the mind. MegaZone, Editor.

## Pep Band

Here we go: One year ago today, inside the Worcester Centrum. The big game- WPI (hurray!) vs. Holy Cross (booooo!). Holy Cross's number 27 (he wears woman's underwear!) has the ball. The score is 97-98, in favor of WPI. It's the fourth quarter with 12 seconds left on the clock. The Holy Cross guy runs down the court, he is about slam the ball into the net, thus destroying WPI's hopes of winning, when ALL OF THE SUDDEN- WPI's entire Pep Band stands up, and BLASTS a B-flat diminished ninth chord. "What the ----?!" yells number 27, just as BZZZZ! The buzzer rings. Peals of laughter from the stands. Our president Keith stands up with his trumpet, beaming. Our school is victorious again, thanks to the Pep Band.

Yeah, sure, every now and then, we whip out our funny little yellow books, and our tubas, and crank "Beer Barrel Polka." And maybe every now and then, the low brass improvises their part. hmmm. There is no question about it though: the WPI Pep Band kicks assymptotical bifurcation. The unusual mixture of students is reason for this. That is to say: grad students, off-campus people, freshmen, non DAKA's, and rampus, and others who wouldn't normally get the chance to meet. Anyway, the next sentence is a total cliché, so don't get too grossed out: If you play an instrument or can fake it or especially if you have some good slanders we can use on the visiting teams, (bwah hah hah and if you need some quick gym credit) come to Alden Hall, the huge practice room at 4:30 (pm, duh) on Thursday.

## Philosopher's Circle

Hello and welcome to our very first club corner for the year. For those of you wondering who we are and what we do: the Philosopher's Circle is a group of students (undergrad and grad), faculty, and other members of the community who get together once a week to discuss abstract topics of general interest. We are a very informally structured organization (there are no dues) dedicated to the spread of ideas, opinions, and continuing discussion (or dialectic).

This last Wednesday we held our first meeting of the year at our usual meeting site, in the Lower Wedge at noon. The dialectic began as a discussion of a book being read by one of our members concerning the nature of scientific theory, and what science really meant; its relationship to society, and so on. As often happens, the discussion quickly shifted gears into an examination of morality and the significance of actions vs. the codes they are judged by. All present felt the discussion was fruitful, but again, as usually happens, we came away with more confusion than we went in with.

If you enjoy this sort of thing, you're welcome to attend any of our meetings, held Wednesdays, 12 noon, in the Lower Wedge. Bring a topic of your own, or join in whatever discussion we may come up with. Readings of general interest will be made available this year upon request - simply e-mail mikecap@wpi or paladin@wpi with your login name, and you will be added to our mailing list.

## Science Fiction Society

(Continuing last week's description of a typical SFS meeting, which was so rudely interrupted...)

6. Josh will become vitriolic about something, providing a few moments of entertainment.

7. Bill will prove that the Roman Empire fell because the citizens didn't pay their dues.

8. 7 1/2 minutes will be spent trying to figure out if anything else should be mentioned.

9. We may actually get around to mentioning that the SFS is involved in everything from roleplaying to scavenger hunts to movie nights to science fiction literature to fford to live roleplaying games to the downfall of western civilization.

10. Josh will say something about how amazingly funky the SFS library is, and he will be right.

11. I will remember approximately sixteen things that I'm too tired to include right now.

12. Bill will declare that the eighth deadly sin originally was not paying your dues, but it was later omitted because it didn't fit on the promotional T-shirt.

13. The meeting will end.

Actually, this isn't a realistic portrayal. In an actual meeting, the president wouldn't show up (traditional), Derek would start laughing hysterically at some joke and be incapacitated for the entire meeting, and Bill would be far less subtle about dues payments.

Come to our organized chaos session this Wednesday (Olin 218, 7pm)! Find out what the deal is with King Richard's Faire! Tell us what's missing from the SFS library! Find out what ffordFest is, and why it'll be an



GREEK CORNER

AXP

So, anyone for soccer?... Of course Roe will be playing, but I hope for his sake he remembers his equipment this time!

Let's start off the column by talking about events which until this point haven't happened yet...Our Bartles and James party kicked ass; New Jersey was invaded by Ski and his posse; Gerry enrolled into his classes (sorry, I'm talking about an event that will NEVER happen!)

But seriously, on with the article. Rush is just around the corner, so it's time to get geared up for: Inviting! Don and his committee have been very successful so far, especially when rewarded with pizza...Good job, Private Coumoyer! Expect a promotion real soon!

Possibly the highlight of the week: house meeting. Luke wrapped up yet another bonehead when he hand-delivered Sgt. York's out-going mail (unfortunately, he delivered it to Nate himself.) Also, Milhouse earned himself a fifty dollar fine when he maliciously threw down his much deserved award. Yes, Mike, we know how you tri-sexuals get easily offended, but do try to control your emotions! Except for a few minor things, the house renovations seem to be coming to an end. Remember, we gotta take care of this stuff for awhile, so we can get more in the future. Similarly, try not to dirty up the rugs around here, because Luke's dad isn't made of money...

Lastly, Kedz must be commended for his good timing. It seems that Rich's mom came looking for him, and Dog, hearing this called out: "Hey, Heiderbitch!" That's all for now. Please, please, please, "GO TO CLASS LUKE!"

ΑΓΔ

Well, back again and we're off to a booming start (oddly enough it's just one person). Congratulations to Jen Fossey for her engagement to Shane Hooker of TKE... HELLO! ENGAGEMENT.... But I knew this time.

Congratulations to all the Alpha Gams for being named a 5 Star Chapter, being chosen as outstanding chapter advisor at Convention this summer. Also, we were awarded 1st place in scholarship for women at WPI A, B, C, and D term as well as for the WPI International Scholarship Committee's award for a 3.0 or greater GPA A, C, and D terms. Great job everyone!

Thanks to Jen Healy, Angela, Andre, for all their work on the Alumni BBQ, Christine Rauh for all her work on the BBQ, the flowers and cards,

Lexie and Ange for our new and improved, "Oh my God, it's beautiful" chapterroom, and Annabella for all the help she gave to Christine! Thanks to Jen Fossey for filling in for Kari while she is away.

Hello goes out to Haley Travis as she's transferred to RISD. Good luck and we'll miss you.

In closing, I would just like to point out the fact of who remained around the table. By the way, Toni, how was supper Thursday night?

ΑΤΩ

Welcome back upperclassmen and welcome to the freshman. First things first, congratulations goes out to Troy who pinned his girlfriend Sue Anne, good luck!

Well, we're back from summer and some things haven't changed. Tapley didn't wait long to take his first digger. Did you ever get that key out you broke off with your head. Gummy and Teno still have tow of the biggest guts I have ever seen since Chunky lost the pounds. Good job PV. Ethan still manages to get out of very work party. Good job sloth. Some things have changed. Has anyone seen Kervin's styling, new dew. Speaking of hair, any guesses on the last time Dawson or Boucher have had a haircut. What happened, did you barber die? We've got a new addition to the house. You think we would have learned after Gummy, you feed something once and it never leaves.

But seriously, George has had a big impact and was honored by having our first party named after him. It went rather well I thought. Teno and Ethan became better friends. Mitch showed us his best impression of the Italian Stallion. Just

when you thought his head couldn't get any bigger. Incidentally, I will be charging \$50/hour to any more AGD's who need counseling and stay away from the testubes. Better yet, just stay away from PK and you'll be fine. Thanks goes out to all you girls who showed up last Tuesday, all 8 of you. In the memory of Jeff Cohen who is in England, I will keep Jeopardy alive.

Final Jeopardy Answer: "This carrothead starred in the last ping-pong shootout, to bad he doesn't know when losing is better than winning."

ΔΦΕ

Welcome back, everyone... and welcome to all new students. Good luck to everyone (I know I'll need it, if you don't!)

I hope everyone had a good summer. At least I made it back alive and not injured (knock out

wood). Gaill, how was France? I'm so jealous, I wish I could have gone back! Any guesses yet on how many frequent traveler's miles Donna accumulated this summer? Or how much time Maria spent with Jim?

Happy belated birthdays to all those Cancers and Leos that we missed this summer. Thanx for me tiGGER shirt, big sis'... I love it! Any bithdays this month? Keep me posted. I just have to stick in a "hi" to jab...

Anyone tape Christian Slater on the MTV VMAs last light? I'm looking for one... Well, this is my first article of the year, so I'm off to a good start. They should seem more interesting as I get the hang of this. Any suggestions are welcome... TTFN!

ΑΧΑ

What's up? I finally got around to writing our first Greek Corner article for the 93-94 school year. If any of you don't like it, tough luck. I hope that everybody had a great Labor Day weekend because I didn't. I had to drive all weekend and by the way, for those of you who went on that fabulous water skiing trip, I finally got my break lights fixed when you thought his head couldn't get any bigger. Incidentally, I will be charging \$50 dollars/hour to any more AGD's who need counseling and stay away from the testubes. Better yet, just stay away from PK and you'll be fine. Thanks goes out to all you girls who showed up last Tuesday, all of 8 of you. In the memory of Jeff Cohen who is in England, I will keep Jeopardy alive.

Hey! We have a house. For those of you who have not been there yet, it is at 16 Elbridge Street. Hopefully, we can find a permanent house by next year. Just one year too late for all the Seniors as Anderson pointed out.

Congratulations go to Chad Schools for becoming an AM and also for becoming a Battalion Commander (very impressive). Next time we have an AM ceremony we should make sure that the candidate is not at the movies.

Thanks to Periera, NASA screwed up the Mars mission and the Titan rocket. Great job, Mike! If any of you are interested, he will be giving his MQP presentation on September 15.

Our first annual retreat is this Saturday. It should be a lot of fun. Is there a location for it yet? and Does anybody know when it starts? When the answers to these questions are found could somebody tell the rest of us? That's it for now. See you all later tonight at the Ed session.

ΦΣΣ

Hey Phi Sig Sigs!

I knew you guys wouldn't let me down when I asked you to tear up this campus! Thanks go out to ATO and Sig Ep for throwing great parties a couple of weeks ago. I'm sure most of you found out (as I did) that a good beer shower really does condition your hair! Happy belated birthday to Heidi Huggett (you celebrated this one in style-good thing it only comes once a year!), Amanda Huang, and Kim Schofield. Also, congrats to Sue Tarallo for being named WPI's NCAA Woman of the year! Thanks go out to Dope for mopping up last week when the pretty house was submerged in 60 gallons of sewage (ever look into a career in Custodial Arts?). Also, our prayers go out to D's mom- we all hope she gets well soon.

In the personals this week:

- Diana: Old Ironside finally got seasick, eh?
- Theresa: You can't let your residents see you like that!
- Dwalin: Thanks for showing us that practically whole pears can be spewed out of your nose!
- Dope: Tell Andrea I said hi. You don't even look Armenian!
- Sarah M: Pomice? I hear that mashed chick peas are very therapeutic!
- Moose: Thanks for the empties, my forehead hurts!

Finally, special hellos to Guinea, Waz, Gayle, Pork Fried, Guam, Jocelyn, and Jen Charland.  
LITP

ΣΠ

Friends, Brothers, and social misfits... Welcome back to Hell. During your break, the summer crew at the Pi was very busy. The afternoon rumble of motorcycles, the blaring base from Mather's room, and the distant love cries of Margaret were all familiar sounds. We were also blessed with frequent visits from WPI police several times a day. We're all very proud of our men and women in uniform, and we like to initiate the Hug-A-Cop program. Next time you see a cop, don't be afraid to hug him and tell him you love him.

We must thank Billy Bigelow for a very nice clambake. We all had a really good time. It was fulfilled evening of scorpion bowling and little girls. Only slightly illegal, but fun none the less. Brady's 4th of July party was Big Fun. Joey and Beal had a very satisfying time. You might want to check the pH balance of the pool, though.

On a sadder note, we say goodbye to a good friend we made this summer. Buttafouco the Cat wandered into our care and enjoyed the finer

things in life for several weeks. Unfortunately she used up all nine of her lives, but she will live on in the hearts of many, and probably on the dinner plates of many.

Our new cook has been working magic in the kitchen. With a balanced diet of Lamb Fries you should all be seeing a much healthier Brotherhood. I hear he makes a mean dish of raw gerbils. Would you like some salt with that Fred?

Now that the Pi house is back in session, love is once again in the air...and in the lounge, and on the roof. The ladies have welcomed Wiebe and Hal back to the house as they introduced two new characters to the Sig Pi Sitcom. Let's give a warm welcome to Wiebe's "Monkey Girl" and Hal's "Nympho Love Slave". Squirrel in on the prowl as the annual mating season has begun. And lastly, the date has not been yet, but you are all invited to the pinning ceremony for Nate and Michelle. Jimmy would be happy for the both of you. Congrats to you and to all the guys with Co-Ops jobs: Brady, Colin, Toohey, and McGowan...oops, sorry!

NOTE: Mather will now be referred to as either "Hershel" or "The Hersh Brother". And lets not forget, RUSH, RUSH, RUSH.

Later, The Pi Guys

TKE

Another week has gone by and the Super Nintendo is still in my room. I'm still searching for alternative places to do work since none can get done with 10 people playing Street Fighter. Matt, bring it home!

Fire Marshall Nugget gave his first lesson on stopping last week, bringing an end to his nearly year-long string of bad jokes in the Deadbolt tradition. Next week we'll be working on dropping and rolling.

G-spot's shirt can kill Noonan's any day of the week. And you hat is lame, too.

Reminder: Bring your keys when you drive 45 minutes to get home, or else your neighbors may try to shoot you as you break in. Self-taunting is easy, Zippo taunting is hell. Oh yeah, after 3 years, Zippo's back on the market, look out ladies!

I want to thank Ellen Servetnick, our new Greek Advisor, for inviting us to her welcoming reception last Thursday afternoon. It's always a good idea to get the different houses together and meet each other.

Over what has been called One Crazy Summer, it's been confirmed that the following guys pinned their girlfriends: Chuck McTague, Jeff McNeal, Todd Goyette. Getting married are alumnus Ricky Maguire and young whippersnapper Shane Hooker. The status of a few other people's rings/pins is still up in the air, so we'll wait for next week. TKE is improving our image this year, everyone seems to be either pinning their girlfriends, getting married, or buying cool cars.

Angelo, congrats on your graduation, you civil.

ΘΧ

Welcome back brothers and anyone else who is bored enough to read this article.

The first week has gone smoothly if you can live without cable and solid food, and if you can stomach Schmidt's Light. A new class is here in the house and you wouldn't know that Steve Vassallo and Dinga have graduated. Our first party is coming up on September 10th and for the first time in four years Skippy won't be there to puke on anybody. Rush starts September 20th and for the first time in six years, Smitty won't be here to recruit workers.

There is also a new wave of brothers who have been released from the clutches of their girlfriends. Both Breda and Breen, two lifers, have been paroled after 6 years of hard labor. Look out world, the swingers have arrived. It also seems that Point Breeze is the place to be this term. Can any of you guys say "jailbait"? I knew that you could.

I hope that everyone's summer was good. Whether you were in the bucket business, the burger business (I flipped 24,000 burgers by the way), or if you just surfed with a bandanna, it couldn't be nearly as bad as PQP. Well, there's nothing left to say except that it's only the second week of school and I already miss Oompa.

ZΨ

AIIIIII Aboooooard!!! Attention everyone: Large bearded couch slugs have been sighted lurking in the shadows. Yum Yum! Paste! Yum! Don't TOUCH the bar!!! Did somebody say "bread"? Bid high or I'll beat you with this piece of wood. Yeah Lucas, your beef stew might have been God-like... How come everytime I see Ben he looks like he just took a shower? Don't forget to stop by Nick's room to see his crazy 3D picture and his collection of vomit. The only house I know where there's been noise complaints about belt-sanders at 3 a.m. ...and finally, it doesn't look good for the S.S. DiSalvio. It has been put into dry dock indefinitely. But if anybody has an extra alternator it would be greatly appreciated. Oh, and Spirit's moving into his new room on Tuesday, walls or no walls. Later... -Chops.

**Student Government  
Association  
Elections**

**Senator Positions  
Available**

**InfoNite at Gompies  
Sept. 13 at 8:00pm  
and  
Sept. 16 at 4:30pm**

**Elections are the week of  
Oct. 4th**

*Please attend one InfoNite  
to pick up an election petition*



ENTERTAINMENT

# TOP TEN MOST CLUELESS PEOPLE ON EARTH

- 10. Rainforest chainsaw operator.
- 9. Millionaires in prison.
- 8. Drivers with turn signal perpetually on.
- 7. Las Vegas lounge acts.
- 6. Unregistered voters.
- 5. Frozen dinner enthusiasts.
- 4. Javelin catcher.
- 3. Someone in express checkout line with eleven items.
- 2. Chain-smoking gas station attendant.
- 1. Drug users.

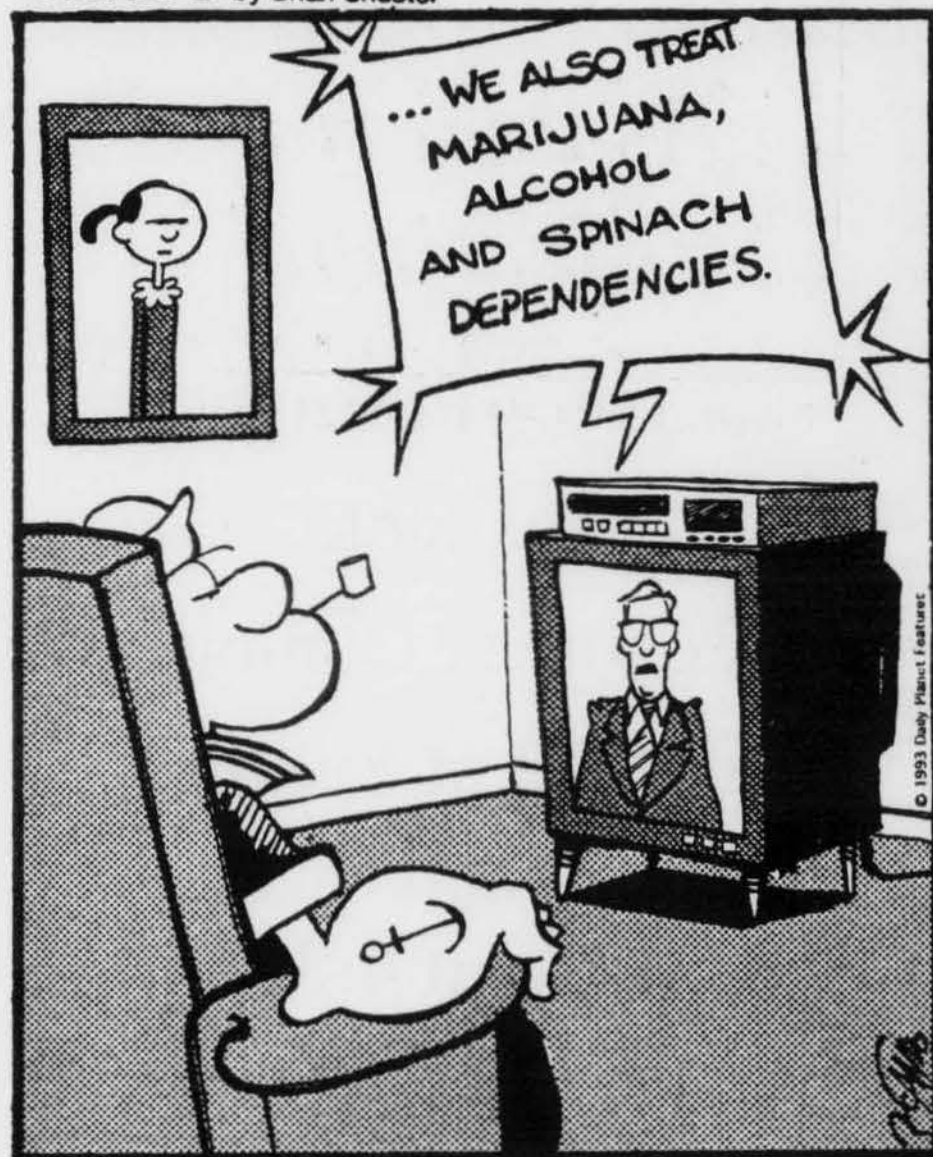
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"Well sure he wobbles around a lot, but my money says that that boy just won't fall down."

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The water-balloon toss at the 'Father-Maggot Picnic'





CLASSIFIEDS

"I'M HUGE!" - Founders 107

Hey you Klingon Bastard

Itchy and the Lepers  
C.C.

Bill - Happy Anniversary!?  
Has it really been a YEAR?  
Better you than us!!

- Love, The old Riley 4th.

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Dennis, Jason -  
"Daka Does a Body Good"

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Allow only 30 characters per line

ENTERTAINMENT

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Electric Insiders

By Andrew Watts

Welcome to the fifth installment (the second for the Newspeak) of Electric Insiders, where electronic entertainment of today is reviewed to see whether it is worth it or not to get it for your computer or video game system. It's a term now, so that means that most of you have dragged yourselves from summer jobs to good old (HA! HA!) WPI. There is a new batch of games to be reviewed, so let's begin the year with a new look to an older game.

- x - junk
- \* - mediocre
- \*1/2 - fair
- \*\* - good
- \*\*1/2 - fine
- \*\*\* - very good
- \*\*\*1/2 - exceptional
- \*\*\*\* - excellent
- \*\*\*\*1/2 - outstanding
- \*\*\*\*\* - revolutionary

Pirates Gold!  
Micropose @1993  
Requires:  
IBM-PC 386 or 486, VGA/SVGA, 20MB  
Hard Drive Space, 4MB RAM,  
Sound Board Recommended.  
\$65-\$70 Retail (Can be found for \$50-60)  
\*\*\*\*

Avast, me hearties! Welcome to the Spanish Main! It is the sixteenth - seventeenth centuries and the scourges of the sea have come at last. No one is safe now, and least of all, the spanish treasures that sail their way into the ports. Friend, you can hoist your nations colors with pride, or renege and join the enemy in order to advance your position. Capture the legendary vessels of the seas, the Frigate, and the Galleon. Intercept the Silver Train or the Treasure Fleet at Spanish ports! Capture vessels, gain rank, and even win the heart of the governor's lovely daughter. You will eventually find out about your family, and perhaps, even greater treasure than can ever be dreamed of. But don't count yer booty, till you divide yer plunder. Stand fast mate! A pirate barque is closing behind us!  
Get ready to fight!

This is an excellent rendition of the old Pirates! game from several years back. The sound effects and graphics are superb. It can get somewhat repetitive and the game is not necessarily new, so the only surprises that people who have played Pirates! before is the crisp new graphics and smoother mouse and click system. The game was good before and with these new improvements has earned high marks of excellence.

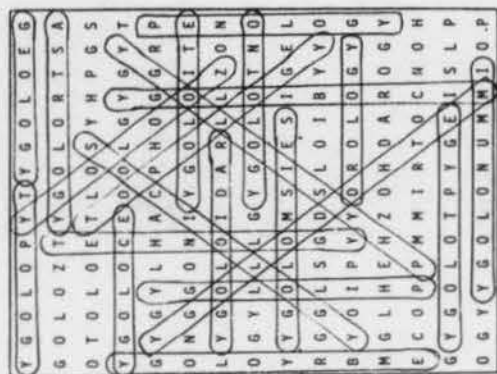
That's all for this week.

collegiate camouflage

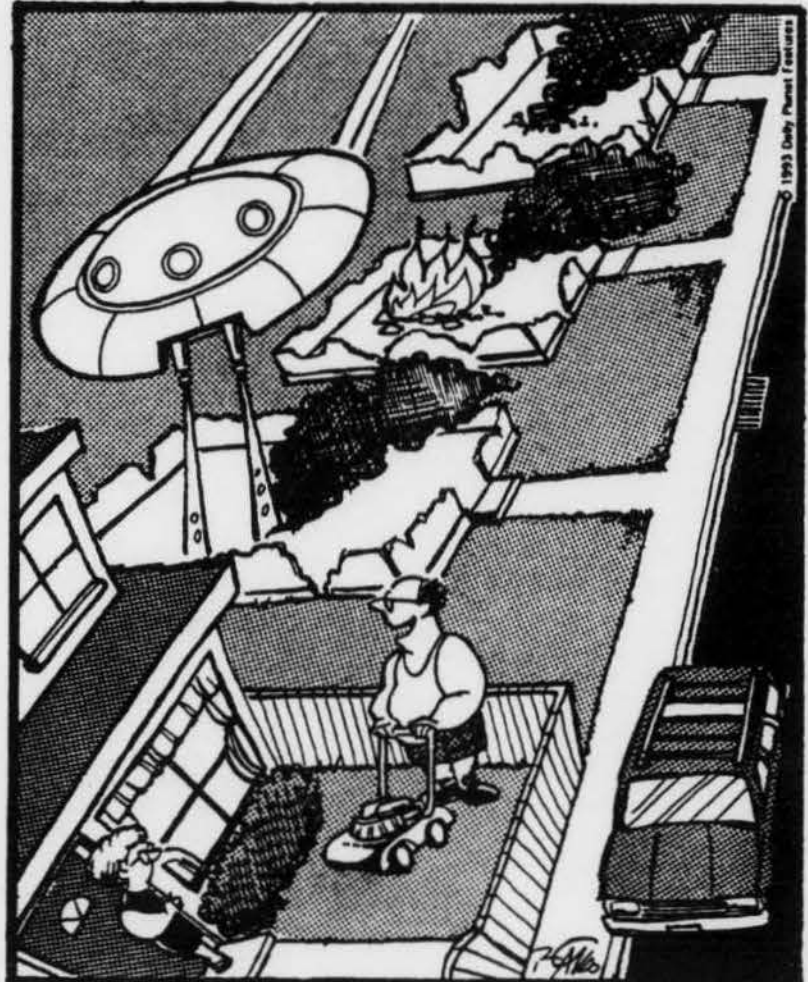
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Can you find the hidden OLOGY's?

- ASTROLOGY
- ECOLOGY
- EGYPTOLOGY
- EMBRYOLOGY
- ETIOLOGY
- GEOLOGY
- IMMUNOLOGY
- METHODOLOGY
- MICROBIOLOGY
- ONTOLOGY
- OROLOGY
- PENOLOGY
- PHILOLOGY
- PHYSIOLOGY
- RADIOLOGY
- SEISMOLOGY
- SOCIOLOGY
- TECHNOLOGY
- TOPOLOGY
- TYOLOGY
- ZOOLOGY



CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Hey Marge, take a look at what just happened to the Havachecks next-door. Ha! Guess we won't have to worry 'bout that loud music no more."



# What's Happening

## Wednesday, September 8, 1993

\* First day of classes for semester courses and graduate courses.

12:00pm - Perreault Hall, Fuller Labs - Mandatory meeting for all students completing their degree requirements from Oct 93 - July 94 who did not attend the 7:00 meeting on Tuesday. CDC recruiting orientation.

6:30pm - Student Pugwash Info Meeting, Social Science Meeting Room, Atwater Kent 126.

All day in wedge - skates and sneakers for sale

## Thursday, September 9, 1993

7:30 pm - Alpha Phi Omega Co-ed National Service Fraternity Info meeting. Lower Wedge.

All day in Wedge - craft sale

Sept 9 - 12 Foothills Theatre presents Nonsense Thurs, Fri 8pm, Sat. 5 and 9 pm, Sun 2 and 7 pm. Student Rush Tickets available 15 minutes before show for \$7.

## Friday, September 10, 1993

11am to 6pm - UMASS Medical Center - 3rd International Festival Features ethnic food, arts, crafts, music, and dance. For info. call Shirley Coe at 856 - 5033.

6 to 10pm - College Fest at Worcester Art Museum - Entertainment, food, giveaways. \$3 with button, \$5 at door, 55 Salisbury St. Worcester.

## Saturday, September 11, 1993

7:00 to 11:00pm - College Fest at National Guard Armory on Salisbury St. Live Bands, free food, drink, giveaways. \$3 with button, \$5 at door.

10am to 3:00pm - Tufts Veterinary School Open House - Call 839-5395. See horses gallop on treadmills, see iguanas and other exotic animals.

## Sunday, September 12, 1993

6:30pm and 9:30pm - Film: "Falling Down" Perreault Hall, Fuller Labs, \$2.

## Monday, September 13, 1993

7:00pm - Worcester State College: Live comedy/game show - Student Center - Free.

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### The Society Of Pershing Rifles

Well, we had our first meeting last Wednesday and quite a few members showed up...but not all of you! Those of you who were not there know who you are, so you better show up this week. There were a lot of perspective members there as well, so we will have a decent sized pledge class this semester.

Neophytes! Finish up on that pledge project, it should be done NOW! Also, this last Sunday we were color guard at the Miss Athena pageant. I hope we did a good job, but we needed a lot more people than we had when I wrote this (I hope that made sense).

Additionally, this semester we are really going to start cracking down on members who skip meetings. Everyone must show up, it benefits you, and otherwise we would miss your glowing presence. Also, we want those dues paid in full for the year...those of you who pay up now will only have to pay \$35 for the year instead of \$40. For those of you who are mathematically declined, that is a savings of FIVE dollars!! Now is that a deal or what?? So bring your checkbooks to the next meeting.

We have a great year planned for all of you...paintball and Operation Daring Plunge this month, 9mm qualification in November, and much much more (including our ALL IMPORTANT fund raisers). Remember, the meetings will be Wednesday after MSI's and II's lab until October, then they will be on Thursday after the MSIII lab.

Well, that's it for the this week. Look for your newsletter within the next week. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Bring your friends!! Those of you who signed up to help with the Girl Scouts .... see you then!

### Student Alumni Society

Welcome back to WPI! I hope everyone had a great summer. Pat has arrived safely from New Mexico via Ohio and our delegation to the National Student Alumni Association Conference at Ohio State came back with lots of wonderful ideas for the upcoming year. Don't forget Homecoming is right around the corner in October, and there's work to be done! We've got exciting ideas for reviving old WPI traditions and a few surprises in store!

For those of you not familiar with SAS, we're a student organization comprised of undergraduates from all classes who share an interest in WPI and continuing it's traditions. SAS meets on a fairly regular basis to discuss current projects and generate new ideas. We work on Community Service projects in Worcester County Alumni and sponsor events like Traditions Day, Survival Kits, and several events at Homecoming.

Which brings me to the point: there is a General Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 9, at 7:00pm in Morgan C. We hope to see all returning members there and would like to invite those who are sincerely interested in the Student Alumni Society to attend. Come join one of the best groups on campus!

### Wedgerats of WPI

Hello once again. I hope everyone is settled in and sailing through their classes by now. There's probably a number of people hung over right now, after that weekend. Into the third week already, time really flies with these seven week terms. Especially if you need more time. For those who haven't seen them, there's a great poster cart in the middle of the Greendale Mall. (Contrary to what some may say, it IS within walking distance. Hell, White City is within walking distance.. so what if it takes an hour? It's good exercise..) They have the computer generated, 3-D effect posters. If you can get yourself to see the image, it's incredible! A couple of young guys from Texas (I hope I'm recalling this right...) came up with it. One artist and a hacker, and now they're set for life. Great stuff. Oh, I noticed that Newspeak left one of the best eateries on Highland Street off of their introductory map; Tech Pizza. Tech is a nice place, good food and decent prices. And Paul, the owner, is a fantastic guy. He's good at remembering regulars, last year we could make delivery orders without leaving our name or address; he remembered our voices and all the info. Also, Tech was voted best Pizza in last years Newspeak poll. Try it if you haven't already. The freshman class seems to be fairly active, there has been good turn out at club meetings and I see them running around all the time. That's cool, college is much more than just classes. You've got to get out and have some fun when you can. The work gets harder as you go on, so enjoy the time you have. Well, I've rambled enough... Hail Eris! - MegaZone

### Society of Women Engineers

Hello all. It was great to see such a large turnout at our meeting last Wednesday. And it was great to see the guys there. We hope to see all of you and more at our next meeting on the sixth of October, same time (7:00), same place (SL011). For all of you who were there, you will get reminders in your boxes before the meeting. Those that could not attend and would like more information about SWE, you can either call Susan Bullock, our President, at 791-0811, or sent e-mail to SWE@wpi, or attend our next meeting. People with applications should send them along with a check for \$15 to Jeanne Sawtelle Box 2924, or to any other officer.

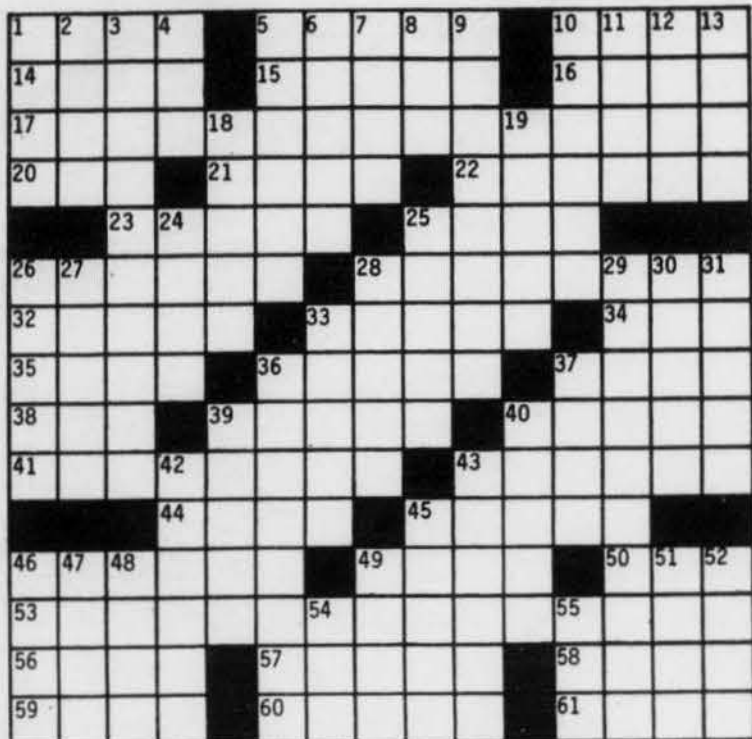
Don't forget about Career Day on September 23, and also about the Girl Scout Badge Day on September 25. Susan will contact you if you signed up to help with that.

Ok. now for the winners of our raffle:

- 2 Hewlett Packard Calculators - Anthony Gullon and George Hanlon
- \$10 Boomer's Gift Certificate - Terri-ann Kelly
- \$10 Theo's Gift Certificate - Albert Glenn
- Friendly's Gift Certificate - Sandy Charette
- 2 Stone and Webster waistpacks - Jim Demitry and Theo Pantan
- Wayne State University Mug - Ron Maeon
- T-Shirt - Cori Lanoya
- Betz can cooler - Rollin Crittendon
- Rockwell Frisbee - Brian Kuzara

## ENTERTAINMENT

# collegiate crossword



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### ACROSS

- 1 Shave off
- 5 Miss Bara
- 10 Pretense
- 14 — Steven
- 15 Desert spot
- 16 Wife of Zeus
- 17 Movie musical (4 wds.)
- 20 Peculiar
- 21 To laugh: Fr.
- 22 — play
- 23 Well-known magazine
- 25 Type of silk
- 26 Fraternity initiation
- 28 Metal restrainers
- 32 Fairies
- 33 Kills
- 34 Beer
- 35 Bert Lahr role
- 36 Eschews
- 37 Competent
- 38 French coin
- 39 — and a prayer
- 40 Bent
- 41 Young bird
- 43 Sings like Crosby
- 44 Pro football team

- 45 Sci-fi thriller
- 46 Plays a guitar
- 49 Soft drinks
- 50 Onassis, for short
- 53 Movie musical (4 wds.)
- 56 — of Eden
- 57 Bungling
- 58 Treaty group
- 59 Intellectual powers
- 60 Omar's output
- 61 Vigor

### DOWN

- 1 Mazatlan money
- 2 Enthusiastic
- 3 Romantic meeting
- 4 Famous Siamese twin
- 5 Changing the sound quality
- 6 Hirsute
- 7 Anglo-Saxon slave
- 8 Surnamed: Fr.
- 9 Receptacles for smokers
- 10 Dwindle
- 11 Pile
- 12 Seed covering
- 13 Part of a horse
- 18 Golf clubs
- 19 Seavared, et al.
- 24 Tres —
- 25 Brother of 4-Down
- 26 Miss Reddy
- 27 Mrs. Kramden
- 28 Hurler
- 29 Formed by the lips and the nose
- 30 Actress Vera—
- 31 Ovules
- 33 Leg parts
- 36 Bikini
- 37 Bitter drug
- 39 "Remember the —"
- 40 Optical device
- 42 Has faith in
- 43 Kirk Douglas features
- 45 Take into one's family
- 46 Worry
- 47 Siamese
- 48 Repose
- 49 Gulf of —
- 51 Miss Hayworth
- 52 Religious image
- 54 Compass point
- 55 French number

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