

CAP to Re-submit Grading Policy Change

— Mechanics, History of Plan Debate

by Mark Skinner
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At their December 13 meeting, the Committee on Academic Policy voted to recommend a change in WPI's grading policy. The new policy would replace the current AD, AC, NR system with a system based on A, B, C, NR and grading on the Competency Examination with a Pass/Fail system.

With the elimination of the "AD" grade on the Comp, a change in the honors/high honors requirements would also need to be made. CAP has recommended that coursework be used to make this determination. The following requirements would be used.

- 1) An "A" (or AD) grade on the MQP.
- 2) An "A" (or AD) grade on the IQP.
- 3) An "A" (or AD) grade on the Sufficiency.
- 4) Five units of "A" (or AD) coursework not including the IQP, MQP, or Sufficiency.

Three of these requirements would be required for honors; four would be required for high honors.

If the new policy is accepted by the faculty, the students now enrolled at WPI would be given one chance (before A-term, 1985) to

choose between the AD, AC, NR system and the A, B, C, NR system. The policies on honors determination and Comp grading would be mandatory.

Last D-term CAP presented their recommendations for grading and comprehensive exam policy changes at a faculty meeting. Enough faculty felt that lack of thorough debate and analysis on the merits of changing the grading policy warranted tabling the decision until CAP had reviewed all the alternatives available. On February 7 CAP is scheduled to present their recommendations to the faculty for discussion and a vote at a subsequent meeting.

CAP has focused most of their attention this fall on the question "How could the grading policy of WPI be made more effective?" The meaning of "effective" has been open to subjective interpretation and could mean anything from providing greater fairness in the evaluation of students to improving graduates' chances for success in job searches.

The debate within CAP this fall has been heated, reflecting the intensity with which members wished to make their differing points understood.

The origin of this debate goes back to the early 1970s when the Plan was originally conceived and written. Two grading policy factions existed, the traditionalists, who favored A, B, C, D, F, and the non-traditionalists, who liked Pass/Fail. The system we have today was eventually reached as a compromise, and although neither side was completely satisfied with the outcome, both could point with pride to the undeniable quality and uniqueness of the Plan.

The issue lay dormant until 1982 when the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) surveyed the entire WPI educational curriculum. While demanding that WPI institute changes such that the worst-case student still fulfills all their basic requirements, ABET had no criticisms of the grading policy. Reviewing ABET's suggestions for altering certain portions of the Plan provided a good opportunity to critically evaluate certain other portions of the Plan, including the grading policy. This evaluation task was turned over to CAP by the faculty in the 1982-83 school year.

CAP (the committee on Academic Policy) is a ten-member group comprised of six faculty-

at-large, two student representatives, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Faculty. According to the Constitution of the Faculty it is CAP's responsibility to review and recommend improvements for various aspects of academic policy at WPI, including admissions policy and educational goals. When completed, these recommendations are to be submitted to the faculty at their meetings, when debate and discussion by the faculty (and students) on the proposed change occurs.

After the debate the faculty votes to accept, reject, or amend in some fashion the CAP proposal.

While not the sole mechanism by which proposals for academic change can be made (any faculty member can propose improvements on the meeting floor), CAP proposals carry the connotation of having been rationally deduced and thoroughly researched by a nucleus of concerned, considering, varying points of view. While quick faculty endorsement is never guaranteed because of the diversity of faculty viewpoints, CAP strives to propose recommendations that are ideologically sound.

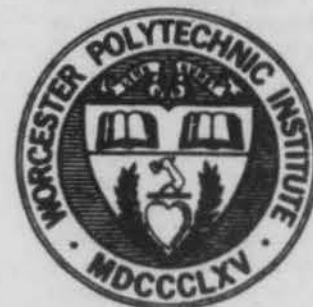
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D.O.S. New Rules Aimed at Erasing Problems, Not Frats or Parties

by Dean Janet Richardson

"I talked to so many people last night and I didn't meet anybody from WPI," says Worcester State College junior Jackie Kizer, who had spent her weekend partying at a fraternity.

This is but one quote which appeared in a

Office announced new policies for fraternity parties, policies which put an end to the "open party" of the past and eliminate weeknight parties altogether. According to Dean Bernie Brown, this action was taken in response to the following problems:

1. Lack of enforcement of and account-

4. Attendance of large numbers of underage students (especially Becker women) and other non-WPI female students.

5. Increased amount of damage to the fraternities.

6. Increased incidence of alcohol-related abuses.

It is our hope that students will realize that controlled parties can occur at WPI and be even more enjoyable than the open parties of the past. With the cooperation of the entire campus community the problems of the past can be eliminated. Fraternities and sororities have made many positive contri-



Dean Janet Begin-Richardson: "It is our hope that . . . we can begin to eliminate non-constructive behavior from the Greek system." — File Photo.



Dean Bernard H. Brown: "It is very important . . . that we all work together to bring about needed changes . . ." — File Photo.

recent Worcester Magazine article about partying in the Worcester area. Clearly the WPI fraternities have become the Mecca for students from many area schools looking for something to do weeknights and weekends. Unfortunately, this has caused many problems.

On January 1, the Dean of Students

ability to the existing IFC "closed party" regulations by fraternities and sororities.

2. Continued complaints from WPI neighbors concerning noise, damage, and alcohol.

3. An alarming number of assaults at fraternities involving fraternity members, other WPI students, and/or community members.

Dean Bernie Brown and I have sponsored meetings with concerned WPI community members, the Alumni Interfraternity Council and the fraternity and sorority leadership to express the concerns of the Office of the Dean of Students over the current status of the Fraternity/Sorority System at WPI and to discuss avenues for change.

Contributions to WPI and the Worcester Community.

The ensuing months will be an important time for the Greek system. Positive change will require pulling together and working toward the common goal of enhancing the image of the fraternities and sororities. This

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EDITORIALS

George Orwell Missed by a Year

One year ago *Newspeak* was entering the year which was the setting of the novel 1984, from which its title was partially drawn. The year 1984 also heralded the onset of discussions of the novel's predictions of a totalitarian society. By the end of the year, though, people were almost haughtily pointing out that it hadn't happened — and anyway it could never happen in America, the greatest country on Earth.

But as we enter 1985, a new sort of unpleasantness looms. A definite change is taking place in the ideas American society holds about violence, and 1985 may turn out to be a watershed year.

Taking their cue, perhaps, from the I.R.A. bombings in Great Britain, some opponents of legalized abortion are bombing abortion clinics in the U.S. in an attempt to enforce their views. They appear, it is sad to say, to be succeeding; although they do not wish to submit to terrorism, administrators of abortion facilities have been shutting their doors to prevent harm from coming to their clients and employees. It is hard to criticize the administrators for their decision, but it would seem that the violence is achieving its goals. And the public outcry has been quite small compared to the outrage which has followed other endangerments of human life — even incidents like the Three Mile Island accident, where there was no intention to kill or injure.

Violence is everywhere. In a modern-day metaphor for frontier justice or some other might-makes-right social structure, Bernhard Goetz, an ordinary citizen with no police power, shot four youths who accosted him on a subway train. He did not merely draw the gun in an effort to deter them; the youths ran as soon as they saw the gun and Goetz had to shoot one or two of them in the back in order to shoot them before they could run for their lives. Goetz wanted to kill, and he later said that he would have scratched out their eyes with his car keys if

he hadn't run out of bullets. He also said he wished he had killed them instead of just wounding them. This speaks not of a levelheaded attempt at self-protection but rather of an imbalanced individual taking his version of the law into his own hands.

But before we dismiss these incidents as the actions of lunatics (the abortion people commit murder of clinic clients in order to prevent what they see as the murder of the unborn child — the logic behind that is twisted and insane), let us consider: the outraged reaction to the clinic bombings was very small compared to the fevered outpouring of enthusiastic support which the subway vigilante experienced. He was praised and offered the money for his bail by many people and concerns, including the Guardian Angels. He was compared with popular movie characters who lived by violence and it was even suggested that he run for President. The most recent reward came over the weekend when a grand jury found that there was insufficient evidence to charge Goetz with attempted murder and instead indicted him on lesser weapons charges.

People are saying through their silence that it is okay to blow up your fellow citizens if their opinions do not square with yours and the judicial system is setting a precedent which says that it is acceptable to shoot people who bother you. Society, or at least some of its members, have decided to accept individuals' enforcing their opinions through violence. This is not the way democracy works; indeed, it is decidedly and dangerously un-democratic, and antisocial.

Our rights are being discarded for the sake of expediency — witness the recent court ruling that high school students may be searched by their teachers almost at will — and we appear content to let it happen. Indeed, in the Goetz case, we are applauding it. That is the way totalitarianism gets started. It seems we are taking a giant step toward 1984's totalitarianism, 1985 style.

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LETTERS

Math Dept. Head Advises Calc IV before Diffy Q's

To the Editor:

Recently the Mathematical Sciences Department completed a survey of last year's freshmen who took some calculus and also the Differential Equations course MA 2051. I thought the results might be interesting to the WPI student body.

For years the policy of the Math Department has been that students should take Calculus IV, MA 1014, before Differential Equations, MA 2051, unless there are compelling reasons for doing otherwise.

The survey of last year's freshmen showed the failure rate in MA 2051 for those who had taken and passed MA 1014 was 9% (10 out of 115). However, for those who had not taken and passed MA 1014, the failure rate was 20% (75

out of 377). These failure rates were tabulated from the classes of five instructors over a period of four terms.

For students who entered with advanced placement in math, the results are even more ominous, 5% failure with MA 1014; 24% without MA 1014.

These figures lead me to the opinion that the material in MA 1014 and the extra mathematical skills obtained therein are very valuable to students in MA 2051, Differential Equations. I feel a student is ill-advised to take MA 2051 without the background provided by MA 1014, Calculus IV.

— Bruce C. McQuarrie
Professor and Chair
Mathematical Sciences

Change Better than Loss of Frats

To the Editor:

After observing some brothers of one WPI fraternity (which shall remain nameless) acting true to form I feel compelled to write this letter. Let me preface it by saying first that I understand the meaning of fraternities because I belong to a women's fraternity at WPI. I know firsthand that a fraternity enables one to meet new people, to enjoy the friendships of many brothers/sisters and to gain a sense of belonging. I also know that traditions are an important factor. As we see pledge period drawing to a close many of us see the noose drawing tighter around the traditions and are beginning to feel choked by the rules and regulations set forth by the Office of Residential Life. Before we all complain too loudly, remember that some schools have eliminated fraternities altogether.

Belonging to a fraternity is a privilege, not a right, and this privilege should not infringe on the rights of others. These others include the neighbor who has the right to a peaceful

Saturday night's sleep, the independent who has a right to eat at Daka without having to listen to a string of four-letter obscenities, and WPI which has the right to maintain its reputation as an outstanding academic institution. It's time that the members of each fraternity and the Greek system in general begin to acknowledge these rights and act accordingly. When you wear your letters you not only represent your fraternity but you represent the whole Greek system and WPI. We are sitting on a keg of dynamite and everyone is waiting to see who will create the first spark. It won't take much — just one fraternity and the whole system could be ruined.

Traditions are hard to break but losing some freedoms by following new rules and behaving responsibly is definitely better than losing all fraternities. Think before you act!!! Fraternities are invaluable but are not immortal.

— Karen Berka, 1986

COMMENTARY

The Poison Pen:

On Registration

by Jody Bobbitt

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the week-long wait of an engineer
In January of eighty-five
Barely a soul could scarce survive
The fiasco of the year.

One said to his friend, "If they hadn't bought
This time-wasting system, they could have sought
A much better way
To handle the fray
'Cause it's not working as they all thought."
Meanwhile, the lines through alley and street
The cramp of arms and the stamp of feet
The frustrated chose
While those outside froze
And dreamt of warm cocoa and heat.

Meanwhile, impatient to switch and change
Waiting to cancel and rearrange
They waste the whole day
Just waiting away
... The whole affair seemed rather strange.

Many aims there, it seemed, just barely missed
Exiled again to the long waiting list
They surged forth in masses
For their chosen classes
— Most screaming and shaking a fist.

The students still mourn their losses yet
Lost time, lost hopes they'll not forget
It will, so I hear
Improve later this year
D-term comes up soon ... care to bet?

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Out Of Turn:

On Sighting the Light at the End of the Tunnel

by David F. Wall
Newspeak Staff

Hello, gentle readers, welcome to WPI C-term. The big story: Wall takes his Comp. Member of board enters clad in black robe. Bearing cleverly constructed paper axe. Ha Ha. The outcome? Wall passes. Heavy sigh.

I've been waiting three and a half years to write those two words. Wall passes. Those three weeks immediately after Christmas were the longest three weeks of my life, concluding in the longest hour of my life, but I made it out alive. It'll be a long time before that becomes a pleasant memory (if it ever does), but since people are always wondering what it is to take a Comp, I think I'll say something about it, and if it quells a fear or two, then it's worth it.

The point uppermost in my mind is realizing that the three people who sit on a Comp board want to know what you know. The oral is the common element in every department's Comp, and is noted for being the one that scares students white. My only advice is what I tried that Wednesday morning: don't think about it as an oral exam. My device was to pretend that the three professors were just meeting me to talk shop for an hour. It is very difficult and very unwise to take a cavalier attitude about an oral, but if you let yourself dwell on what it really means you'll be a basket case. Find something that works for you.

As for studying for the damn thing, my line there is treat it like a job. It is a mistake to treat the Comp like the vast majority of academic endeavors at WPI. Set yourself a schedule and stick to it. Find some people to study with, even if only on a few major points. The closest parallel to a Comp I've ever seen is the scene in the movie *Paper Chase* where the students are getting ready for John Houseman's final. Do not take the usual route of staying up for days on end, living on a diet of the sort normally associated with lab rats in a cancer experiment. Or you will choke on yourself.

Well, enough of that mess. On to another mess, namely registration.

Registration has never been fun. Waiting in lines is not an entertaining process, no matter what bells and whistles may be a part of it. To attempt to reduce the time involved, WPI tried a computerized method, which began with the new project registration forms introduced last year.

I was not privy to much of what was going on. Apparently the system was designed to put the Registrar's Office in the know about the standing of each student as soon as possible. All

I saw was that for the first time in my career I did not have to stand in that damn line in Higgins for Financial Aid. I signed the form, handed it to the person, who handed me my schedule, and bade all a good day. For me, it was the fastest registration ever. It was not as quick for others, I understand.

Then there's course changes. I have declined the usual senior practice of picking up two easy courses in exchange for the 4000 level CS courses I preregistered for, because I really hate course changes. I needed to pick up a PE course, but after that I didn't want to deal with it. Apparently, computerizing course changes did not work out as well — a return to the manual system was warranted, from what I understand. If you, the readership, have some legitimate suggestions on unknitting the knots in these processes, let's hear them.

Now, out in the real world, a somewhat disturbing development. Return with me now to those not-particularly-thrilling days of yesterday, back to . . . high school.

The Supreme Court recently ruled that teachers and administrators have the right to search students and their lockers if they have reason to believe the students are in violation of school rules. They do not require "probable cause" as law enforcement officers do.

That unnerves me. That unnerves me a lot. It is a rather blatant violation of a student's rights, and to give more power to teachers than law officers in this matter seems a bit backwards to me.

Now, no one has to tell me that there's a problem maintaining control in the high schools. I lived it. One morning a group of students in my high school thought they were going to be funny, and they dressed up in hoods and sheets. Needless to say, a segment of the school population was somewhat perturbed, with predictable results.

I have bad news for you, though, high school administrations of America. Violating the privacy of students is not going to solve your problems. High school students are among the most diabolically clever people on the face of the planet. If you start searching their lockers, purses, and persons, they will hide it somewhere else.

Another problem with no easy solution. Ah, well. A song I like noted that this planet of ours was a mess, and that heaven was probably the same, and that was ten years ago. As we advance into C-term, let us try to keep that in mind. After all, once we get out of Tech, the real world is what we're stuck with.

Cynic's Corner:

Publishers Clearinghouse Alert

by Andy Ferreira
Newspeak Staff

Hi folks, it's me again. Yes, it has been a long time since I last wrote to you all, but you have to understand. I was busy! I had all sorts of things to do during B-term and quickly found myself falling far, far behind in nearly everything. So in an effort to keep myself from losing all sanity and self-respect, not to mention financial aid, I had to cut something out of my schedule. Well, now that B-term is over, I have just loads of free time to sit and type to the DEC, so that is exactly what I am doing. Anyway, enough excuses. On with the important stuff, like pet peeves.

Every year scientists and normal people alike gawk at migrations of wild animals — you know, like the swallows of Capistrano fame and the monarch butterflies? Well, frankly, I am shocked and amazed that mankind ignores another most fascinating annual migration. I am, of course, talking about sweepstakes.

Each January, all across the country, manila-colored envelopes flock to mailboxes everywhere. This phenomenon has never been fully explained, although it has been linked to the concept of money, but this is unimportant. What is important, though, is that these envelopes find their way through the wilds of the mail system every year, promising riches and fantastic wealth.

In the interest of science, I have done extensive research on the habits of these little-studied entities and shall now share these vital bits and pieces of knowledge with you, our loyal readers. First a bit of background information: The natural color of these beings is manila. However, some species have red markings and pictures of Ed McMahon on them. If you were to open one up, you would find that they have a very complex internal structure; the bulk of their vital organs is made up of paper with promises of riches and wealth printed upon it.

This is an old trick of Mother Nature to keep you from throwing them away.

Another most important part of the Sweepstakes creature is the reproductive paper. Yes, those gummed stamps which you thought were for ordering magazines is actually an integral part of the replication process. Case in point: Imagine you get one of these creatures in your mailbox — you dissect it and lick the "stamp" to put it on another piece of paper and mail it off. What happens next year??? You get 10 such creatures in your mailbox instead of just one. Obviously you did something right.

These creatures serve a vital purpose in our current environment — especially here on campus. They insure that mailboxes get opened at least once in a while. There have been documented cases where mailbox doors have become fused shut through non-use. Sweepstakes creatures spare millions of mailbox doors from this fate every year.

You might be wondering how some of these beings get commercials on the TV. One school of thought dictates that while these beings are by nature very timid and non-hostile, the hormones they secrete on their "stamps" is actually a mind-altering drug which, when taken over the course of 10-15 years (or even just 2-3 if taken in huge doses) can turn you into a mindless slave to these beings, as has happened to Ed McMahon. Because of this we advise you in the future to use sponges to wet your stamps.

So there you have it — the secret life of the Sweepstakes creature, never before revealed to mankind. How did I get all of my information? Well, it was fairly simple: I ordered a magazine a few years back from one of them and the next year I was deluged by them and I filled them all out and got even more the next year and soon I was a mindless slave who realized what was going on . . .

You'll have to excuse me — I have a commercial to make.

Student Input Should Be Sought on CAP Proposals — Policy Against Student Voting "Degrading"

by Kieran Suckling
Newspeak Staff

As a student of both WPI and Holy Cross, I have had the opportunity to experience the many differences between the two schools; different curricula, different parties, different attitudes, and different academic goals; but the greatest difference, and perhaps most important, is the extent to which students are involved in the college's decision-making process.

There are four basic criteria on which to examine a decision-making process: (1) research: in what way is the issue researched, who does the research, and how extensively is it done? (2) student involvement: is student opinion taken into account? (3) publicity: is the campus made aware of the issue under discussion? (4) voting: what are the voting procedures. Who gets to vote? These criteria are not as distinct as they seem and in fact overlap quite a bit but provide a useful base from which to start.

Voting is not an issue here at WPI. It is very simple: the faculty can and the students can't. Even on issues that primarily affect students (current and future), such as grading changes and the Competency Exam, students have no voice or vote.

Holy Cross does not have a faculty meeting. They have a student/faculty assembly made up of both students and faculty as the name would imply. Student representatives (there are 41) have 20% of the voting power in any issue.

At WPI the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) is generally the prime source of proposed changes to the academic curriculum. CAP is under no obligation to research their proposals. In the past years (and this year as well), they have proposed to alter the grading policy at WPI, and although they have explained why they feel changes should be made, they have not produced any documented evidence to show that there does indeed exist a problem and that their proposals will solve that problem.

Holy Cross has a Curriculum Committee (CC) which is very similar to CAP. They, however, take a very different approach to curriculum changes. They recently have been considering instituting a language requirement.

But unlike CAP they have researched the issue. Four groups were established to research and defend four different positions on the language requirement. Each group then reported to the student/faculty assembly, which voted on them.

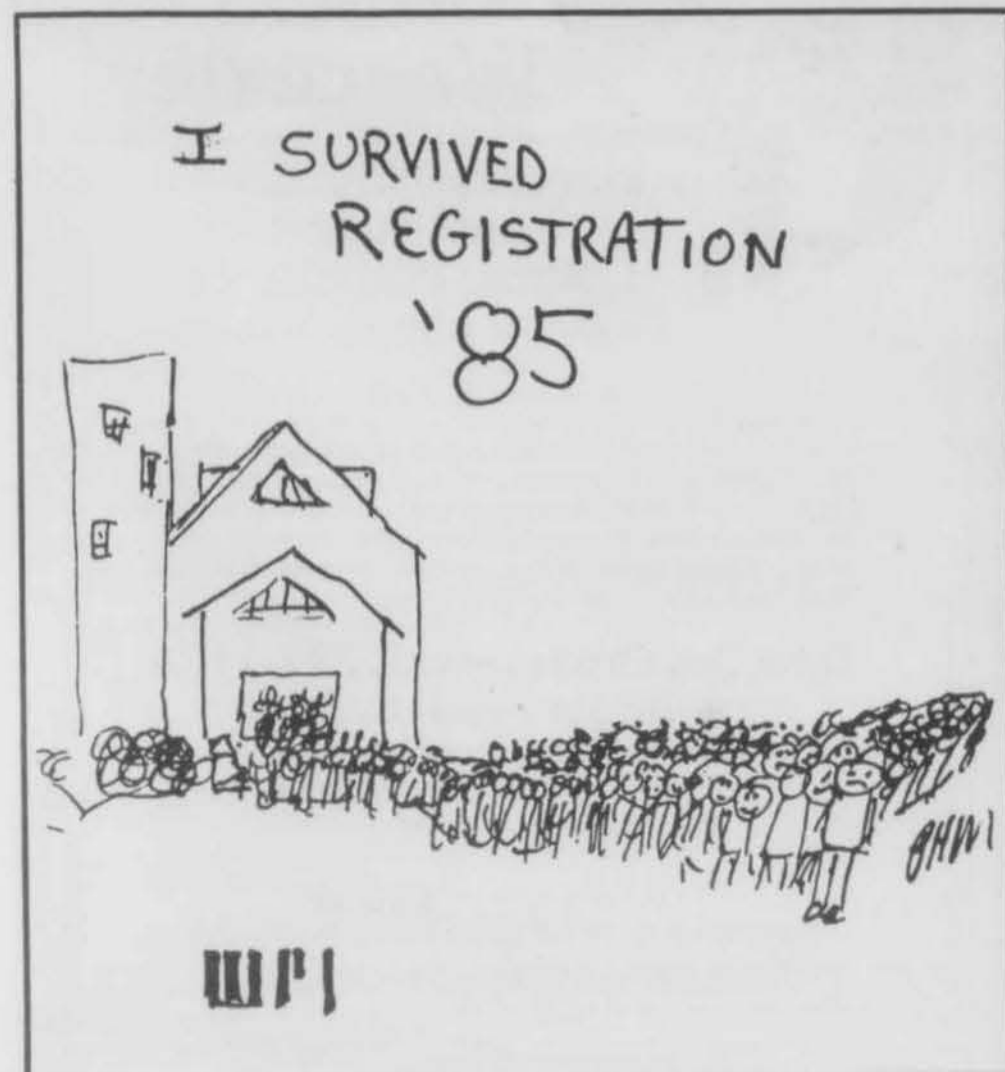
We are all well aware that students at WPI are not involved in the decision-making process on campus. CAP has only two student representatives. Members of the general student body are not permitted to address a CAP meeting unless CAP explicitly votes to allow it. CAP does not solicit student opinion and in fact voted against taking a student survey. CAP member Ray Hagglund (ME) did take a survey and actively solicits student opinions, but does so unofficially and in his own inclination. Students cannot address a faculty meeting and the faculty actually voted down a proposal that they be allowed to do so.

At HC students are an integral part of the decision-making process from start to finish. The four groups established to study the language requirement proposal were composed of both students and faculty-at-large. Students not in groups had ample opportunity to give their comments and opinions both privately and at open meetings. The students have the same opportunity and status to make official recommendations as do the faculty. Students are not only permitted to address the student/faculty assembly but can vote as well.

At WPI there is no official publicity concerning CAP proposals. CAP meetings are open but not publicized. In most cases CAP votes to make a proposal which is then put before the faculty. The students need never know about it. If not for concerned students like Scott Hand, Dan Weinschenker, Jim and Gary Goodell, and the Newspeak staff, public events like last year's student forum and the Boyd-Grogan debate would never have taken place.

The HC Curriculum Committee publicizes any major curriculum change proposals that the students would be concerned about. Forums open to the student body are common and the students are regularly informed of the issues without having to organize special student groups to do so.

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Complaints of Rape, Assault, Theft, Etc. at WPI Spark Concerns

Is WPI an unusually rowdy, destructive campus?

In his recent report on the situation, Dean of Students Bernard H. Brown cites four "behavior patterns" which have resulted in lawsuits to fraternities and sororities nationwide. They are alcohol overdoses and abuses; physical violence; deaths or serious injury from "Hell Week" activities; and assaults of women (gang rapes).

The D.O.S. report lists some of the more serious incidents at WPI and noted that "many . . . are strikingly similar . . ." to those that sparked suits elsewhere.

The items in the report come from phone complaints to the WPI Police and the Worcester Police. The list "does not include daily calls to both Deans Richardson and Brown, anonymous letters, and specific complaints from our closest neighbors," according to Brown's report.

Some of the complaints are listed below.

— In the fall of 1983, a 15-year-old woman alleged that she had been gang raped at one of WPI's fraternity houses. The investigation continued over a period of two months and involved the Worcester Police, the WPI Campus Police, the Office of the Dean of Students, the young woman and her mother, as well as a number of fraternity members. Sigma Phi Epsilon was the suspected house; however, the investigation proved inconclusive.

A major concern emanating from this investigation was the fact that this young woman had been served alcohol in two or more WPI fraternity houses and that the houses could not prove otherwise, since there were no guest lists maintained and no controls over who attended their parties.

Shortly after the conclusion of the investigation, Sigma Phi Epsilon advertised (by means of posters) a "Big Dan's Rape Party" which was not only in poor taste but was clearly degrading to the women within the WPI community. The poster also conveyed that this degradation fit the mindset of a number of brothers in the fraternity.

— Phi Kappa Theta: Non-student assaulted on chapter grounds — injuries are incurred plus

hospitalization. Individual threatens lawsuit, and pursues the issue with the Dean of Students Office. Individual fraternity members could not be identified.

— Delta Phi Epsilon's Christmas Party at Higgins House — Items stolen — sisters/guests broke into Continuing Education offices, stole wine and broke bottles in hallways. (Damage estimated at \$300-\$600.) Has resulted in Higgins House being closed to all student groups for the remainder of the year.

— Employee of Pizza Shop allegedly attacked by fraternity members, beaten up, thrown over railing, pizza stolen. Taken to hospital. This case is currently being investigated.

— Phi Gamma Delta crashed party at Sigma Pi resulting in serious injury from the fight to a WPI student. WPI Police called in — City Police called for backup. Resulted in action taken by the Dean of Students Office.

— A report was also filed (in addition to complaints from others, including several letters), by Mike Curley, Associate Director of Financial Aid, who while on a recruiting trip to Weston High School was informed by the Director of Guidance of the atrocious behavior of WPI students at the Tufts game. He and his wife witnessed a large group of WPI students vomiting, urinating and shouting obscenities during the game.

— Theta Chi: Hit-and-run accident — Brother from Phi Kappa Theta arrested by Worcester Police Dept. Alcohol related.

— Molotov cocktails thrown at Fiji rock.

— A 17-year-old sister of a WPI student is reported missing after drinking at Sigma Phi Epsilon. Missing persons filed at the Worcester Police Dept. Found passed out in the stairwell of a residence hall.

— Theta Chi: Possible fight broken up with Phi Kappa Theta Brothers when told Theta Chi would not serve them beer.

— Phi Kappa Theta Brothers attacked students from UMass/Amherst.

WPI student beaten up at Sigma Phi Epsilon. Injuries required hospital emergency treatment. Would not file charges or make a statement.

New Frat Party Rules

1. Only closed parties are allowed.
2. Members and pledges may each invite one guest to a closed party.
3. A list naming each member and his/her guest must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the planned function to the Office of Residential Life and to the Campus Police.
4. A copy of the member/guest list must be kept at the door on the evening of the function and all party entrants must be checked in.
5. Closed parties are permitted on Friday and Saturday evenings only.
6. Private parties are the same as closed parties and must follow the same policies.
7. There may be no alcohol sold unless a license has been obtained.
8. No admission may be charged to members/guests at a party unless a license has been obtained.
9. A party sign-up book will be kept in the

Office of Residential Life. Closed parties must be signed up by the Wednesday preceding the party by 5:00 p.m.

10. All parties must end and guests be cleared from the premises by 2:00 a.m. This includes the areas adjacent to the fraternity property.

11. Individual houses are responsible for cleaning up after parties. This not only refers to cleaning up the areas directly adjacent to the houses but also debris created as a result of the party found on neighbors' lawns, the street and sidewalks. Clean-up must be completed by 10:00 a.m. on the/day after the party.

12. State law prohibits the serving of alcohol to persons under the age of 20.

13. Any variations on the closed-party theme or other special functions, i.e., faculty cocktail parties, etc., must be cleared with the Office of Residential Life at least one week prior to the event.

WPI Plans Florida Trip for Spring Break

by Jeanne Benjamin

WPI is heading for Florida this Spring Break and all are invited to join in the fun! Jeanne Benjamin and Glenn DeLuca, Assistant Director of Student Activities, have coordinated this trip through a college-oriented travel agency, and posters and brochures will be available with complete details soon.

In the meantime, the details are as follows. The vacation is scheduled for March 9-16, the first week of our break. Two modes of transportation are available; motorcoach bus for \$225 or airplane for \$365. The prices include roundtrip transportation from Boston to Daytona, 8 days/7 nights, ocean front accommodations at the Days Inn South Hotel on Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, a welcome party, free t-shirts, night shuttle service into town, barbeque,

discount fun book and one free shuttle to Orlando where the famous Walt Disney World and Epcot Center are located! Taxes are also included in this price. Prices are based on quad rooms, but triples and doubles are available at a slightly higher cost. Furthermore, additional shuttles will run to Orlando, if you are interested in going back, for a small fee.

A \$30 deposit will hold your spot, and all the money is due February 21. All WPI students and staff are welcome and if you have a friend or family member that would like to join us he or she is welcome too.

Don't miss this great opportunity to go to Florida with your friends at a reasonable price. We have done all the work for you. Now it's up to you to get your deposit in and stock up on the sun tan lotion!

Project Report

What an Actuarial Major Actually Does

by D. Laprade
Newspeak Staff

Math majors are not in great abundance at our institution and even less abundant are those few who study in the actuarial field. For those, the odds appear against their getting very much recognition, but for seniors Gary Iannone and Gary Elias, their MQP is turning the heads of both their job interviewers and their project sponsor.

Many may be curious as to what an actuarial major might do as an MQP. Mr. Iannone's and Mr. Elias' project presents one subject area that many in their field encounter.

Back in the spring of 1984, the Paul Revere Insurance Company came to WPI to explain their interest in seeking project students and co-op help. In particular, they were interested in those studying in an actuarial program. Paul Revere hoped to expose these undergraduates to the complex procedures of evaluating insurance policies.

The project work for Elias and Iannone started this fall in A-term. They have been delegated the task of reviewing the 1978, 1979, and 1980 insurance claims of people in their second year of disability insurance. Gary Elias remarks: "Paul Revere has the second highest number of disability insurance policy holders in the country so we knew right away we were working with a big project. When we started we had a list of about 80,000 disability policy claims, and from that list we were to narrow it down to about 3,500." In narrowing the number down the two men utilized computer techniques. There were some headaches involved with this, says Gary Iannone. "Because we were working with such a large number (80,000 policies) it was inevitable that valuable data would somehow get jumbled in the process, so we had programs to run checks on the data. Well, when we ran the programs, 2300 out of the 3500 policy figures failed to check."

Eventually the team was able to establish a sound data base and start the actuarial tasks Paul Revere needed performed. The two seniors explain that every insurance company needs to review policy figures to insure that the company can realize a profit. In the case of disability


insurance policies, the policy holder, if he is indeed disabled, will be collecting money from the insurance company. Others, not collecting, are likely to be making payments, much the same way a car owner does. Skilled individuals in the insurance company predict what the likely amount of money paid out to policy holders will be in the future. Sometimes the predictions are right on target other times not.

It has become the task of Mr. Elias and Mr. Iannone to review the predicted or expected values in the years 1978 through 1980 and compare them to the actual values. The procedure is referred to as calculating "actual to expected" ratios (or A-to-E ratios). Insurance companies obviously like to see ratios very close to, or equaling, one. By review of these ratios, the company can now recognize whether there should be policy changes in the future to iron out any possible problems. Developing A-to-E ratios requires that the group of 3500 be broken down into categories, each having between 30 and 35 claims. This is done by separating age groups, sexes, occupations, etc. This breakdown enables the company to make changes in distinct areas rather than on a large scale.

Their work is being overseen by Paul Revere experts. "There's no doubt that what we're doing is pretty important to them," says Mr. Iannone. "Not only is it work that they need to have done, but I think it's valuable from a public relations aspect also. We're their first endeavor in college project work and they know that it's important to establish a good relationship with prospective employees."

The team, which will be wrapping things up this term, plans to write up two reports. One brief report with the numerical results will go to the Paul Revere Insurance Company and the other, more detailed report will go to WPI to satisfy degree requirements.

As graduation draws near for the two men they clearly see the value of their project experience. "It's really great work for us to be doing," says Mr. Elias. "Our project plunges us into exactly what we might be expected to do in the real world. I'm sure it's going to help us in our job searches."



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Food and Your Mood

Yes, how we perceive food and the process of consuming it does influence how we feel.

From early life, we learn to attach emotional meaning to food. As babies, when we cry we are offered milk — in this way trust, love, warmth and caring are associated with mealtime. For children, dinner is emphasized as a time of family togetherness and sharing. A youngster is often offered a "treat" as a reward or pacifier. When a child comes home with a gold star on a school paper, he or she is given a lollipop. After falling down and scraping a knee, the child is soothed with a cookie. Later on in adolescence when a classmate didn't reciprocate our crush, Mom or Dad would offer to take us for an ice cream or out to dinner at a favorite restaurant to help "make it better." Unknowing of the consequences, parents at times will try to "fix up" their child by offering food.

Now we can begin to see how we come to relate food to feelings. Away from the familiar family, here at WPI, you may experience a certain sense of loneliness. In order to regain that warmth and belonging you may find yourself reaching for food which you have connected with those feelings. The food may provide a temporary satiation, but often the lonely mood soon returns. We have also learned to reward ourselves with food. How often after acing an exam or completing a paper have you rewarded yourself with a treat like ice cream?

So here we are consuming luscious high-calorie foods to comfort the hurts of loneliness or depression, to give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done or to ease anxiety and anger.

Having learned this ineffective way of coping with emotions, we grow overweight and become dissatisfied with ourselves. This discontent can lead to feelings of guilt, frustration, self-hate or failure. To complicate things further, the media bombard us with pictures of the "ideal" body image. This ideal is often a form so slender (male or female) it would be difficult to attain or maintain and be healthy at the same time.

Trying to achieve the model body a person may severely limit food intake and become too thin and malnourished. This excessive preoccupation with losing weight may develop into a condition labeled "anorexia nervosa" (AN). If allowed to continue, untreated AN can have severe physical and emotional consequences. Experts estimate that 10 to 25 percent of persons suffering from AN die as a result of the condition; that's serious!

Dieting to reach the "perfect" weight is often not successful. When these high expectations are not met, the dieter may become frustrated and depressed. He or she resorts to the old way of coping with those low feelings — a food binge. Unfortunately, the binge only temporarily dulls the pain. After eating too much the person is further from the desired goal and senses failure and guilt. At this point some individuals have found ways to rid themselves of the binge meal; e.g., self-induced vomiting, laxative abuse, diuretics. These "purging actions" result in more feelings of guilt and remorse. The individual may again resort to rigid dieting only to end up bingeing again due to hunger or to provide emotional relief. The cycle then repeats itself. This behavior is termed "bulimia" (B). B, like AN, is detrimental to physical and emotional health.

Eating disorders such as AN and B are the extreme forms of using food for emotional reasons rather than for nourishment. These behaviors are learned, and thus can be unlearned. First, a person must acknowledge the problem and second, seek help.

These disorders are difficult to overcome alone.

If you experience symptoms of either AN or B, are preoccupied with thoughts of food, or frequently binge on food to cope, the Student Counseling Center offers individual and group counseling to help learn new ways of perceiving food and coping. We do not have to let food negatively affect our mood.

Student Counseling Center Seminar Schedule C-Term 1985

1. Principles of Effective Studying

Designed to assist you in developing more effective study habits, reading skills, retention of information. Also, learn how to stop procrastinating and budget your time effectively.

(offered twice)

* A. Tuesdays: 1/29 & 2/5, 7-9 p.m.

*(FILLED)

B. Wednesdays: 2/20 & 2/27, 3-5 p.m.

Higgins Labs, Room 101

Leader: James E. Groccia

2. Career Decision Making

Designing to assist students in making choices in major, career goals or life plans. Format will consist of interest/attitude testing, values clarification activities and practical information giving.

* Wednesdays: 1/30 & 2/6 & 2/13, 3-5 p.m.

*(FILLED)

Call 793-5540 for location

Leader: S. Carol Theisen

3. Women's Issues

What is it like to be a woman at WPI? This group will explore issues related specifically to the WPI experience and women's issues in general. Designed to create an awareness, help woman make choices and provide a situation for coalition and support networking. Content will consist of panel discussions, guest speakers and specific issue discussions.

Next planning meeting: Tues. 1/29, 12:00 noon

Student Counseling Center

Leaders: Shirley S. Siff, Iris M. Young,

Dept. of Humanities

Student Coordinators: Angela Frandudakis,

Joyce Kline

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4. Managing Stress

A structured workshop focusing on the behavioral, emotional and thinking aspects

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* Tuesdays: 2/12 & 2/19 & 2/26, & 4-6 p.m.

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B. Monday: 2/4, 7-9 p.m.

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Leaders: Shirley Siff, S. Carol Theisen

6. Problem Eating

An informational/support type group with the purpose of assisting individuals working toward healthy eating habits. People utilizing food for emotional reasons by chronically undereating or frequently binge eating followed by purging themselves will be helped to learn to eat for nutritional reasons. Group size is limited and confidential. Contact S. Carol Theisen (793-5540) to join.

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New CS Faculty Member Appointed

David C. Brown has been named to the position of assistant professor of computer science. He earned his masters degrees from University of Kent at Canterbury, England and Ohio State

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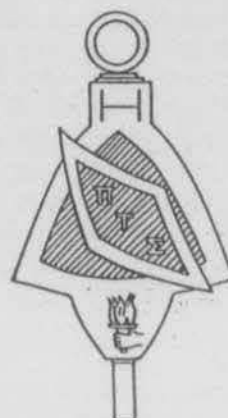
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Turkish Film "Yol" Flies, But It's No Turkey

by David Lugowski

Most people have seen, or at least heard of, the movie *Midnight Express*, even if only in the edited-for-television version. It brutally details the horrors of prison life in Turkey through the eyes of Americans jailed there. Now the WPI community has a chance to see a Turkish prison through the eyes of the Turks themselves. The Cinematech Film Series is presenting *Yol* (The Way) Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Alden Hall.

Yol is the work of actor/writer/director Yilmaz Guney. He is contemporary Turkey's most beloved hero, the "Turkish Clint Eastwood." His popularity as an actor, however, does not eclipse his talents as a director and as a political activist. Guney's bravery and cunning are also apparent in his making of *Yol* while serving a prison sentence for murder.

The film tells the story of five prison parolees

who are given one week's leave. As they make their way back to their respective homes, they realize that all of Turkey is a prison. They cannot escape the confines of poverty, political oppression, or the strange hold of outdated family customs. *Yol* paints a vivid portrait of contemporary Turkey, a land where one can spend five years in jail for speaking the wrong language in the wrong place.

Yol is an impressive film indeed; it garnered three awards at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France, including the Grand Prize for Best Picture. A major highlight of the Festival was the appearance of Guney himself, following his recent escape from a Turkish prison. Now a man on the run, Guney continues making films combining tough thrills and poignant human drama. Don't miss this chance to see this noteworthy movie by one of the more exciting figures working in cinema today.



The Hot Acoustics (a duo playing acoustic guitar and electric violin) play in the Wedge.

Photo by: Jon Waples.

CLUB CORNER

Pugwash. Anyone interested in art, the social implications of technology, or just fun should come to the Pugwash's "Art Extravaganza" at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Wedge on Wednesday,

January 30. Make paintings, drawings, collages, anything you want that shows some interaction of technology and society. Free cider and cookies. Bring art supplies if you have them.

Culturally Inclined

Worcester Art Museum
Soldier of Orange

The Nazi invasion of the Netherlands disrupts the lives of undergraduate Erik Lanshoff and his compatriots, thrusting a generation of men and women into war — on the battlefields and behind the lines. The film will be shown January 31 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. (Holland, 1980, 147', color)

The Worcester Art Museum offers a rousing evening of New Orleans jazz by the Tuxedo Jazz Band Tuesday evening, February 5, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Renaissance Court.

Free and open to the public, the exhilarating concert is presented by the Museum in support of Jazz Worcester, a week-long celebration throughout the community.

The Worcester Art Museum will present *They Make Art Too*, an exhibition of works of art created by members of its staff, February 5-24. The exhibit is on public view on the fourth floor.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, please call the Museum at 799-4406.

Foothills Theatre Announces New Plays Project:
"New Voices at the Family Table"

The Foothills Theatre Company is inviting new one-act play submissions for a program called "New Voices at the Family Table," to be given a staged reading at the Wesley Methodist Church on Main Street, Worcester, from May 1 through May 5.

The plays must be no more than 35 minutes in length and have a maximum cast of five actors. Each of the winning playwrights will receive an honorarium of \$100 and have the opportunity to work with the director and the actors for his play.

Plays may be sent to "New Voices at the Family Table," Worcester Foothills Theatre Company, P.O. Box 236, Worcester, MA 01602.

New England Film Festival Accepting Entries

Independent and student filmmakers in New England may now enter the 1985 New England Film Festival. The Festival is a competition designed to give filmmakers working in 16mm and Super 8 formats a forum in which to gain significant exposure. The New England Film Festival offers cash awards and film materials and prizes valued at \$2,500, including a \$1,000 "Boston Globe Best of Festival" award. Deadline to enter is March 15, 1985. For an entry brochure, contact AES, Division of Continuing Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003, (413) 545-2360.

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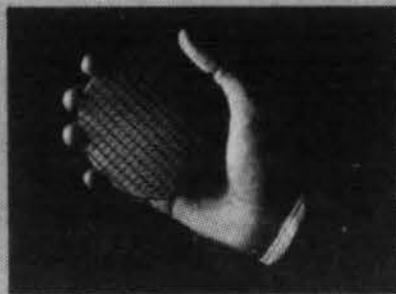
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Phi Kappa Theta

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- John Keating — Secretary

The brothers of Phi Kappa Theta would also like to thank past officers Jim Dumas, Doug Foglio, Mike Riley, and David Day for their contributions to the brotherhood of Phi Kappa Theta.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to congratulate the newly-elected ritual officers of Zeta-Mu Chapter. They are:

- Prytanis — Louis Bragaw
- Epiprytanis — Stefan Heline
- Hegemon — Howard Rafal
- Grammateus — Michael Brezezowski
- Histor — Eric Engwall
- Hypophetes — Bill Williams
- Pylortes — David Giacheri

The new officers were formally installed on January 16, 1985, and they are psyched to continue the tradition of excellence TKE represents.

Zeta Psi

The brotherhood of Zeta Psi would like to welcome everyone back from our all-too-short holiday season. We would especially like to welcome all returning co-op members (Poot and Scuffer too!). Congratulations to all of our hard-working seniors who survived the almighty competency exam.

The work of many Zetes and the much-appreciated assistance of Mr. Gfatter produced many house improvements over the past vacation. The Christmas present, meticulously crafted by the pledges, proved to be the highlight of the Holiday Season. Our recent vacation trip to Montreal again demonstrates that road-tripping is still a favorite pastime at Zeta Psi . . . The Center Of The Known Universe.

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 - Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - *Thursday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
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 - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- *Only exception: closes at 1:00 p.m. for swim class first two weeks of school only.

Attention All C.S. Majors:

The deadline for applications to take the March Computer Science Competency Exam is Friday, February 1.

The women's track and field team will have an organizational meeting Wednesday, January 30, on the upper level of Harrington Auditorium. Anyone interested in competing (no experience needed) or training with the team should attend.

Bring a friend or two! For more details, contact Professor Brian Savilonis, Mechanical Engineering Dept., HL 123, ext. 5686.

SocComm Previews

by A. Ferreira
Newspeak Staff

Well folks, welcome back to C-term, and what a C-term it promises to be! But enough with the corny how-do-you-do's; now on to the business. This is what SocComm has in store for you:

This Afternoon — Yes, this afternoon, in our very own Goat's Head Pub, we'll be offering L.J. Krain, music-man extraordinaire. The music starts at 4:00 p.m. and there is no admission fee. So come to Tuesday's "Attitude Adjustment Hour" and wash away those EE blues.

Thursday — Yes, two days from now, in the Wedge, SocComm gives you the Castle Hill String Band. They'll start strumming around 9:00 — and remember, music soothes the savage beast; isn't it about time you got soothed?

Saturday — Uh huh, this weekend, we have another Pub activity. This time it is a Dance Marathon sponsored by Tau Beta Pi with music supplied by DJ Spike Henderson. This starts at 12 noon and runs until 12 midnight, and it only costs 50 cents to enter — what a bargain! Twelve hours of entertainment for only half a dollar!

Sunday — Fer Shur, the day before Monday, in Alden, SocComm and Lens & Lights presents The Reel Thing. This week's feature is **Spinal Tap**, a humorous parody of today's rock groups. Showings are at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and it costs only a buck — that's less than a Tech Burger at the snack bar!

Juniors: We Need Pictures!!!

Presently the Junior Prom Committee is planning for JP weekend in the spring. Plans are going well, but we do need your help. The committee has decided to present a slide show, instead of a comedian while the band is on break during the JP Nightclub. What we want are pictures, but more specifically negatives of your favorite pictures, that can be made into slides that can be shown. so if you're planning on attending your Junior Prom and want to see yourself and your friends on the silver screen, send your negatives to Mike Gonsor, Box 1473. They will be returned as soon as possible.

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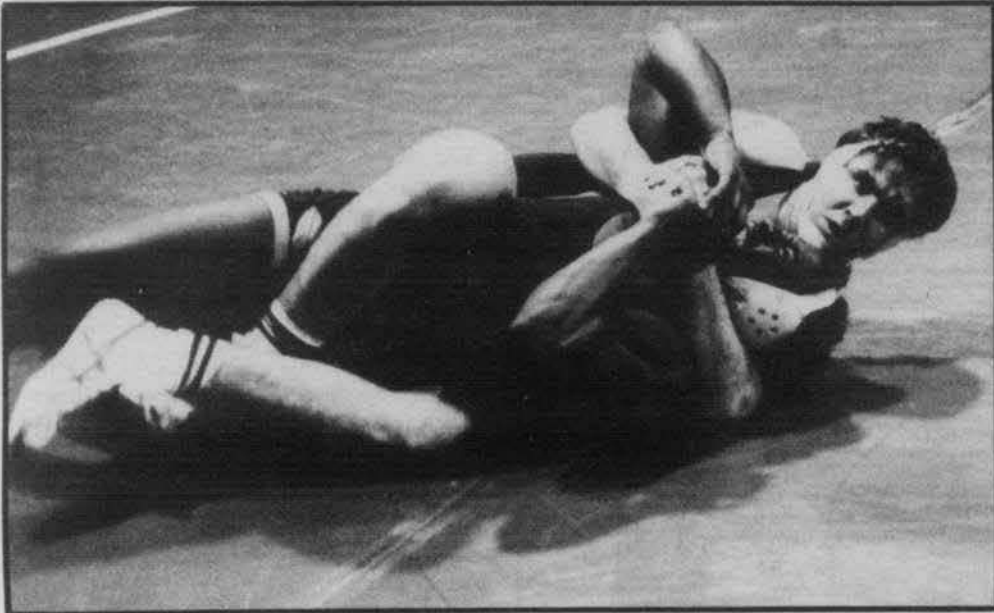
SPORTS

Grapplers Boost Record to 11-1

by Bob Carroll

On Tuesday evening, January 22, the WPI Engineer Wrestling team boosted its record to 11-1 with an overwhelming victory over Western New England College. This match-up was to decide the number two and three rankings among Division III teams in New England. As

Three days later they faced fifth-ranked Rhode Island College. Leaving the cheerleaders not much to cheer about, the Engineers defeated RIC 46-2. Individual winners against both RIC and WNEC were Roland Marquis, Jeff Horowitz, Joe Crispo, Nick Triantafell, Paul Wyman, and Steve Hall. Pins and technical falls were



WPI's Steve Hall scored back points against WNEC.

Photo by: Philo Shelton

expected, the meet was a "barn-burner"; every match was an exciting one. With the strong encouragement of a capacity crowd in Alumni Gym, the Engineers won seven of ten bouts to defeat WNEC 32-11.

Including the victory over WNEC, the WPI wrestlers have not been defeated since back on December 8, when they lost a close battle to highly ranked Division I power, Harvard. Since then the squad has gone unbeaten in six outings. Teams that have fallen at the hands of the Engineers are Plymouth State College, RPI, Williams, Amherst, and Rhode Island College (RIC)

Immediately after returning from break on January 16, WPI wrestling fans were once again not to be disappointed as the Engineers refused Amherst a single point, shutting them out 56-0.

recorded by Roland Marquis, Joe Crispo, Paul Wyman, and Steve Hall. Single winners by decision were Doug Foglio and Steve Graveline, Don Pagel and Bob Soares both had ties.

On February 6, under the guidance of wrestling mentor Phil Grebinar, the WPI squad hopes to attain the number-one New England ranking by defeating Coast Guard, in New London, CT. The two teams presently share the number-one spot and this great match-up will decide who is the best wrestling team in New England.

The WPI Poly Club will be sending a fan bus to the upcoming Coast Guard meet. Anyone interested in going should contact Charlie McNulty or Phil Grebinar in Alumni Gym. The wrestler's next home meet is Wednesday against MIT at 7:00 p.m.

Cagers Handling Opponents

by Chris Lohring

Orville Bailey become WPI's all time mens basketball scorer as his 21 points helped defeat Suffolk University in a 99-75 triumph and helped him surpass Russ Philpot as top point letter in WPI's history. The mens cagers also won three

overtime games to up their record to 11-3. WPI is now ranked 20th in the country and fifth in the New England region in Division III basketball.

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WPI's Orville Bailey leaps for the hoop.

Photo by: Jeff Winick

Swim Team Drops Second-Half Opener

by Andrew Gagon

The WPI Swim team dropped its second-half opener this past Saturday to a very strong U.S. Coast Guard team, dropping the Engineers' record to 2-3.

In a tough meet, the Engineers posted a number of good performances, though lack of practice time due to the reconstruction of the WPI pool did hamper many of the swimmers. Outstanding performances were given by Senior Co-captains Bruce Carbone and Dave Jalbert. Carbone, in quest for a swim team record of 500 career points, swam three individual events and won all of them. Carbone recorded a winning time of 1:49.33 in the 200, just missing the team record of 1:49.0. Carbone also won the 100 Freestyle in :49.93, and the 200 Breaststroke in 2:20.44. Despite his recent illness, Jalbert won the 60 Freestyle with a time of :27.80, just a few tenths off of his personal best time.

Freshman sensation Mike Hartnett swam a personal-best 11:01.66 in the 1000 Freestyle. Sophomore Mike Brezezowski also swam the 1000, finishing well with a time of 11:52.83. Junior Bruce MacWilliams had a very good

day; he swam the 200 Free in 1:58.03 and finished third in the 500 Free with a time of 5:27.36. Junior Drew Payson also had a good day because he scored points with a third place finish in the 160 Individual Medley in 1:52.67.

Other swimmers who had a good meet included freshmen Jim Popp (100 Free — :52.31), Dave Melvin (200 Breast — 2:27.37), and Jim Matthews (60 Free — :29.59). Sophomores with strong showing included Brezezowski, Tom Maneval (200 Fly — 2:32.25) and Rob Klien-Robbenharr (200 Back — 2:23.80).

The WPI Swim Coach, Whit Griffith, is looking forward to two meets this week versus UMass-Boston (away on Wednesday), and Southeastern Mass. University (home on Saturday). The SMU meet Saturday should prove exciting as last year's contest went to the last event before the outcome was decided in favor of WPI. The team is hoping for lots of support Saturday to help beat SMU for a second time in what is expected to be another close contest. The meet starts at 2:00 in Alumni. Come support the WPI "GOATS".

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To the WPI Women Athletes

by Jennifer L. Hellone
Women's Sports Editor

Give yourself and your teammates the recognition you deserve! Write for the **Newspeak** Women's Sports staff and see your accom-

...Basketball

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The WPI cagers traveled to a tough Bates gym last week in Maine. WPI took the game into overtime as Greg Fiddes sunk a 20-foot off-balance buzzer-beater. From there the Tech hoopsters took control with the help of John (Rich) Loonie who did the dirty work inside and WPI won the contest 76-71.

The Engineers then came home to play a tough Thomas College. Despite a sparse crowd, typical of WPI basketball games, the Tech cagers again pulled out an overtime victory, 84-81. Chris (Skywalker) Whitney and Paul (George) Lubas played strongly from the forward spots. Loonie played impressively, pulling down 12 rebounds off the window. Chris Brunone, Ken Willis, and Chris Lohring sparked the Engineers coming off the pine by outscoring the

plishments in print! Only you can cover the away games. Students not participating in sports are also welcome to join. If interested contact Women's Sports Editor Jennifer Mellone (Box 1594, Tel. 795-1171).

Thomas bench.

Last Thursday WPI traveled to Brandeis college, again sending the game into an extra period. Tech trailed by as much as nine points early in the second period. But once again WPI showed exceptional character rallying back with Fiddes and Bailey tying the score at the end of regulation. In overtime Paul Lubas drove the lane and dished off the pill to Lohring who made the hoop and an ensuing foul shot, completing the three-point play. Brandeis made the next hoop and fouled Fiddes. But it was lights out for the Judges as Greg hit a pair of freethrows; WPI won 77-76. Bailey led all scores with 27, while Fiddes chipped in 18.

WPI's next home game is Tuesday against Trinity College; community support would be greatly appreciated.

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Update on Women's Basketball

by Gene Blaum
Sports Information Director

There was a great deal of action in Women's basketball (four games) since the end of B-term. The Engineers suffered a demoralizing loss at Colby (60-39) on Saturday, January 12; however, the team made a raging comeback and won its next three games. In the victory at home over Anna Maria on Tuesday, January 15, sophomore forward Cindy Perkins scored a

trouble but she managed to score 13 points. Freshman Eileen Sullivan played 14 key minutes off and contributed seven points and five rebounds.

Finally, the Engineers increased their record to 9-2 against Coast Guard on Monday, January 21. WPI led by 9 points at the half (37-28), but the team's strong defense held the Bears scoreless for the first 9 minutes of the second half. With 11 minutes left to play, WPI increased



Cindy Perkins, second-time ECAC Honor Roll member attempts to score in a game versus Coast Guard.

Photo by: Lisa Alpers

game-high 18 points to lead the Engineers. She was followed by the junior center Donna Leonard with 16 points and junior Kim Fay with 10. WPI jumped out to a commanding 28-18 halftime lead and easily won 53-32.

The team then traveled to Maine to meet Bates on Saturday, January 19. Perkins and Fay scored a total of 47 points to lead WPI to an 89-72 victory. Perkins had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead WPI in both departments. Fay made 10 of 21 shots from the field, scoring 22 points. Junior point guard Cathy Murray ran the offense beautifully all afternoon. She scored six points, but more importantly handed out 12 assists. Leonard was plagued by foul

its number of pad points and led 53-28. The main contributors of the scoring rally were Fay (25 points) and Perkins (23 points) Fay made 9 of 13 from the free-throw line, while Perkins connected on 11 of 13 shots and pulled down 12 rebounds. Leonard also had 12 rebounds and scored six points. Murray scored eight points and made five assists.

Perkins (17.7 ppg) and Fay (17.0) are currently the team's leading scorers. Perkins was named to the ECAC Honor Roll for the second time this year. Leonard, who averages 11.2 ppg., paces the Engineers in rebounding (11.1 ppg.). Murray, of course, leads in assists (77).

Police Log

Friday, January 18

10:20 p.m. — SNaP reported party in progress in Morgan Hall. Officers responded and noted that a large party was taking place. The party was closed down, and the room's occupants were referred to the Office of Student Affairs for disciplinary action.

Tuesday, January 22

2:00 p.m. — A student entered the station to report that all four tires of his car had been punctured while it was parked on West St. under the bridge. The Worcester Police Dept. was notified.

9:15 p.m. — An officer reported lots of noise outside of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Pledge activity was taking place. Students were advised to quiet down.

Wednesday, January 23

11:15 p.m. — A student called to report a disturbance at Stoddard C. Officers responded. Officers reported that the disturbance was caused by a group of brothers from Sigma Phi Epsilon involved in some pledge activity. The students were told to disperse.

Thursday, January 24

12:01 p.m. — SNaP reported that Lambda Chi Alpha brothers and pledges were making a lot of noise and creating a disturbance in the Wedge area. Officers were contacted.

2:55 a.m. — Officer reported broken bottles in the stairways of Morgan Hall.

9:10 p.m. — A graduate student entered the station to report his car broken into. A radar detector was missing. The passenger window was smashed.

...Degrading

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It is evident that the faculty and administration at WPI do not want students represented in the curriculum decision-making process. Outside influences such as ABET are given high priority while the students are given almost none. It is

time that the faculty and administration reassess their discriminatory and degrading policy of excluding students from the decision-making process. WPI was established for, and is funded by, students. Why do they have such a minimal role in WPI policy?

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Artificial Sweeteners: Are They Safe?

by Karen Reardon and Karen Italiano
Newspeak Staff

Worcester.)
For more information on artificial sweeteners, please see our display in the Gordon Library.

Do you hesitate when choosing a diet or regular soda? If so, is it because of fears concerning the safety of artificial sweeteners? You are not alone. Many people, including researchers and even the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are uncertain as to how safe these sweeteners are and how much regulation should be placed on them.

In recent years, the popularity of artificial sweeteners has increased. This increase has brought with it many concerns as to the safety of sugar substitutes. As part of our IQP, we studied available literature and government regulations pertaining to artificial sweeteners and discovered many interesting facts about their safety. Some of our findings are currently on display in Gordon Library.

Cyclamates, saccharin, and aspartame (NutraSweet) are the three sweeteners which have been used in the United States. Both cyclamates and saccharin were discovered long ago, but neither was used extensively until the 1960s, when the diet food craze began. The FDA banned the use of cyclamates in 1970 because a study on laboratory rats showed cyclamates to cause bladder cancer when used in large amounts. Saccharin remained on the market, but in 1977, repeated tests showed that it, too, caused bladder cancer in laboratory rats. The FDA declared saccharin unsafe though no definite link to cancer in man has been found with saccharin (or with cyclamates). The FDA proposed a ban on saccharin, but groups such as the American Diabetes Association and the Calorie Control Council pressured Congress to enact a moratorium preventing the ban due to the lack of a similar sugar substitute available on the market.

In 1982 aspartame was approved by the FDA and has been introduced into many diet products. Aspartame is a completely natural substance, unlike the petroleum-based saccharin, and it does not have the bitter aftertaste of saccharin. Aspartame went through 11 years of some of the most rigorous FDA testing ever, before receiving approval as a sweetener. So far, it has not been shown to be carcinogenic in any dosage in animals or humans. Because aspartame is expensive, it is often used as NutraSweet Blend, a combination of both saccharin and aspartame. (Plans though are being made by the larger soda industries to switch to products made with 100% NutraSweet.) (Editor's note: Pepsi already advertises its diet products as containing 100% NutraSweet, and Coke is test-marketing diet soda with only NutraSweet as a sweetener in selected areas — including

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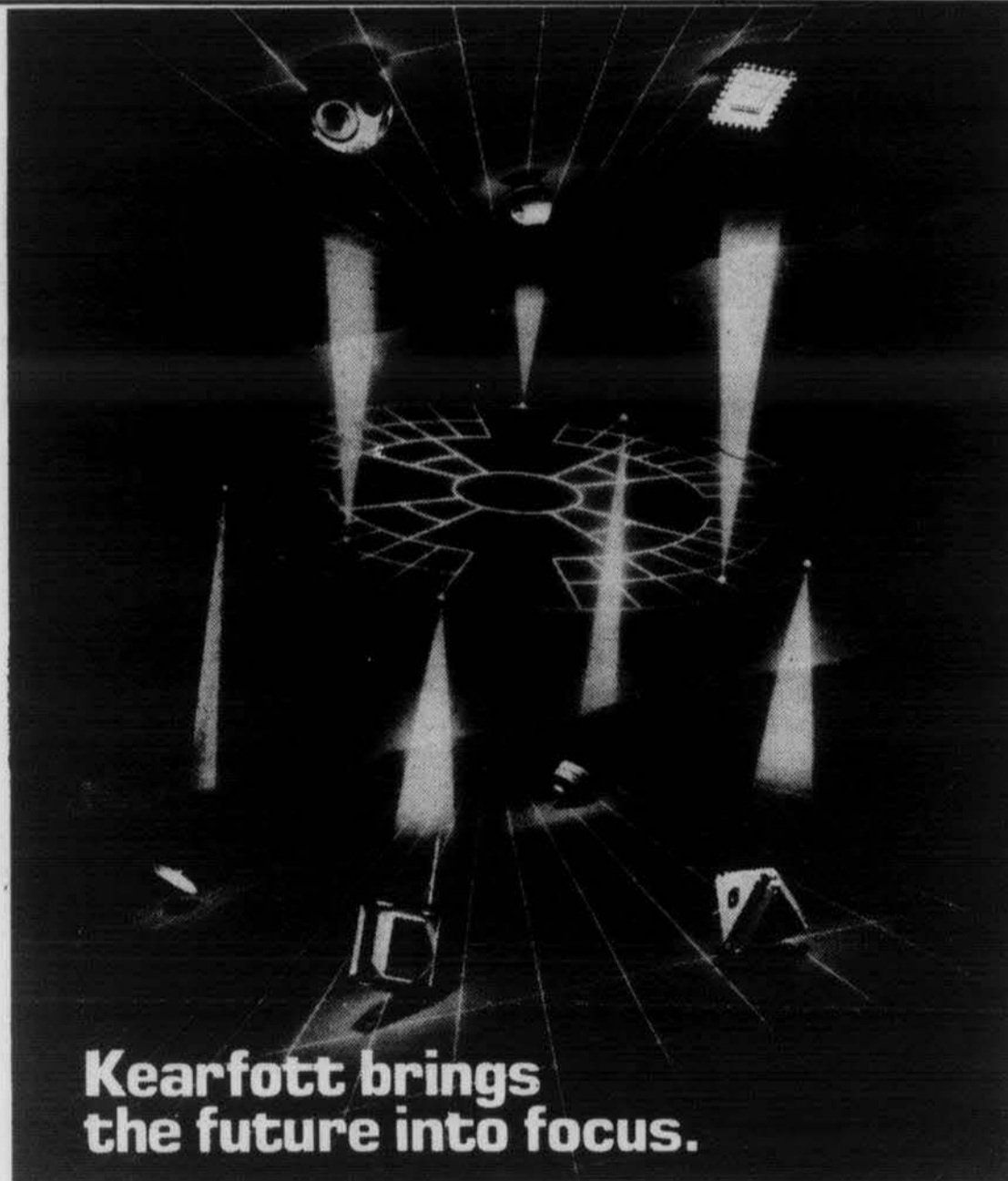
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... New Rules

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will be our goal for the future. Although not all fraternities and sororities have caused problems with their parties, individual chapters will be held accountable for enforcing the new party policies and strong action will be taken against those who ignore the regulations. We're not trying to eliminate the parties — we're trying to eliminate the problems.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tuesday January 29, 1985

4:00 — Happy Hour Entertainment, L.J. Krain, Goat's Head Pub
7:30 — Cinematech presents *Vol*, Alden Hall, free

Thursday, January 31

9:00 — Coffeehouse: Castle Hill String Band, Wedge

Saturday, February 2

12:00 (noon) - 12:00 (midnight) — Tau Beta Pi Dance Marathon with DJ Spike Henderson, Goat's Head Pub, \$.50

Sunday, February 3

11:00 — Sunday Mass, Alden Hall
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Tuesday, February 5

10:00-4:00 — IFC Blood Drive, Alden Hall
7:30 — Cinematech: *General Della Rovers*, Alden Hall, free

... Grading Changes

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According to the WPI Constitution, members must vote "in accord with their concepts of the best interests of WPI."

In theory, CAP members need not reflect their constituents' desires in their proposals, but may act as their own personal conscience directs them. CAP was unwilling to sponsor a student grading policy questionnaire because they felt that all the pertinent issues had been exposed in

the previous years. Prof. Hagglund felt that the input from more students, and particularly former students (graduates), would be a positive influence in conducting an open debate and created the "Grading Policy Questionnaire" independently of CAP. Statistical data from the survey, conducted last B-term, have been tabulated, and detailed analysis of the written comments and arguments has begun in an

effort to distill from the hundreds of responses several distinct points of view.

These viewpoints may be incorporated into the CAP recommendation and should provide interesting points for debate, either informally or at the next faculty meeting.

CAP chairman Prof. David Cyganski feels "consensus is nearing. Within the next few days we will present CAP's recommendations to the

faculty for review, complete with our rationale, both for and against the proposed change. Discussion of our plan can begin at the next faculty meeting, although a vote won't occur until some later date. I sincerely hope that a balanced, fair and equitable review of the issues will take place early this spring. Anything as controversial as such change is well worth discussing at length."

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