

Graduate program leaves a lot to be desired

by Joe Parker
News Editor
and Ray Bert
Associate Editor

Interviews conducted over the last few weeks with several of the interested parties have revealed many inconsistencies concerning WPI's graduate program, and the Mechanical Engineering department in particular.

The Mechanical Engineering department is one of the largest academic departments on campus. It follows that it has a proportionally large number of Research Assistants (RAs) and Teaching Assistants (TAs). One would think, therefore, that the graduate students who are assisting the professors as RAs and TAs would be subject to a well defined system governing their diverse activities. However, at present this does not seem to be the case.

There have been complaints that

the workload that some professors give out is too much to handle, and that those objections have been met with contempt; that the facilities given to the students are inadequate, in that no computer facilities beyond a terminal connection are given directly to the grads; that funding is unreliable and may be revoked on a whim. There are questions about possible recourses if a student feels he was treated unfairly, due to the lack of a formal hierarchy. The length of time it takes for a student to earn the master's degree has also been a major concern, because a maximum of two years funding is allotted for most graduate students. Many graduate students feel that students often do not finish on time, leaving them on their own to finish their studies.

During a lengthy conversation, William Durgin, Mechanical Engineering Department Head, addressed some of these issues. He stated that the guideline for the amount of work a

TA should be performing is to spend an equal proportion, or one half their time, on both their studies and TA duties. He says that in the case of a complaint of overwork, he will talk to both parties and try to come up with a reasonable solution, and that warnings would be issued to a professor that was guilty of assigning too much work. Another choice for the Department Head in this case would be to disallow that professor from using TAs in the future.

On the facility issue, he said that it is a school policy not to give TAs personal computers, and besides that, he could barely afford to give each professor a PC, let alone each graduate student. He also said that access to the Encore was available to assist TAs in that duty. Most often, however, ME TAs are seen fighting for time with undergraduates in the APT lab.

As far as funding goes, the department only commits to funding for a student one year at a time. The

performance of the graduate student is evaluated at the end of that year, and a decision is made on whether or not to continue funding for the next year. Although there have been complaints about mid-year funding cuts, Professor Durgin said that he could not remember a case of this during his 6 years as Department Head. In the event that the students feel their funding has been cut unfairly, they may then bring their complaint to Professor Durgin, who will then define his reasons for the decision, and in the event that they still think they have not received fair treatment may then take their complaint to Michael Massouh, Dean of Graduate Studies.

Professor Durgin had no hard data on how long it takes the typical graduate student to get his degree, but he said that there are probably only one or two each year that do not finish in time, and that may simply be because of unforeseen difficulties. Durgin stresses that in a situation like this, he

would extend funding, because he had already invested over \$35,000 in the student over the two years, and he would not want to waste the investment.

Dean Massouh, when faced with similar issues basically echoed Durgin's sentiments about the course load and recourses in the case of a problem, but when it came to the question of computer facilities, his answer was very different.

He made no definitive statement about a school-wide policy concerning computer facilities, but said that in his view, the professor that was working with the TA should allow the TA to use his computer systems, and cooperate in every way possible to assure that the TA has at his disposal every means to complete his duties. Dean Massouh also said that he feels the professor should even go so far as to provide extra computer facilities

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Survey shows WPI cares about the environment

by Brant Smith
Class of '94

Our survey was designed to see how the WPI community considered itself, how it felt, and what we were doing to help the environment. It should be noted that we intentionally were looking for people's perceptions of what they were, what they do, and what is important.

With 435 surveys in, the WPI community appears very concerned with the environment and to be taking their concern and putting it into action. The specifics of the survey can be seen below but 96% of those surveyed felt the environment was an important issue. The majority of our campus considers itself concerned about the environment (59.8%), with 93% considering themselves either

concerned, conservationist, or an environmentalist. The vast majority do not feel the government is doing an adequate job in dealing with the environment, and that the government needs to do more about the environment. The consensus on the future of the environment was between fair to poor with surprisingly few saying it was good or hopeless.

Overall, most of WPI is doing something that can be considered environmentally beneficial. The favorites are turning cans/bottles in for deposit (90%), and trying not to litter (93%). The one area that we were weak in, with 18.6% saying yes, was supporting environmental issues through letters to officials and other such protests.

We are most concerned about the destruction of the rainforests (69.7%

very important), and water pollution (66% very important). Items that those surveyed did not feel as strongly about were smog (27.7% very important), and agricultural chemicals (26.4% very important). It should be noted that in no category was the sum of those feeling the category was "very important" and "important" below 1/2 of the respondents.

The International Relations Council would like to thank all of those people that did respond. For those interested in more detailed results to the survey please contact Brant Smith at Box 2945.

ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COUNCIL
BASED ON 435 SURVEYS

MAJOR

BB	15
CE	25
CH	8
CM	13
CS	64
EE	79
EV	6
HU	9
ID	4
MA	21
ME	124
MEA	18
MG	23
PH	22
SS	4

SEX

M	342
F	86

LEVEL

FACULTY	41
UNDERGRAD	342
GRAD	32

1) DO YOU CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT AN IMPORTANT ISSUE?

YES	418	96.1%
NO	17	3.9%

2) DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE AN:

ENVIRONMENTALIST	81	18.9%
CONSERVATIONIST	61	14.3%
CONCERNED	256	59.8%
NONE	30	7.0%

3) DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING AN ADEQUATE JOB IN DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES?

YES	55	12.9%
NO	373	87.1%

4) SHOULD WE SPEND MORE MONEY ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND, OR, INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

YES	390	92.0%
NO	34	8.0%

5) HOW DO YOU VIEW THE FUTURE OF THE ENVIRONMENT?

GOOD	29	6.8%
FAIR	184	43.0%
POOR	199	46.5%
HOPELESS	16	3.7%

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Fire contained in Goddard Lab

by Joe Parker
News Editor

On Saturday afternoon at 2:44, Campus Police responded to a report of a fire in Goddard Hall, the Chemistry/Chemical Engineering Building.

A student entered Goddard 225 to find it filled with smoke. He called Campus Police who evacuated the building and called the Worcester Fire Department. One officer mentioned

that some of the students were rather reluctant to leave their labs; nevertheless, the building was emptied in short order.

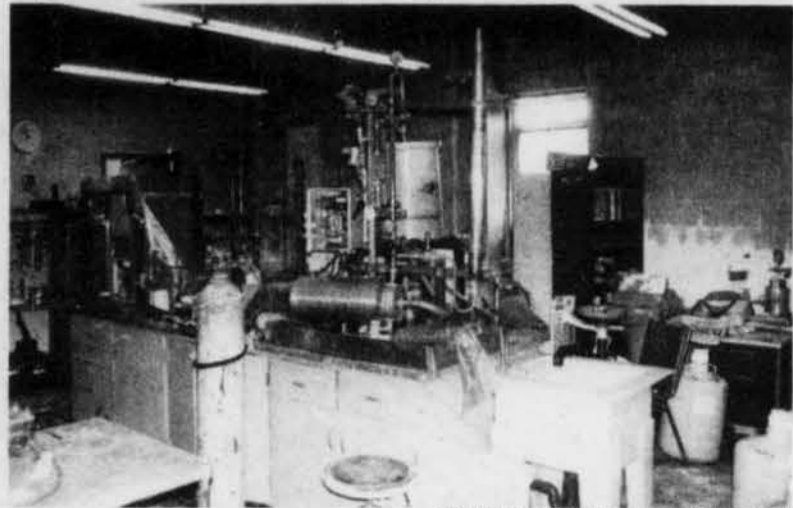
The Fire Department was on the scene in less than three minutes, according to Sergeant Heinz Ring. Three engines and two ladder trucks were dispatched to the scene, and Worcester Police also responded.

The extent of the damage has not yet been determined, but the fire was

contained to the lab where it started. There was possible water damage to the floor in 227, a classroom, some minor water damage to the labs across the hall, and smoke damage to the ceilings in the hallways. Goddard 225 is gutted, and will have to be rebuilt. In order to ventilate the building, the Fire Department found it necessary to break out three windows on the West Street Side of the building, and those will also have to be replaced. There was also minor water damage to faculty offices on the first floor. Professor Ma is in the process of deciding what, if anything, is salvageable from the lab, and the total value of the damage.

Professor Sacco, Chemical Engineering Department Head, said that despite a heavy smell of smoke, it would most probably be business as usual for the final week of the term.

Sgt. Ring said "Our main concern was [with] the chemicals," that is that the chemicals would catch fire, which could have been devastating. At press time, however, it still appeared that the fire was electrical, not chemical, in origin. An investigation is underway as to the cause and exact nature of the blaze.



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO / ERIC KRISTOFF

Damage due to the fire in Goddard Hall 225 Saturday afternoon.

Committees present findings at open meeting

by Ajay Khanna
Newspeak Staff

On April 15, there was an open meeting in Kinnicut Hall where student and faculty committees presented their intermediate findings on their self-studies of the WPI community, and received external comments on their areas of study. WPI's accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is up for review this year. As a result, these committees were formed to examine the complete WPI program to find out whether WPI is living up to its mission. The three committees that presented that evening were "Intellectual and Community Culture," "The Quality of the Learning Experience in the Freshman Year," and "Outcome Assessment —

Its Role in Program Innovations."

"Intellectual and Community Culture" is focusing on what measures WPI is taking to make its student body more diverse culturally and geographically. These include how WPI presents its curriculum, how it recruits students, how it maintains the quality and accessibility of its education, how it expands its course offerings, and so on.

"The Quality of the Learning Experience in the Freshman Year" is focussing on how to make the freshman year as attractive and interesting as the other years. The three projects in the WPI curriculum focus on the three upperclass years. The committee looks at ways to make the transition from high school to college more exciting and challenging.

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UMOC winner announced

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Softball New-8 champions

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Seniors sign off

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SPORTS

Track Team has "a hell of a win" to finish their season

by John Guris
Class of '94

"It was a hell of a win for us," Coach Norcross exclaimed as the WPI track team took first at the SMU/Springfield track meet Saturday making this season the 24th consecutive winning season for the WPI Track team.

Seniors Steven Sprague, Brian Daly, freshman Chris Pisz and junior Thomas Bergstrom

swept the long jump with a top jump of 21' 6 3/4". The triple jump was also swept by Seniors Brian Daly and Steven Segenchuk along with sophomores Chris Supple and Richard Pilling placing respectively with a top jump of 44' 5".

Senior Michael Cummings, David Berthiaume, and Carl Benker took the top three positions win the Steeplechase with a winning time of 9:50.6. The pole vaulters David Perri('93), Joe Jadamec ('94), and Kirk

Preston('93) took first, second and fourth with a Winning jump of 13' 6". Junior Tom Mower took first in the High jump with 6' 4" while Steven Segenchuk('91) and Jeremy Kaplan('94) tied for third.

In the Weight events Michael Theibert('91) took first in the shotput and second in the Hammer while Scott Morley('92) took first in the hammer with a throw of 147 feet. Chris Goodfellow ('93) took third in the shotput.

WPI held their own in the heftills Vincent Recchia ('94), Jeremy Kaplan('94), and Scott O'Connell('93) took second third and fourth in the 400H while Steven Sprague('91), Scott O'Connell ('93) and Chris Pisz('94) did the

same in the 110HH.

Also deserving mention was Scott Kenard('93) and Chris Mansur('94) who took third and fourth in the 400 as did Brian Malone('92) and Keith Dingley('91) in the Javelin. Kelly took fourth in the 200. And to finish off the scoring for WPI seniors David Berthiaume and Michael Cummings took second and fourth in the 5000 while Brian Prunier('93) was the rabbit.

The WPI Track team ended there season with a 9-4 record. Coach Norcross summed it up by saying "the students performed."

Softball Team New-8 Champs!

by Heidi Lundy
Editor-in-Chief

Softball Team New - 8 Champions!!

After a 2 - 14 record last year, the girls softball team couldn't have done much worse, and indeed two weeks into this year's season, they had already beaten that record. Last Saturday, at the New-8 tournament, the girls beat Smith 1 -

0. In the second game they beat Brandeis 2 - 0. These wins gave the team an 8 - 1 record overall in the conference and the championship. The team's record for the season so far is 11 - 7. The last game of the season is Thursday against Clark.

The all-conference team this year will include senior Elaine Lechance and freshman Christie Jones.



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- (c) a booster dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria within the past 10 years."

This law applies to **ALL** currently enrolled, returning WPI students as well as entering freshmen.

This law is a significant change from previous requirements. In the past the requirement has been for only one (1) dose of measles vaccine. **ALL WPI** students must check their immunization records to determine their status and if needed obtain the additional measles vaccine and provide Health Services with this information **BEFORE** returning to school for A-term.

For further information and to check the status of your immunization records
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NEWS

Graduate program could be drastically improved

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and aid out of the professor's grant money, when possible. Barring this, it is up to the department to provide the facilities.

Each professor receives a personal computer for his personal use from the school, and when asked whether the graduate students should receive PCs from the school because of their roles as assistants he said that the budget would not allow it, but ideally

this should be the case.

He also stated that it can take more than two years to finish their degree, and in some cases it may take much longer to finish. He attributes much of this to the students, citing instances of students who need to "catch up" on their background before the formal rigors of their degree begin (i.e. an EE major entering an ME graduate field would need to take ME courses to

bring him up to par), or some students who simply do not want to leave. He also mentioned that it is much easier for RAs to finish on time than it is for TAs.

Part of the disorganization and obvious lack of communication between the parties may be attributable to the recent implementation of the program. The graduate program at WPI dates back to the introduction of the Plan, but it is only since 1985 that they have become truly organized. In 1985, the Committee for Educational and Professional Development (CEPD) delivered a well-received report which established the need for a full time Dean of Graduate Studies and a Research Development Council (RDC) which would encourage faculty research through seed grants. Then, in 1986, approximately 40-50 new faculty were taken on, with an eye specifically on scholarly interests which would indicate both a desire to do research and to teach grad students. Despite these developments, WPI's graduate program still needs quite a bit of work before it is really successful for all parties involved.

Before that success can be realized, more funding needs to be brought in by the faculty, and a push must be made for RAs, as they are outnumbered by TAs. The nor-

mal situation would be the reverse. Dean Massouh describes the graduate program as "embryonic", echoing the sentiment that there is a lot of growth left to be done in that area. There is, of course, the usual debate over whether or not, and to what degree, WPI should become a graduate institute. Ideally, a graduate program would be self-supportive and not impinge on the quality of the undergraduate program. In reality, this may not be the case and trade-offs are necessitated (e.g. a fantastic research-orientated faculty member who is a poor undergraduate professor). The debate is a separate issue, however. As long as a graduate program exists, the school has a responsibility to maintain it. Massouh stresses that WPI has a quality graduate program, pointing to several special programs and honored students.

Each academic department is left to govern its own destiny in regards to their graduate program. WPI does not lay down any rules as far as the way the graduate programs should be run. Individual departments are left to their own devices to decide on funding, facilities, and most importantly academic requirements. Each department decides the number of credit hours (3 credit hours being equal to 1/3 unit) that a student needs to be eligible for the degree, as well as deciding if a student is required to

write a thesis. Some departments allow students to take extra classes in lieu of the thesis requirement, however, it has been suggested that WPI disallow this option entirely.

There are huge inconsistencies between the statements of the three parties involved. While some of the problems may be attributable to some of the students themselves, it also seems very likely that the loose format of the current system allows it to be abused, and for breakdowns to occur. There is a definite need for much open and honest communication between the Graduate Studies office, the individual departments and especially the graduate students themselves, to eliminate the large amount of gray area which currently exists. As it stands now, the students seem to be adrift in a sea of conflicting stories and administrative tangles. They see one thing, but are told it does not happen. In the final analysis, a college exists for the students - without them it would be merely a research institute. If WPI is sincere in its desire to be a graduate school of any renown, they must address the concerns of their students, for they are the lifeblood of the program.

Committee report

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As novel and innovative programs are introduced, there is a need for assessing the effectiveness of these programs so that WPI can maintain its comparative advantage. "Outcome Assessment - Its Role in Program Innovations" is investigating new methods of evaluating all aspects of the educational program at WPI.

Unfortunately, no students attended the open meeting. Since none of the committees had made final conclusions, they were all very receptive to the ideas thrown out at the meeting.

Survey Results

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DO YOU:	YES	NO
RECYCLE PAPER	294 67.6%	141 32.4%
DEPOSIT CANS/RETURN BOTT	392 90.1%	43 9.9%
AVOID NON-ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PRODUCTS	227 52.2%	208 47.8%
USE ENERGY CONSERVING MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION	175 40.2%	260 59.8%
INFLUENCE OTHERS ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PRACTICES	186 42.8%	249 57.2%
SUPPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TRIED TO LIMIT YOU TRASH OUTPUT	81 18.6%	354 81.4%
CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES NOT LITTER	272 62.5%	163 37.5%
CLEANED UP LITTER SPECIFICALLY PURCHASE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PRODUCTS	251 57.7%	184 42.3%
OTHER	405 93.1%	30 6.9%
	236 54.3%	199 45.7%
	176 40.5%	259 59.5%
	8 1.8%	427 98.2%

HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU FEEL THESE ISSUES ARE:

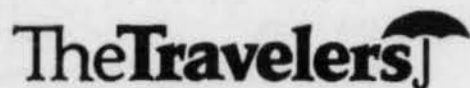
	VERY IMP.	IMP.	SOMEWHAT IMP.	NOT IMP.
ACID RAIN	199 46.6%	169 39.6%	48 11.2%	11 2.6%
DESTRUCTION OF RAIN FORESTS	297 69.7%	102 23.9%	21 4.9%	6 1.4%
OIL SPILLS	277 65.0%	108 25.4%	34 8.0%	7 1.6%
BURNING OIL WELLS & FUEL EMIS.	231 54.2%	137 32.2%	49 11.5%	9 2.1%
OZONE DEPLETION	261 61.3%	117 27.5%	35 8.2%	13 3.1%
SMOG	118 27.7%	193 45.3%	100 23.5%	15 3.5%
TOXIC WASTE HANDLING	237 55.6%	152 35.7%	33 7.7%	4 0.9%
NUCLEAR POWER/WEAPONS	144 34.0%	113 26.7%	100 23.6%	66 15.6%
WATER POLLUTION	282 66.2%	126 29.6%	17 4.0%	1 0.2%
GREENHOUSE EFFECT	174 41.3%	145 34.4%	80 19.0%	22 5.2%
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	156 36.6%	187 43.9%	77 18.1%	6 1.4%
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL USE	112 26.4%	170 40.0%	122 28.7%	21 4.9%

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Ugly Man on Campus



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Congratulations to Pete "Mario" Anamasi, the Ugly Man on Campus for 1990-1991

by Rich Ow
Class of '92

This year's winner of the Annual Alpha Phi Omega Ugly Man on Campus (UMOC) Contest was Pete "Mario" Anamasi of Alpha Chi Rho with 1468 votes. The runner up was

Jay McGinn of Sigma Alpha Epsilon with 601 votes. \$456.40 was raised for charity and will go to the American Cancer Society as chosen by Pete Anamasi. Thanks to all the contestants for making this year's contest a success.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Newspeak interviews the Chinese Students Association

by Ajay Khanna
Newspeak Staff

A recent interview was held with Johnny Wang and Chadwick Ngan of the Chinese Students Association. The CSA is an active organization with about 35 members. If you want to join, send your name and box number to Chadwick Ngan, WPI Box 2705.

AK: How was the Chinese Students Association formed?

JW: A group of Chinese students used to gather at Douglas Cheung and Johnny Wang's house to talk, play Chinese games, and catch up on Chinese news. As time passed, we felt that there was a need for an organization for Chinese students to gather together, participate in various activities and celebrate festivals such as the Chinese New Year. We decided to co-operate to form a club, which received official recognition in B term 1990.

CN: Basically this group was having a good time, and we thought it would be a good idea to get more Chinese students involved. The curriculum at WPI almost mandates socialization beyond schoolwork. David Ching founded the club, and Prof. Roger Lui became the advisor.

AK: What is the composition of the CSA?

JW: Most of the members are Chinese from different backgrounds. The CSA is made up of about an equal number of people from Hong Kong, those from Taiwan or China, and American-born Chinese. We even have one Italian. All members are very active.

CN: Everybody has fun no matter where they come from.

AK: What activities does the CSA organize?

JW: The CSA has held a number of events since its inception. There was a pot luck Thanksgiving Party in B term. There was tons of food since 35 people attended, and everyone brought food. We played mah jong, which is easy to learn, but difficult to master. Chinese card games, and talked about everything from history to future careers. We also observed Zhong-qiu Jie, which is a mid-autumn festival to celebrate the brightest full moon of the year. We are receiving some publicity nowadays with all the T-shirts members are wearing, which were made after a T-shirt design contest earlier

in the year.

Future events under consideration include a Hopkinton Park picnic, a cookout dinner, a trip to Riverside Amusement Park, and more trips to Boston.

We try to get together every weekend to play cards, make trips to Boston to go shopping and visit Chinatown, have soccer games, usually on Saturday mornings, play ping pong, and do lots of other fun activities. We also play Karaoke, a high-tech game which is the hottest new fad in Asia. Tools include a TV, a VCR, and a sound processor. Everyone tries to imitate their favorite singers. Their voice is on video cassette, and the singer seems to have an overtone of the person who accompanied.

AK: What is ChinStud?

JW: Douglas Cheung came up with ChinStud, a bi-weekly WPI CSA Newsletter, for Chinese students who want to share ideas, experiences, common interests, stories, jokes, and opinions on current events. It serves as a channel for Chinese students at WPI to communicate. We feel that we have created something nice ourselves. ChinStud also provides many students who feel the need to think and write, like well-rounded educated individuals in the Renaissance Age, the opportunity to do so. The four issues of ChinStud have included articles on the Gulf war, Far East issues, tourism, economic outlook, poetry, and a modern detective story set in Tokyo. I recently wrote an article on a Chinese-based view of the history of science. Douglas says that he plans to expand distribution of the newsletter to other schools and the rest of the Worcester community.

AK: Do you interact with students at other colleges?

JW: We have posted issues of ChinStud at Clark University, and have sent members of the CSA to Asian clubs there.

CN: ChinStud is one of the channels by which we can present ourselves. Since it is quite popular, it serves as a bridge to contact other people.

JW: During this year's Chinese New Year's party, we interacted with students from other colleges, mainly Clark University.

AK: Could you describe the Chinese New Year's Party?

CN: The Chinese New Year's party took place on Friday, February 15, at Founders Basement. We reserved the entire basement, including the kitchen, dining hall, game room, and a few study rooms for socializing and dancing. Lens and Lights graciously lent us some equipment for a low price.

The party started at 7pm and went all the way to 2am. All the while, there was a steady stream of people coming and going. The members danced, and played pool, ping-pong and mah jong throughout the evening. The maximum number of people at one time was around 50.

Some of the food was purchased from restaurants, and some was prepared by students. There were spicy cold noodles, rice balls in tuan-yuan, almond jello with cocktail fruits, and sweet red beans soup served for dinner. A number of unexpected guests showed up, far more than estimated, and we had to go for take-outs.

AK: What changes has the CSA undergone recently?

JW: Since elections in C term, the officers have been: Johnny Wang (President), Chadwick Ngan (Vice President), Yee Huang (Treasurer), Jim Lin (Activities Co-ordinator), and Kung King Yat (Secretary). Since then, the administration has undergone major changes. The officers have weekly meetings with the advisor, and we plan all activities for the whole term one term ahead of time.

AK: What did the CSA do for International Week?

CN: On Wednesday, March 20, the first day of International Week, we had fundraising. We sold Chinese food - one spring roll, two crab rangoons, and fried rice - for \$2. The food was sold out in an hour and a half, which was a big success for the CSA. Tom Thomsen, the International Student Advisor, was generous in supporting us initially.

The same evening, we showed *Osmanthus Alley* in Kinnicut Hall. The movie revolves around the life of a simple Chinese woman trying to cope with conflicts between the old and the new during the transitional period in China in the early twentieth century. It describes the ups and downs she has during her entire life.

JW: It is a tragic story illuminating the under-

lying aspects of the Chinese culture.

CN: For the Cultural Festival, we had three tables from the ISC. We brought dozens of information flyers from Boston for people to know about and understand Chinese culture. We had a TV and VCR with four different tapes: one with games Chinese children play; one showing the festivities during the Chinese New Year; one showing tourism in Taiwan; and one describing various Chinese festivals, including the Mid-Autumn Festival, Chinese Halloween, Chinese Valentine's Day, and the Festival of Lanterns. Various Chinese students wrote names of children in Chinese calligraphy.

We displayed some Chinese drawings borrowed from the Boston Taiwanese consulate CCNAA, and artifacts contributed by various members. The artifacts included flowers, flutes, lanterns, drawings, posters. We also had the marble game, in which people try to transfer marbles from one bowl to another using chopsticks. Daka also supplied spring rolls so that we could give visitors a sampling of Chinese food.

We had a costume show with an emperor, a prime minister, a concubine, and a queen. We also had two stage shows. Gon Ji-ju, a Chinese graduate student put on a performance of Tai Chi, an ancient martial arts style. Tai Chi has evolved into a regular early morning keep-fit ritual, with slow movements. Originally, people would go out to breathe the fresh air outside, sometimes on a mountain, to practice Tai Chi, which involves every single muscle in the body. A small group of Chinese students sang *A Better Tomorrow*, which was written by a Taiwanese group in response to the need for world aid for Ethiopia.

AK: What are your plans for the future?

JW: During Term D, we have been getting the club closer together, making it like a big family. Our goals for next year include extending the club's reach to interact with clubs at other schools in Worcester. Next year, we might try to contact colleges in Boston.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Grappler's Corner

by Brandon Coley and Steve Sousa
Newspeak Staff

Brandon: Well Steve, we have a lot to do this week, so let's get on to business. The Ultimate Turd-face is in trouble. It seems that in arenas all around the country the fans have been decidedly in favor of the Undertaker in his matches against the Warrior. In fact, in an arena in Michigan, the ENTIRE crowd cheered the Undertaker and jeered the Warrior. The best response the Warrior can merit, it seems, is about half the audience. If the fans are behind the Undertaker, then the Warrior might lose his first feud.

Steve: Who cares about popularity? Look at the most popular wrestler in the WWF, Hulk Hogan. Sure, all the little Hulksters cheer him on, but what use is that? He may be the fan favorite, but the Ultimate one is still the best wrestler alive. Remember, he pinned Hogan in the Middle of the ring. So it doesn't matter if he gets cheers or boos, put your money on the Warrior.

Brandon: PLEASE! You ask who cares about popularity? The Warrior, that's who! He's the one that bases his wrestling "power" on the power of his "WARRIORS" — i.e. the fans. Let's face it, Warrior sucks. He's been pinned by bozos like Rick Rude and Sgt. Slaughter. Sure, they broke the rules when they did it, but that's why they're rule-breakers. Besides, your precious Ultimate Loser took MANY legitimate losses to Randy Savage and Sgt. Slaughter in the steel cage! Say what you want about Hogan, but he pinned all those bozo Warrior lost to. Hulk Hogan is the greatest champion there ever was and ever will be!

Steve: The fact remains that Hogan lost to Warrior. He could have gotten a rematch too, but the fact is that he didn't want one. He knows he can't beat the Warrior, and that's why he waited until the Royal Rumble to challenge SLAUGHTER for the belt. In addition, steel cage matches in the WWF are a farce. The winner is the first to run away! That proves absolutely nothing. I'll grant you that Hogan has

been a great champion, but his best days are behind him, whereas the Warrior just gets better and better.

Since this is our last article of the year, its time for my summer predictions: - Suburban Commando, Hogan's new movie, will be a total dud. - Jesse Ventura will return to the WWF. - The WBF (World Bodybuilding Federation) will also be a dud. - Lex Luger will beat Ric Flair for the WCW World title. - Brandon will get his voice back.

Brandon: Before my predictions, I have a few more comments:

1> Hulk Hogan went on TV challenging The Ultimate Coward for the WHOLE YEAR! Unfortunately, Slaughter was the only one with enough guts to grant a title shot! 2> When you win a WWF steel cage match, you may do so by pinning your opponent. I never said Warrior lost all his cage matches because he couldn't run away fast enough. (although he tried) 3> Lately, the Warrior lost his title, lost his popularity (his little warriors) and has been beaten up by the Undertaker - a man he cannot beat. You call this getting better? Winning the World Title, picking up the flag of your country to defend it, visiting the Troops — These are traits of a Real American that cannot get any better — because he's already the BEST!

Here's my predictions: - In a Bossman -vs- The Mountie match, the Bossman will pin the Mountie, but after the match The Mountie will "jolt" the Bossman, causing his flab to jiggle uncontrollably for the rest of the year. - The WCW will get worse. - The Rockers will hit puberty (maybe). - The Ultimate Gag-bag will learn a multi syllable word besides "Warriahhs" - When Sid Vicious arrives in the WWF he will be managed by Bobby Heenan, who will then neglect Mr. Perfect causing him to turn against Heenan and feud with Vicious. - Steve still won't mature any.

Here's our top ten list:
TOP TEN REASONS WHY WRESTLERS WOULD MAKE LOUSY BASEBALL PLAYERS

10. Bats make clotheslines too easy.
9. When a rule-breaker pitched, the ball would always hit a fan favorite, no matter where he threw it.
8. Wrestling officials can't count to four, so there would be no walks.
7. Bossman's billy club is too small to hit a baseball.
6. Infielders too tempted to clothesline passing runners.
5. Kerry Von Erich can't use the Iron Claw with a glove on.
4. Wrestlers could not bounce off ropes to

- gain momentum to run bases.
 3. They'd have to fix the Diamond every time the Earthquake ran the bases.
 2. Batters would not be able to see ball due to bright sun reflecting off the bald head of Hulk Hogan in the outfield.
- And the number one reason why wrestlers would make lousy baseball players:
1. Wrestlers would never take the pay cuts and be reduced to measly baseball salaries.
- Steve: So with that, we'll sign off for this school year. See you next fall!

John Joseph appears at Gompei's

by Erik Currin
Newspeak Staff

John Joseph, a comedian that has appeared on MTV and HBO, was at Gompei's Place Friday. John is an improvisational comic who uses the audience as his material in a lot of his jokes. The first part of his act consisted of him telling jokes and asking people in the audience seemingly innocent questions like "What's your name?", "What's your major?", "How many people here tonight with a date?" The jokes he told were cliché, the standard jokes every time you see a stand-up comedian. He talked of the girl to guy ratio of WPI, girls and guys in bathrooms, men thinking they're tough while women are really tough, the old remote power-trip men have, children and sex in marriage. I was getting pretty restless at about the end of his speech about how kids remember the first thing when he picked up his guitar.

I never saw such a transformation: one minute I was watching a dull comedian and noting that the audience was restless, the next myself and the audience were laughing. He used the information he gathered from the audience in really funny songs. He imitated well known artists and songs, including Bob Dylan, Robert

Plant, and Joe Cocker. The audience rapport went from nil to infinity. The poor people in the front and sides were the butt of his jokes, but his manner was disarming enough to not really offend anyone.

"How can you say that?", you say, thinking. "He doesn't know that those poor people weren't hurt..." Well, I had the misfortune of being almost directly in front. And I didn't have the common sense to keep my mouth shut... "WPI is a great school, you get to see me for only a buck..." To which I shouted in my infinite wisdom "A dollar too much..." The audience went silent in anticipation of impending doom. The Jaws music rolled off his guitar as he beared down for the kill. He started a song about me and my girlfriend that was so tremendously off-based and hilarious that I had no choice but to laugh. It had me clutching my sides and even my girlfriend, who took most of the brunt, was good natured about it.

I would say that even though he started off slow, the second part of his act was definitely worth going to see him. I think everyone there will always remember poor Tom, the mechanical engineer, who built girls as a hobby. It was well worth the one dollar.



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EDITORIAL

Actions speak louder than words

For the past few weeks, the editors of *Newspeak* have been receiving letters and complaints. Most have been written anonymously. One said we were "left wingers," others have said we're not objective. We assume a lot of this has stemmed from the articles about SSA and their shantytown on the quad.

The brunt of what we have received has contained some message to the effect of: *Newspeak* should do this, or *Newspeak* should do that. The simple fact is this: We can't. We try to put out a quality newspaper each week, and we work with the material we're given. Throughout all the complaints we've received, only one

has offered to actually write something to alleviate the perceived problem.

Our thinking is this: if you have time to sit down and draft a letter to send to us, you have the time to join the staff. If you can put enough sentences together to write a letter, you can write a newspaper article. Joining the staff is the way to improve the paper to your liking.

A couple letters we received said they were planning or would like to "overthrow" us. Instead of overthrowing us, why not join our staff and put some of your input into it? Like we've said in the past, your opinion will count. Almost no one, including us, has what it takes to

devote lots of time and effort *on their own* to give the campus a well-written, well-put together paper. Through working together on a weekly basis, this is what we attempt. We are not experts, we never said we were. We all have some interest in the various things offered such as photography, writing, business managing, ads, circulation, and editing. We do this for you, the campus, not only for ourselves. Instead of just complaining about what we do or don't do, maybe you could put that little bit of extra effort to make *Newspeak* truly better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No just cause found for "Operation Saturation"

To the Editor:

In last week's issue, two more bold and daring anonymous writers challenged the Students for Social Awareness' (SSA) homelessness protest on the quad. Both letters are riddled with mistaken assumptions stated as facts; and neither letter substantiates the point it tries to make with any sort of cohesive argument.

Anonymous author #1 attempted to justify the actions of about 50 students who banded together and attacked the homeless demonstration by portraying their attack as some sort of brave and noble feat. However, it is clear from the author's attitude as he/she meticulously describes the details of "operation saturation" that the attack was anything but a well-meaning response to the protest. Rather, the whole affair was really an adolescent display of intolerance combined with a degree of apprehension over not knowing how to deal with a difficult social issue. Remarks such as "homeless people should die" being shouted during the onslaught of "operation saturation" further exemplify the lack of serious thought upon which the attack was launched.

The anonymous author argues that the attack on the homeless shanties was not a "denial thing," but that "the goal was to effect the removal of a major blemish that had formed on our modest yet much appreciated quad...The real issue was that we wanted to remove that which was offensive." This argument cannot be taken seriously as it is fundamentally self-contradictory. The author recognizes the SSA's goal of drawing attention to homelessness in our society but is more concerned with removing SSA's "major blemish" from her/his presence on "our...quad." As the SSA was taking a stand against the social injustice of homelessness, Anonymous #1 claims her/his stand was against "the social injustice [the SSA] had imposed upon us;" that of having to face the "ugly" reminder of homelessness. The author is not denying that homelessness exists, but is most apprehensive about having to face the problem.

In a further effort to justify the hostile response toward the homelessness demonstration, both anonymous authors divert their arguments to a range of peripheral and largely misrepresented issues. Anonymous #1 asserts that the homelessness protest was nothing more than a bunch of "wedge rats" who decided to take advantage of the spring weather and "practice poverty" on the quad instead of in the wedge.

First of all, the homelessness protest was planned many weeks in advance as part of a series of events which began with a homelessness display at the Worcester Community Peace Fair on Sunday (April 7) at Clark University and ending with a presentation on homelessness at WPI on Thursday (April 11). It was organized by a few SSA members who are rarely found in the wedge. Secondly, the "wedge rats" are not in the wedge to "practice poverty" as the author would like to believe. If Anonymous #1 sincerely wants to know what motivates the wedge rats to spend so much time there, he/she should sit down sometime and ask them. Maybe he/she finds it more satisfying to simply hate them than to try to understand them.

Continuing her/his digression,

Anonymous #1 further describes "operation saturation" by noting that "dozens of concerned students stood up for their rights and...launched at least two bombs each toward the offensive apparition before them." However, one's resentment over being exposed to "ugly" social issues does not translate into a right to assault those who are raising the issues. If the protestors had in fact been violating other students' rights, the Institute would most certainly have intervened.

Anonymous #1's point about the unauthorized campfire which was allowed to burn all week is also incorrect; not to mention irrelevant. The "campfire" consisted of coals in a small habachi grill, and there is no prohibition against this. Campus Police Chief John Hanlon did note that officers have some leeway in prohibiting the grill if they feel that it constitutes a hazard. The protestors were asked to extinguish the grill on a few occasions because of conditions which made it potentially hazardous (i.e. strong winds, large flames, proximity to the boxes, activity of the quad, etc.).

Anonymous #2 speaks of "the defacement and burning of the US flag" as a major reason why people were "pissed off." The flag was taken down on the first day of the demonstration after several students voiced apprehension over it. Contrary to the widely spread myths, the flag was not tie-dyed specifically for the homeless protest (it has a fairly lengthy history) and it was not burned. If you don't believe me, contact the SSA and ask to see it.

Anonymous #2 also asserts that "the so called shanty was an unrealistic representation of the homeless people." It is interesting, then, that homeless activist Scott Schaeffer-Duffy commented during his speech presented to the SSA at the completion of the protest that their shanty looked remarkably similar to those which he has actually seen while working with the homeless in Washington DC. Admittedly, this sort of shanty wouldn't be found on "nicely kept green lawns," and homeless people aren't apt to be out playing frisbee, but I fail to see how these points are really relevant to the issue. The intent of the demonstration was not to replicate homelessness as accurately as possible, but rather to raise campus consciousness about it. As someone involved in the demonstration to an extent, I realized that no matter how realistically I could have tried to role-play homelessness, I could never experience the hopelessness, despair and struggle for survival which homeless people must face every day.

Both anonymous authors mention the so called knife incident in their attempts to discredit the homelessness demonstration and justify the attacks on it. Yet Anonymous #1 incorrectly states that the school "turned the other cheek" when the incident was disclosed. In fact, it was the thorough investigation of rumors about the incident by the Student Life office and Campus Police which brought the incident to light. It is being handled administratively by the Institute.

The anonymous accounts of the knife incident published in last week's letters also only depict one side of a story that has widely varying accounts. The knife may have simply

been incidental to an episode of irrational behavior while "under siege." Regardless of what really happened, the incident is unfortunate and none of the protestors have condoned it.

Anonymous #2 also incorrectly speculates that "maybe [the protestors] have a hatred of the rest of the student body that does not confirm [sic] to their views." The protestors do not hate the rest of the student body, but they do share some of the blame for this misconception. Several of the protestors did at times stoop to the level of their antagonists by returning insults which were shouted at them from residence hall windows. A much greater effort should have been made on the part of the SSA to communicate with the student body about the issue. The fact that a large proportion of students didn't even know initially that the boxes were a demonstration shows a definite lack of communication. Of course, to go out into the quad

and ask what it was all about would have been the sensible approach. Perhaps ignoring the question and attacking with water balloons instead sounded more rewarding.

Despite Anonymous #1's claim that the attack was intended to remove the demonstration, this hostility only strengthened the resolve of the protestors. Most of those who participated in the protest were not involved with its planning, but increased their support for it in the face of such open antagonism from a large portion of the students. I knew of the plans for the protest well in advance, but fully expected it to consist of 2 or 3 people sitting in cardboard boxes on the quad and being largely ignored by the rest of the campus. Had it not been for the antagonism, there would not have been over fifty people (including students from other colleges and faculty) gathered at the shanty on Tuesday night (April 9) to show support for the

project; and there would not have been fifty people in the Wedge on Thursday night (April 11) to hear several activists speak about the issue. Had this level of support for the project not materialized, the shanty would have been taken down on Wednesday (as was originally planned) instead of Thursday.

Yet Anonymous #1 ends her/his letter saying that "we'd do it again." We must ask why this person would do it again if the result of the attack was completely opposite what he claims was the intent. Assuming that he/she is not completely irrational, I conclude that "operation saturation" was actually a case of immature behavior where a group of students decided to have some "fun" at the expense of others whom they considered vulnerable and offensive. There was no just cause for it.

Greg Doerschler

Clarification submitted by SSA

There seems to be a little confusion going around about the SSA. We are a group of students, some Greek, some GDI, and yes, some wedgerats, scientists, engineers, and humanities majors, who would like to see social justice in our time.

There also seems to be a bit of confusion about our demonstration on homelessness on the WPI quad. We meant it to show people how lucky they are, and how lucky they could be. We wanted empathy with the homeless. Homeless people spend their nights in the cold. As one speaker said, it gets very cold late at night, even into the Summer. We planned our demonstration and decided on the date three weeks before it. At that time it was still cold and rainy here in Worcester, and we had no way of knowing if it would be warm on those days. We hoped it would be warm three weeks later, even though real homeless people do not have the luxury of such planning. We were overjoyed when the first day turned out warm, but even that night it grew cooler, especially on the ground. Over the next few days the temperature grew steadily lower, but the members of our group did not give in.

We kept the boxes full of people all three nights, the same number every night. We did not all stay out all night, every night, and we were not supposed to, for there would not have been room in our small (300 square feet to be exact) corner of the quad. Since it grew cold later at night, we lit a fire in a small portable grill. This is, according to Campus Police, perfectly legal as long as it presents no safety hazard. Only open fires are illegal.

One must also remember that we are here at WPI to learn, and to learn about more than Engineering. The reason that we have requirements in the Social Sciences and Humanities is

that the administration believes in the very reasonable idea that there is more about living, and thus more to be learned, than Science.

Finally, I would like to say that the SSA officers have no knowledge of any incident with a knife. If such an activity as was described took place, it was not in any way sanctioned by the SSA or its members. Though we are a diverse group, we do generally agree that violence is not the answer to problems, especially those in our own community. But don't take my word for it, come to an SSA meeting yourself. You will have to wait until next year, as this one is about over, but it will be worth it.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to Professor Jack Boyd

To The Editor:

Dear Professor Boyd,

Before I conclude my tenure as an undergraduate, I would like to thank you for the encouragement, support and friendship which you have extended to me over the past three years.

As you know, I first came to WPI in 1980 as an arrogant, 21 year old, "on again-off again" student, and left WPI three years later vowing never to return to this "Hell-hole". My advisor at that time, Ben Gordon, insisted that if

I left WPI, I would never be more than a technician. I was arrogant enough to consider that a challenge.

In the years that followed, I worked very hard at achieving excellence in the field of optical-mechanical design. Having designed items which range from simple nuts and bolts to complicated surgical laser delivery systems and satellite telescopes, my next achievement was to complete my degree at WPI.

When I returned to WPI in 1988, I was making over \$50,000 per year, I

owned a house, an airplane and a Mercedes. I didn't "need" to come back to WPI. For that matter, I wasn't sure that I really wanted to come back. I chose to return on a part time basis, taking one course early in the morning and then proceeding to Lexington where I work.

To this day, I can't figure out why I chose to take Thermodynamics as my first course in five years. I'm sure you recall that you taught Thermodynamics in A-term of 1988. Since that time, you have played a significant

role in the completion of my degree. Your desire to help students achieve "functional literacy" in their courses should be a model for other faculty who might also dare to be different.

You have demonstrated a willingness to try new and innovative approaches to teaching, striving to keep the students interested in learning. You have openly discussed your educational philosophy despite the potential repercussions; and always for the benefit of the students.

Having worked in industry for

several years, I have learned a very hard lesson: fighting for change and improvement will rarely be rewarded. Satisfaction comes from knowing that you have done your very best at maintaining your ideals without succumbing to those who insist on beating people into submission.

Again, I thank you for your encouragement, guidance and fellowship. I hope the future brings you many years of peace and good health.

Your friend,
Tony Smith (ME '91)

COMMENTARY

Joger's View

Another year shot and some people I'd like to shoot

by Joger

There is something I would like to get off my chest before the year ends and my anger subsides with the memory of the event.

My roommates and I, from time to time-like to play racquetball, except that there is one problem. You must sign up for the courts, and with us it's usually a spur of the moment decision. Who knows two days in advance when you want to play racquetball? So we are usually stuck playing in the smaller squash courts, which I think is a much quicker game, but anyway... The limit for playing time is one hour. I've never seen this printed. It may be,

but we follow it anyway just for courtesy. We had been playing in the small court for about 1/2 an hour when this guy, whom I can only assume to be a professor, started watching us, and basically giving us the evil eye. After about fifteen minutes of this, they came down and banged on the door. There were two guys now.

They proceeded to tell us we could not play racquetball on the squash courts, and that we should give the courts to them because they had squash racquets. I was kinda mad. It seems to me that we had just as much right to be in there as they did. They didn't see it our way. When we told them we wouldn't leave they threat-

ened to go get the coach, which didn't really phase me much. I basically told them to go find me a document which said we couldn't play racquetball in the squash courts (which may exist, I don't know) and then we would leave. Both parties were pretty ripped by this time.

One of the guys said it was logical that since they had squash racquets they were entitled to play. He then said that he was a member of the squash team (are faculty allowed?). We were stupid, we gave in. We realized we were stupid when we got back to our apartment and realized that they had already had a practice session that day. We vowed never to

give up our court again until our time was up.

Okay, here comes the complaint part... Why should a student have to give up court time to a professor? It seems to me that when an associate professor makes in the vicinity of about \$40,000 a year, they can afford to join a health club. As I see it, these are our facilities, and we should be able to use them with out worrying that your professor is going to come up and say something like "If you don't get out of that court, I'm going to fail you". This is extreme, but not beyond the realm of possibility. Are you going to chance arguing like we did if your grade hangs in the balance? Barring that, I'm already paying somewhere around \$20,000 to use the facilities, while the professors get paid to use them? What's the deal?

It also seems to me that it doesn't really matter what game you are playing in a court (within reason, frisbee in the squash court is out, obviously). The Fencing Club used to use racquetball court, thus cheating racquetball players out of their time. But I'm sure they signed up for use of the courts, so that's okay. Or is it? If you can't play racquetball in a squash court, should you be allowed to Fence in the racquetball courts? (I will say that I have not seen the Fencing people in there for quite some time, and the last time I saw them practicing it was behind the bleachers in Harrington, but I have seen them in there before.)

Where does the limit between a perk and a nuisance lie? I felt very cheated by this occurrence, and I'll tell you right now, I won't let it happen again. If you are on the squash team, fine, have your practice here, I can see that, but don't come back later and give us a hard time. We work hard

and sometimes we would like a little enjoyment, too.

Nuf said on that part, now to the goeey sappy part:

Well, it seems that I've survived another full year without too many burning crosses being planted in my front yard. It was an interesting year, although not a full one as far as this column is concerned.

I like to think it was my column who got the Human Resources people off their butts at the beginning of the year to give the students some help and much needed respect. I also know for a fact that it was my column which allowed Housing and Res Life to talk to us about our heat problem. Many thanks to Howard for his cooperation in that matter. He also taught me a valuable lesson, which was to check all the sides before you go shooting your mouth off, that can be dangerous. I would also like to thank all of you who voted for me for Senate. Maybe I'll try again later on.

Things are going to be different around the old Newspeak office next year. Troy will no longer be with us to impart his badly needed musical wisdom. Athena will no longer be writing about the joys of Institute Pond. Alton will no longer impart his wisdom about his wife. Our beloved former Editor-In-Chief Gary will no longer be around to do whatever it is he does here. Congratulations and Good Luck, guys we'll miss you... even you Alton, you were good for a laugh sometimes.

All in all it's been a fun year, I guess, but that does not keep me from hoping next year will be better. I suppose it can't get too much worse... Until then, I am yours, very sincerely, Joger.

Observations from the Asylum

The Final Hurrah

by Alton Reich
Newspeak Staff

Well ladies and gents, this is the end of an era. This is the absolute last column your humble columnist is submitting to Newspeak. It has been a good three years, and in some ways I actually miss WPI. There are a good number of things about WPI that I won't miss, and there are some things that I won't be allowed to miss (like the Alumni Association).

Before I get too bleary eyed, I would like to apologize for missing the last few issues. The MQP took precedence, and I think that its finally done forever. I have spent too many hours over the past week in front of a computer, so it better be done. But I digress, the point is that the column I promised about Miranda a few weeks ago did not materialize; until now. It is tacked on to the bottom of this little farewell. It was going to run under the title of "Life with Miranda". I hope you enjoy reading it, and you may even gain some insight into the workings of the mind of a five month old.

There are a good number of people I would like to thank for making my stay here tolerable. Perhaps the Newspeak staff person who deserves the most thanks is former Editor Jeff Goldmeier, who is leaving in May with his master's degree. Jeff was Editor-in-chief my freshman year, and did what every writer really wants an editor to do, and that is stay out of the way. I would like to thank various and numerous Wedge Rats for providing all sorts of entertainment. For example, there is no Physics like Wedge Physics.

There are a couple of professors who deserve to be told that they did a great job in my opinion. First is John Van Alstyne, who in unfortunately known by a dwindling number of students. In the simplest way I can put it, VanA is the perhaps most brilliant individual I have ever had the pleasure of dealing with. Perhaps the most creative and challenging professor I have had the opportunity to learn from is Jack Boyd of the ME department. I found his approach very refreshing, and I learned more in his course than many others. I must also acknowledge Professor John Mayer of the NE program. I have had him for several

courses and as my MQP advisor as well. I found him to be an outstanding person in general (Note: I hope he has filed my CDR with an A on it by Tuesday morning, but if not I hope this helps to jog his memory.).

I have a number of friends who I really should thank for one reason or another, but they really are too numerous to fit in a reasonable amount of space. They know who they are, so they'd better come see me in order to get thanked (especially those who still owe me money).

There is one final person who deserves to be mentioned, and as they say you should save the best for last. I must thank Beth for putting up with me, and not killing me this past week when I was out most of the night trying to finish the MQP from hell. In many ways it was Beth who made it possible for me to graduate in three years.

Well without further ado I shall bid you all farewell. Next comes my little piece on Miranda. I hope that when you have children you remember some of the things I discovered and are helped by it. Who am I kidding you'll never remember.

May the wind be always at your back, and the road rise to meet your feet. Farewell!

Miranda turned five months old last week and it is truly amazing how much she has changed since she was first born. Five months to her and five months to you and I are two completely different things.

I would like to pose a question to you. What can you do now that you couldn't do five months ago? I mean really substantial things, not just differential equations either. I am willing to bet that not one person's body of knowledge has doubled in the past five months, nor has one person acquired the ability to perform twice as many actions as five months ago. My daughter has indeed come a long way in five months.

When Miranda was born she could do only a handful of things. These were: eat (her favorite activity), sleep, poop, and cry. She did all of these with frightening regularity. In the first month, she slept about 16 hours a day, and sometimes woke up long enough to get changed and eat. Her

life (in my opinion) was rather boring. She really didn't recognize people. All she really cared about was that a warm body was holding her.

When Miranda was three months old she began to do two things that endeared her to Beth and I. The most important was that she began to sleep all night. The first time it happened Beth awoke in a panic at 5 o'clock in the morning. After her initial shock wore off, Beth began to like the idea of Miranda allowing us to sleep more than 4 hours at a time. In her third month Miranda also began smiling. When she was happy she would scrunch up her cheeks and smile. Her ability to smile gave her some way of communicating with us other than crying.

When Miranda was almost four months old she began to make noise, not crying noise, but sound. She soon discovered the wide range of sounds that she can make. These range from soft gurgles to high pitched screeches. Soon after, Miranda learned how to laugh. Beth and I also discovered that she is very ticklish. The first time she laughed, she didn't know what to make of it. Miranda got a very puzzled look on her face, and I thought she might cry, but as quickly as her puzzlement came, it went away.

She has also discovered the joy of rolling over. The first time she managed to roll over, she scared herself so much she started screaming. I guess it comes from suddenly having the floor in front of you replaced by a ceiling. After having rolled a few times Miranda must have decided she likes it, and no longer cries when she does it.

Miranda has also learned how to manipulate objects. She can maneuver anything from a rattle to the food on your plate (thankfully the plate itself is a bit heavy as of yet). The upshot of this newfound skill (that pleases Beth and I to no end) is that Miranda can now entertain herself.

Looking back on the progress that Miranda has made makes me realize just how much can be learned in half a year. Babies adapt and learn so quickly it is truly amazing. I hope that this little piece has provided some insight for those of you who will have children some day. And as for me, I'm always happy to be of service.

Frodo

The Bloodsucking IRS

by Frodo

Greetings and Salutations,

Yet another week, and time to tackle a new topic. It is not that I do not want to talk more about religion, but this format allows for a very slow exchange of ideas, so argue amongst yourselves. Though I must leave with a parting shot about this 'Nazi' were atheists' stuff. Let me quote Mr. Hitler the best I can, "I believe in two Gods, the God in heaven and the God on earth, which is the fatherland." If you wish to read a very good book on the philosophic and mystic basis of Nazism I highly recommend "The Ominous Parallels" by Leonard Peikoff. Mr. Peikoff shows how socialism must rely on a mystic base of irrationality and sacrifice. Remember NAZI stood for National Socialist Workers Party. Socialism=Fascism. Anyway...

This time I am going to talk about something that just hit all of us where it hurts, in the wallet. I am talking about the IRS, I am talking about taxes. In this instance the fact that I am writing under an assumed name may come in handy. You see the IRS has this nasty habit of following

people who gripe about the system. People who openly oppose taxation have Form 1099 filled out on them, they are usually then audited or investigated. I assume that by now you could have guessed my general attitude towards the subject.

I. Taxes are coercive. This may seem obvious, but let me outline it again. The government makes you pay money. In return you may or may not receive services that you may or may not want. If you refuse the IRS may haul your butt in, you can lose all your possessions, they may garnish your wages so you can't make a living or they can throw you in jail. Why does the government have to threaten a taxpayer? Once again, obvious. Because if they did not, people would not 'pay' them and the government would have no money. Now, normally what do you pay for? Things you want or need, right? So why would you not want to pay for the government? Maybe because you don't want part or all of it? I sure don't. I don't want to pay for roads in California. I don't want to pay to educate other peoples children. etc. etc. If I wished to buy something or to

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COMMENTARY

Frodo: Taxes attack your judgment

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dispose of my money in any way, I would. In a capitalist system if someone desires something and is willing to pay what it is worth, then a businessman will be there to produce the product. I advocate the privatization of all government functions not involved with force for two reasons. (a) support for these functions are presently coercive, in a free market they would not be. (b) a free market is better able to respond to the true needs and demands of consumers. Most people rally behind the utilitarian value of a free market, that is a secondary point. The primary value is that it is non-coercive.

II. Taxes are anti-life.

To live you must select a course of action, even if you do so by selecting no course at all. "If you choose not to decide you still have made a choice." NP. To make these choices you have to use your brain, or choose not to use it. How well you choose determines how well you achieve the goals you wish to work for. Ex. If you wish to kill yourself and you choose to use a hunk of Styrofoam to try and achieve this goal, your poor choice (i.e. the reality of your choice is not the same as what you had hoped for) will prevent you from achieving your goal. Similarly if you wish to build an engine and

you choose materials that have properties consistent with the requirements of the specifications of your engine then you have succeeded as far as that aspect of your goal is concerned. Now obviously your goal can be either good (pro-life) or bad (anti-life). Force directed against thought is its antithesis. Coercion is a denial of the fact that individuals must think to survive, that they must have the freedom to think and to act upon their thoughts. I hope to use these distinctions to support three points about the tax system.

First of all taxes are an attack on your judgement. Taxes say that you are not able to decide what choices to make with your money. Taxes say that the government or someone else knows what is better for you, so you better cough it up so that some other body can use it for what is 'best for you'.

Secondly, taxes claim that someone who is not responsible for your success is entitled to a portion of it. It is claimed that the government, local, state or federal has some claim against the success that you have achieved. If you believe this, think of it the other way around. Is the government responsible for the failure some people have as a result of their decision? No. Thinking and acting upon thought is the

basis of freewill, it is an action conceivable and achievable only by an individual. Collective thinking is a contradiction, so is collective responsibility. Taxes also support the fallacy that you can live by theft, by coercion.

Thirdly, taxes penalize the productive individuals. If you and your choices are successful the products of your success are taken away from you. Most of the time the successful individuals production is given to a person who is not successful. At this point I will not go into the economic ramifications of income redistribution, maybe that will be later. Now I want to focus on the morality of it. Productive individuals are what make the world go round. They are the ones that make choices that create goods and services that make life potentially enjoyable for not only themselves, but for everyone. From factory worker to research chemist. In a free society we pay people who have created or can create something that we want. The person is freely compensated for his/her accomplishment. In today's society production is coercively collectivized and distributed to person, some of whom may have been able to trade for the production and some who may have not been able to. About now you may be saying "What about those poor people

who cannot afford things." These people have several options. Either they can make choices that will let them achieve a level of production at which they can afford what they desire, or they could ask for charity from the producers. They could also go without, or what is most common today, they could take it by force, usually the force of the government. This principle applies from food stamps to competition legislation. People go around today screaming that they have a 'right' to food, housing, a job, insurance, health care, cable television (I kid you not), education etc... By what right?! In a free market you have a right to it by your right to property, by free trade of your production for another persons services. The only other way to claim these 'rights' is by force, robbery, theft, coercion from a producer. These are not 'rights'! You do not have a right to steal. This is the ultimate amoral system. As I stated before in my religion articles, morality has to do with reality, not with some supernatural code. In our present system the people who succeed are viewed as amoral and penalized and the failures are considered moral and given the spoils of the producers. This is the morality of 'It is better to give than to receive.' How can there be people who give without people who receive? Are they not amoral also? No, for they did not produce. This is about as close to A=-A as you can get. It isn't too hard to postulate what happens if you legalize theft and keep penalizing the people that allow survival and happiness and reward the people who do not produce enough to keep themselves alive.

III. The IRS is a group of Fascist BASTARDS!

Did you know that the IRS can and consistently does open private mail? The US Postal Service can't even do that. Also any checks that wind up in the hands of the IRS are immediately stamped over to them. To get your money back you have to sue them and have evidence of the crime. The IRS routinely taps phones, even where it is supposedly illegal. The Executive office has occasionally used this power in conjunction with presidentially ordered audits to intimidate the hell out of any opposition. Wow, the former head of the CIA with the power of the IRS behind him. Scary isn't it?

The IRS does not need a warrant to search an auditee's (?) residence. In most states you are allowed to shoot unannounced intruders into your house, even if they are FBI etc., but not the IRS. You will be tried and imprisoned. The IRS also has the power of 'jeopardy assessment' if the agent thinks you cannot or will not pay your fines. This means that the IRS can seize any of your property without a court order. These auditors have quotas on the number of audits and the amount of money they must bring in.

To deal with the IRS you must go to tax court. The real name is the Board of tax appeals. Guess what? The judge and prosecutor are employees of the IRS. Boy, I feel so safe! The IRS has on several occasions hid behind the 'you cannot sue the government' shield to get away with what would otherwise be crimes. The only consistent right you as a taxpayer has in dealing with the IRS is possibly the freedom of information act. Of course you have to know that they are messing with you before you can go through the lengthy process of trying to get your privacy back.

Well, that seems enough for now. I still don't understand how people get hysterical when they are robbed? The robber could always say "Hey, I thought you liked it, I'm just as coercive and arbitrary as the government! Do you want me to cut your grass?"

(Special thanks to my roommate W.W.W. for all the IRS research) (No, W.W.W. is not Wombat)

The Wilderness Writer

Goodbye, WPI!

by Athena Demetry
Newspeak Staff

The moral I labor toward is that a landscape as splendid as that of the Colorado Plateau can best be understood and given human significance by poets who have their feet planted in the concrete - concrete data - and by scientists whose heads and hearts have not lost the capacity for wonder.

Any good poet, in our age at least, must begin with the scientific view of the world; and any scientist worth listening to must be something of a poet, must possess the ability to communicate to the rest of us his sense of love and wonder at what his work discovers.

- Edward Abbey

"By scientists whose heads and hearts have not lost the capacity for wonder." This has been my goal in writing The Wilderness Writer: to revive in myself and the student-body the sense of wonder that I believe is intrinsic to humans - a wonder at the mysteries and intricacies of life, a wonder at what is beyond human control, beyond the human scope of understanding. Every one of us houses this wonder somewhere within, but it may remain dormant for long periods of time. This wonder is what makes me tick, but sometimes I have to dig it out of wherever it is hidden, masked by stress or by intimidating lab equipment. At these times, I often turn to naturalist writers and poets to revive my sense of wonder - the next best alternative to an actual wilderness experience. Wa+ing this dormant wonder, reviving our awe in the magnificent and the sacred in natural objects, is essential in today's world; it is what makes us truly alive. With a fully aware sense of wonder, a whole new set of values will be expressed, values by which engineers will weigh the potential impact of technology on the function of life. They will consider life because they have a personal investment in the world; their essential wonder, their love for the world, is their return for treating it with respect.

If I have been successful, one person will remember one thing I have written. One person will stop to closely examine a flower, to see how the maples bloom in modest, discrete bundles of green petals, long before they even consider sending out leaves. One person will look at this flower and will be awed by its perfect detail, its complex order, and will recall the enormous progression of chance events that brought this flower to be. One person will look down into the ocean at a seemingly sterile, lifeless expanse and will imagine the life teeming below, layer upon layer: the lampreys, hagfishes, and sponges; the skates, rays, and sawfishes; the corals, carp, and anemones; and that most awe-inspiring denizen of the sea - the whale:

*All afternoon you swam
tirelessly around the bay,
with such an easy motion,
the slightest downbeat of your tail,
an almost imperceptible*

*undulation of your flippers,
you seemed like something poured,
not driven; you seemed
to marry grace with power.
And when you bounded into air,
slapping your flukes,
we thrilled to look upon
pure energy incarnate
as nobility of form.
You seemed to ask of us
not sympathy, or love,
or understanding,
but awe and wonder.*

-Stanley Kunitz, "The Wellfleet Whale"

I left the Aptlab and walked home at 11:30 the other night after spending fifteen straight hours in the lab or in front of a computer screen, thoroughly exhausted. I am not a night person, but this night pulled me persistently into wakefulness; that wonder wedged somewhere in my liver was yanked outward, and it expanded to surround me. Breathing deeply, filling my lungs with the heavy, heady essence of flowers and pollen, I felt the life bursting forth around me, the trees green and heavy with new growth. There was no visible steam in the air, but the blooms had seeped so long in the heat and sun of the day that the air was now infused with the vapor of the essence of blooms. The life of spring growth was sensed not so much by the eyes nor by the ears or nose but by the touch of the air on my skin, in my lungs, seeping into my every pore. It was a glorious sense of being alive, on this midnight walk beneath those leaves and flowers, the bursting, budding branches, the awakening Spring.

This is a reverent time, a time for celebrating life. Indulge me, please, in one last poem from e.e. cummings, a poem which I find myself reciting, almost as a mantra, on the amazing days we've had this spring:

*i Thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes*

*(i who have died am alibe again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings; and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)*

*how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any - lifted from the no
of all nothing - human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?*

*(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)
- e.e. cummings*

It is possible, here in Worcester, to feel a sense of wilderness, a sense of place, a closeness to the land and to life? Loren Eiseley writes, and this is my belief, that a sense of wonder in how we came to be here, in how we relate to the world around us, and in how wilderness is, intrinsically, is what's important:

I suppose that in the forty-five years of my

*existence every atom, every molecule that
composes me has changed its position or
danced away and become part of other things.
New molecules have come from the grass and
the bodies of animals to be part of me a little
while, yet in this spinning, light and airy as a
midge swarm in a shaft of sunlight, my memo-
ries hold, and a loved face of twenty years ago
is before me still.*

- Loren Eiseley

So this is the end for now, of this chapter of The Wilderness Writer. It's been an experiment; I was unsure of the reception it would get, but I knew that for my own sanity I would keep writing. I even have a faithful following (so what if it consists of Mom and Dad, if I remind them each Tuesday!). What's next? Tuesday, May 21, I am once again setting out cross-country for the summer, my destination being Olympic National Park in the extreme northwest corner of Washington State, where I will work in the Park's native plant nursery and revegetation team. In the fall, I descend back into Academia, in the graduate program in Botany at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. My ambition is someday to make my living in a position where I can follow entire yearly cycles of a place close to my heart and to watch the unfolding of life histories. To see the diminutive plant on the forest floor that saves energy for an entire year in order to burst into bloom for two days and then fade back into obscurity. Only the memory of those two days of glory, when the plant can reveal its true identity and character through a flower, sustains the plant. I want to watch plooen fill the air, dying it yellow, and see one tiny grain become a pine cone. I want to see the birds off on their southern journey and welcome their return in the spring. I hope to be so surrounded by the natural world that I will want to go to a city for my two weeks vacation. The wilderness will be my avocation, my place of work; not a place to escape to, but a way of life. Thanks to my family - Mom, Dad, Chrys, Sara and Pete - and to Jen, Renee, Maura, the folks in M&D, the editors of Newspeak, the entire Herd (you know who you are). In the words of Dennis Miller:

I...am.....outta here!!!

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CLUB CORNER

Alpha Phi Omega

Well, another year has come and gone. Wow, was that fast. Anyhow, first things are the goodbyes. The brothers of the Omicron Iota chapter wish a fond farewell to all of the graduating seniors, especially: Stephanie Aprille, Julie Bolton, Michelle Burke, Debby Duch, Kim Johnson, Michelle LeBlanc, Shane McBride, Steve Rigatti, Paul Roy, Sharon Savage, Wendy Sears, Darcy Simpkins, and John Storey. However, a reminder to all of the seniors: Life Membership (\$30 before graduation, \$100 after) and if you want the Alumni Newsletter, you MUST see Kevin. You know Kevy Dahm, the co-writer of that awesome play. The summer party is still at Sue's in Connecticut, on July 19-21. Sorry to Dave Friedman who was also left out of the New Voices list. Happy Belated Birthday Sue!! Also, Happy Birthday to all of the brothers that have birthdays between now and the first Newspeak issue next year. Oh, Yeah, one last thing... CONGRATS to all of the new brothers who were just inducted....Chad Council, Thomas Ericsson, Jennifa Gosling, John Guris, Jennifer Harmon, Sue Heath, Jennifer Kavka, Rebecca McFarland, Matt Meyer, T.J. Mino, Ted Perrotti, Charles Schletzbaum, Jennifer Speronis, Kayann Wright.

And now, the last cc for the school year.... Hey, Chad-Satin Sheets and a bear skin rug...sounds pretty interesting, but Bart broke again. Who IS the last of the Red Hot Lovers??- Ask Kevin. D-term, just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, it does. Jen H-paybacks a bitch—TJ 1 term=5 1/2 hours—now to see if I pass...(name withheld by request) Ack! IQP-Yeah!! PQP too!! How about a Suff?? But...but Bill! you threw away the ice water!! Waah... Does anyone have my signature? Does anyone want it? Where's Gizmo? Congrats to Ed, Cetta, and Sue! What about Kevin and Paul! OOh Chad, cute in a sheet!! Bill, Raising one's hand for interest in a baseball game. Does not mean yes for an unknown date. Peace, Love and the American way DOES NOT upset your stomach! Ed, JB, and Me—field trip to the house of men. I need a babe! I'm really not like that! Really! Oh, and Sorry about Bart. Sort of. Um...so!...Fun by all is not a trip. Things can only get better. Aline forgot me again. Don't forget-July 19-23. Congratulations to everyone on New Voices 9 I didn't get my newsletter again! What's wron with the system?? Hi HB—have a good Summer, Call Me!! Well, that's all for now. Everyone better have a great summer. See Ya Later. ME (Dopey Dork)

Amnesty International

Howdy all!
First the most important news.....

Rock with the bands and support a good cause while you're at it TONIGHT — 7:30 PM in Gompeis. Remember, this is probably your last chance to cut loose before classes get out, so come on down and have a blast!

And for those who don't know what Amnesty International is...well, we're a group that works to stop torture, and free prisoners of conscience. Prisoners of conscience are people who have been put in jail or under extreme duress because of NON-VIOLENT expression of their ideas. Believe it or not it happens a lot, and we've helped a lot of prisoners get released and get proper treatment. If you'd like to know more about Amnesty International, then contact William Katzman box 2429, email: thecat, and I'll be more than happy to oblige you. That's all for now....SEE YOU TONIGHT!!!!

Hillel Club

WPI Hillel: Well, the end of the year is finally here. We have done many exciting things in the past year, and have many more things planned for next year. To celebrate the passing of another hellacious four terms, there will be an End of the Year Social and Study Break and Pizza Night on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. at 25 Hackfeld Rd, basement around back. There will be free pizza, so show up.

Lens and Lights

Well here it is, the end of the year! (finally) Well! Congrats to all the graduates that we don't have! For those sticking around for the summer (weirdos!), please give your name to John, John or Jon... we can always use the help moving and there are some big events taking place during May and June.

Pat maybe you should learn to dance this year. Remember Spring Picnic has been moved to the Fall! PITS GET LICENSED!!! [please?] Want the stab stab stab lyrics? Just ask the Pres... Want to stab stab stab? Well, never mind!

Well end o' year, this'll be short and sweet. See ya'll next year... will Caleb be gone then???? Enquiring minds want to know! sigh Bye guys, have a good summer...

Masque

Congratulations to everyone who participated in New Voices 9/91 — it went off tremendously well. Now, onto the new year....and speaking of getting onto the new year, might I not mention that TODAY there are auditions for LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS by Neil Simon? Yes I might mention that. And, I also might mention that they are at 5:00 PM in the Green room (I assume). Note that this is for an M.W. Repertory Theatre, Etc. production for

next A term. This play is being directed by Kevin Dahm and produced by Joe Provo

Congrats to all the graduating seniors, and good-bye and we'll miss you and all that. AND, also, I just wanted to let you guys know that if you want to continue to work with the theatre outside of WPI, there are opportunities. Just pick up your local paper (normally the Sunday edition) and it'll probably list auditions and pleas for help by local community theaters and whatnot. SO, if you're saddened because you're leaving the theatre scene of WPI, well, don't be. No, the theatre scene outside of WPI isn't quite the same, but it may be worth a try if you had fun here.

One last thing: Now that New Voices is over, get back to your classes so that y'all can be around for Masque's next production which will take place in the ever so lovely B-term of next year..... Ciao for Now -VP of Pub.

Students for Social Awareness

"Hello again heh, heh, heh, we're getting a little sick of explaining ourselves..." - X

Last weeks meeting is reputed to have gone off without a hitch, though I don't remember it very well due to Spree Day at Clark...

The movie was really very good and informative, showing, as our Propagandist was proud to mention, that propaganda is alive and well in American media. But why did they have to drive a Mercedes 560 SEL into a sand dune?

This Friday (meaning the 3rd, not any other Friday, accept no substitutes...) we will be holding our semi-annual Club Barbeque (or Bar-B-Q as those down at Walter's in Athens, GA would have it, but that doesn't have anything to do with anything) at our usual dining spot other than dAKA and Dix Street (thanks, Bridget) and this will be no ordinary Barbeque as we will not be actually barbequing anything but rather cooking hamburgers and veggie shish-keboBs and other such nonsense and eating salad (probably not made by Sid this time) and thus making this the longest sentence in the history of Club Corners, to my knowledge, excluding those (you know who you are) with no punctuation or grammar whatsoever...

Quote-O-the-Week (picked by special guest, X): "I'd buy you, Christine."

Question-O-the-Week: "What would you do if you won ten million dollars and the next day found that aliens had landed and were going to destroy the Earth at 3:30-ish the next day?" Answers: (see above), buying the Space Shuttle, large alcohol binges, and other such nonsense.

Thought-O-the-Week: "Did John REALLY say that on his own volition?" (you all know what I mean, check the gweepCo fridge if you don't)

WPI thingy-O-the-Week: "The stuff on the walls of the Fuller Labs elevator is the same

stuff that is on the tables at Gompei's."

And, as some stupid jerk might say, I am outta here...

Love, Stephe

Viet Sky

It's summer break! -well not quite, we've still got finals to go. Still, Viet Sky wishes the WPI class of '91, especially Jim and Loan, a propitious future. You both are wonderful to Viet Sky and were always there. Have a fun-filled and safe break everyone. Hopefully we could organize some activities with the other International student organizations A-D term of 1991, and yes 1992. Chao.

Women's Crew

Hey, Girl! Well, that race against Coast Guard's men... I mean women ... was fun, eh! Oh well, we didn't want to have to make them look bad drowning in our wake anyway (yeah, right!)

Well, the latest news is that the Novice Four kicked butt in the race against Conn. College and Williams College. Congrats. Brenda, Senya, Jocelyn, and Heidi on your first win.

Show off those new shirts!
The Dad Vail Regatta is on May 10th and 11th. We will leave on May 8th for Philadelphia in the morning and return to WPI really late on May 11th. Should be tons of fun, especially if we keep winning bets with Kevin!

And remember "Row Together, Flow Together!"

Society of Women Engineers

The SWE Appreciation Ceremony held last Thursday was fantastic! (Thanks Janet for a job well done!) Many thanks to all who attended and a special thank you to Prof. Helen Vassalo for her motivating speech.

The following members received appreciation certificates and awards:

Officers:
Terri Cordeiro, Kim Tharp, Beth Landers, Maura Herrera, Sue Carlson, and Val Kschinka.
Advisor:
Prof. Mary Hardell
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SWE wishes all its members a happy and restful summer. GOOD LUCK on finals! See you in A-term For another year of SWE events!

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4/21/91 - We dogged the COPS!

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Thin Red Line would like to thank the people who made the last 2 years of our band existence more pleasant. Namely, DMOH, SOB, Joe Provo, Gary Delgrego, Greg Lind, and the throngs that got our tape or saw any of our shows.

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Quick! Read this first! I apologize for

the lateness of this message but the Fans of The Flash are holding a Convention at Cal Tech! Registration begins in just ten minutes! See you there.

Purple Stuff, Billi-Jo, fascinating concept.... Jay.

WORK STUDY - LAST PAY PERIOD MAY 4 - NO CHECKS WILL BE MADE AFTER MAY 4 PER WPI PAYROLL. IF YOU WANT CKS MAILED HOME - LEAVE A SELF ADRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IN GYM OFFICE. HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!! COACH MAS-SUCCO

Can anyone tell me why there wasn't a Sunday this week?

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Hey Yogi, next time remember... DROP YOUR PANTS FIRST!!!

CYNICS CORNER: Just as corpses defficate, WPI has E-term.

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Pathways Correction

Last year I checked out a lot of American poetry from a Library in Germany. As my habit, I copied a few poems into my poetry notebook, but neglected to note the author of one of these poems. The poem "Words" on page 19 is not my own, but Sylvia Plath's. I regret that it got mixed in with my own submissions, and despite my own doubts I allowed it to be published. My sincerest apologies to the memory of Sylvia Plath, for whom I have the deepest of respect.

Lisa M. Holm

The Newspeak Staff wishes the entire WPI community a happy and safe summer break. Our first issue for the 1991-92 school year will be August 28, 1991. See you then!!

What's Happening

Wednesday, May 1

4:00pm - Department of Chemistry Colloquim. Photochemical Studies of Phenothiazine: Novel Photosensitizers For Photoresist Technology. Dr. Mary Tedd Allen, Shipley Company. GH227.

Saturday, May 4

12:00pm - Reminder: Occupants of all residence halls and on-campus apartments must be moved out.

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